



The School Link

A Monthly Publication of the Somers PTA
Bringing Parents, Teachers & School Together



Welcome Back

PTA Fundraiser

This year's fundraiser will include a wonderful selection of wrapping paper, candles, jewelry, magazine subscriptions, cookie mixes and sport apparel. All order forms must be in to your student's teacher or front office by **Sept. 25th**. Orders will be filled the last week of October. Please take a look at the wonderful selection and do some early Christmas shopping.

Overwhelmed with homework Let's Get Organized Workshop

- ✓ Where to study
- ✓ Time Savers and Time Wasters
- ✓ Memorization Techniques
- ✓ Learning Preferences
- ✓ How to Build a Homework Tool Kit
- ✓ Getting the Most From Text Books

Please plan to attend on **Thurs., Sept, 27th**
@ 6:30-8:00 p.m. @ MBA. Students
grades 5-8 accompanied by their parent or
guardian (**no younger siblings please**).

Come Sail Away with Somers PTA

Join the PTA—Hospitality will have a dessert for the teachers at both schools **Sept 26 & 28th** as part of the Membership drive. The first school to get 100% teacher membership gets a pizza party. Don't forget that neighbors, grandparents, aunts, uncles and "Spouses" are welcome to join the Somers PTA.

PTA Meeting

The Somers PTA will hold their monthly meeting on **Sept 20th** in the SES Media Center at 7:00 pm.

Please come join us!

Project Beanie Bundles

The Marines Need Your Help

Marines from North Central Connecticut and Western Mass stationed at PITT 1A in Haditha, Iraq along with local marine, Gareth Mello are asking for help. They have found that the Iraqi children love Beanie Babies of all kinds. They find comfort in the Beanie Babies, as well as, trust and hope in our marines who provide them. Beanie Babies of all

kinds...new or used are needed. Our deadline is December 1st. We hope to ship the Beanies so the children can have them for Christmas. You can call (860) 614-0370 or (860) 763-4969. Drop off or pick ups are also available.



Join the PTA—Invest in your child's future

What is the PTA?

PTA is the largest volunteer organization working exclusively to improve the education, health, safety and well being of all children and youth.

Who can join the PTA?

Anyone can join the PTA. Members include parents, teachers, administrators and community members. Don't forget to sign up yourself and your spouse!

Why should I join the PTA?

There are many reasons why people join the PTA. Some of the reasons include:

- Getting to know other parents, staff and community members through various meetings and programs.
- Keeping informed by obtaining valuable information on parenting, education, health and safety topics.
- Having a voice...promoting quality education while communicating with local and state decision-makers on issues and concerns facing today's children.
- Showing your support for you child's education!

But I can't afford the time.

Even if you can't participate on a committee or make the meetings, your membership helps the organization in many ways. And there are many ad-hoc opportunities to lend a hand at an event when you can. Remember that both parents can and should join the PTA to maximize the membership. There are many committees to volunteer for and your time commitment and level of involvement is determined by you.

How can I become involved?

All committees have Chairpersons who have planned this year's events & we need your help to make them successful!

PTA Co-Presidents:

Stacey Paley 763-5841 spaley@snet.net
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Secretary:

Kerry Tuttle 698-6394

BOE Liaison: Board of Education Liaison, being responsible for attending BOE meetings for the purpose of conveying relevant information to the PTA & school community.

Book Fair: (*Jen Giger 749-0598*) Join this committee & help work at book fairs during conference.

Cultural Enrichment: (*Robin Munson 749-9334 trrmunson4@aol.com*) Help organize in-school events that enrich all students' education by exposing them to art, literature, science, geography and music programs.

Fundraising: (*Corrine Bouchard 749-8399*) This committee runs fundraising activities to fund PTA sponsored programs & events.

Hospitality: (*Nancy O'Neill 749-0213; Joanna Savona 749-3633; Pam Moriarty 698-6464*) This committee provides snacks & beverages for PTA functions.

Membership: (*Lisa Sparrows 698-9627 mamabird@cox.net*) Assist in coordinating member enrollment, Kindergarten welcome bags & committee lists.

Programs: (*Lisa Gay 749-5461 & Sharon Smith 749-7341*) Help coordinate after-school & evening programs designed to promote family interaction.

Publicity: (*Val Kalinowski 763-4264 valikali@snet.net*) This committee makes the public aware of PTA events through the media.

Staff Appreciation: (Position Available) This committee shows the staff how special they are by putting on a feast for Staff Appreciation Day.

School Link: (*Barbra O'Boyle 265-2463 oboylefamily@cox.net*) Help publish a monthly newsletter to increase communication between parents, staff, students & community.

Somers Kids Care: (*Barbra O'Boyle 265-2463 oboylefamily@cox.net*) Join this committee & help encourage students to participate in worthwhile causes that help others in need.