

WELCOME COAL MINER FAMILIES!

2026-2027

DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that kids do better in school when their parents are involved.



Benefits of Joining the PTA

- ✓ **Positive Experiences** - PTA raises money for the school through fun family events such as Spirit Nights at local restaurants and businesses, APEX Fun Run and direct donations. Participation provides opportunities for artistic expression through the student Talent Show as well as fun events throughout the year.
- ✓ **Be a Role Model** - As a PTA member, you demonstrate to your child the importance you place on education.
- ✓ **Stay Connected** - There is no better way to know what's happening at school than to get involved with PTA. Join us for PTA meetings and fun school events!
- ✓ **Share Ideas** - The PTA is a forum for idea exchange and advocacy. Being an active member of the PTA is a way for you to influence change.
- ✓ **Personal Growth** - Volunteering with the PTA provides opportunities to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause.



WELCOME LETTER FROM THE PTA BOARD

The PTA Board is so excited to support the students, faculty and staff of J.B. Watkins Elementary for another school year! Whether this is your first year at Watkins or you've been with us for a while, we're so glad you're here.

These years in elementary school are so special for our children and the PTA is here to support every step of the journey. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) plays a vital role in supporting our students, families, teachers, staff, and admin through volunteerism, fundraising, and community-building activities. Though our activities may vary year to year, our goal is always to foster strong family-school connections, to support educational excellence, and to ensure that students and staff members feel supported and encouraged.

We have an exciting year ahead filled with events, enrichment opportunities, and many ways for everyone to get involved. From volunteering at events, to helping in the classroom, donating for teacher appreciation celebrations, and showing up to spirit nights and our big fun run fundraiser, there will be plenty of chances for you to connect, contribute, and celebrate all the great things happening at J.B. Watkins!

Whether you have five minutes or five hours to give, your involvement—big or small—makes a difference. We truly need your help to make this year great! You'll certainly hear from us before, but I encourage you to attend our first PTA meeting on **Tues, Sept 22nd**, where we'll share our plans for the year and discuss how you can participate in a way that works for you.

By joining the PTA, you will be partnering with the amazing teachers, staff and students of J.B. Watkins Elementary. Please go online and join – it's \$10 for an individual membership and \$19 for a family: <https://jbwpta.givebacks.com/shop>. We are committed to working with each of you to develop and implement continued or new initiatives that best benefit our school community.

If you ever have questions, suggestions, or would just like to introduce yourself, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to working with each of you to make this a fantastic year for our kids and Coal Miner family!

Sincerely,

Brittany Heare - President, Diana Perazzo - VP of Ways & Means, Nadira Asghar - Treasurer, & Kira Koon - Secretary

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PTA COMMUNICATION

- Keep an eye out for our **6 Month At-A-Glance calendar** that will be sent home – this is an overview of everything the PTA has planned for the Fall/Early Winter so you don't miss a thing!
- In every Sunday's Miner Message there will be a PTA section that includes time sensitive information for events, sign-up links for volunteers if needed, and more – so don't skip over those updates.
- Don't forget to LIKE and FOLLOW us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/jbwpta where we will also share event updates and reminders!
- You can stay up to date with the calendar, access forms, meeting minutes/financial updates, order yearbooks and order spirit wear at www.jbwpta.com

VOLUNTEERING

· The PTA Board is committed to serving this community of over 1,000 students and staff, but we rely on many volunteers to make every year successful. Your involvement is essential, so if you are interested in serving on a committee, being a committee head, or want to learn more about board positions please reach out to president@jbwpta.com. We are stronger together!

FUNDRAISING

· Fundraising Is a large part of how we are able to provide extras to our students and teachers – and operate throughout the year. We are very grateful to have such a generous community, as well as local business sponsors.

In addition to our main APEX Fun Run Fundraiser Event at the beginning of the year, and spirit nights throughout the year, if you know of any local businesses that would be interested in supporting the PTA or the school through donations or services, please email vpwaysandmeans@jbwpta.com.

COMMITTEES & VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- Executive Board
- Chess Club
- Green Team
- Lunch Buddies
- Reflections
- Staff Appreciation
- Room Parents
- Fall Festival
- Talent Show
- HOUSE
- Fundraising
- Yearbook
- Spring Fling
- Communications
- Spirit Wear
- Membership

FUNDED INITIATIVES NOW & YEARS PAST

Student Support

Chess Club
Reflections
Field Trip Assistance
Agendas / Folders
Educational Online Programs
5th Grade Celebrations

School Support

Green Team - outside projects
Lunch Buddies
HOUSE
Playground Improvements
Misc. Volunteer Needs

Teacher Support

Supply Reimbursements
Resource Assistance
Staff Appreciation
(lunches, treats, special days, & more!)
CPR Certifications
Room Parents

Community Outreach

Alumni Scholarship
County & State Advocacy
Clothing to Cash: Community
Recycling Program

Events

Fall Festival
Talent Show
International Night
Spring Dance

& Much More!

APEX Fun Run
Spirit Nights
Spirit Wear
Yearbook

**Always open for suggestions
and ideas!*



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