

## **WHAT'S THE PTA AND WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

### **Why You Should Join**

Participating in the PTA is a great way for you to take an active role in your children's education. *Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their schools perform better academically and socially.* As a PTA member, you have input into important decisions: how we spend money; which activities we sponsor; how we plan for the future. Further, being in the PTA and attending our meetings helps parents learn to navigate the school system and network with other families.

### **The PTA Makes a Difference**

Each year, the JLES PTA applies funds and resources to enrich our children's experiences including:

- Classroom and Recess Equipment Additions
- Free Family Events
- Books for the Library
- The Outdoor Classroom
- Cultural Arts Assemblies for Students
- Staff Appreciation
- Support for County, State and National Advocacy for our Children

### **How You Help**

By joining the PTA, your membership dues help support programming. In return, you'll receive a directory and the ability to vote on important issues at meetings. You also are signed up for the weekly JLES PTA emails, which highlight upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. You are not obligated to volunteer or give your time. However, parent participation is one of the most important resources we have. The more family involvement, the more we can accomplish!

### **Many Ways to Participate**

The PTA welcomes any level of involvement and commitment that you can give. You can:

- Volunteer to help at a single event
- Do behind-the-scenes work for an event or program
- Assist during your child's classroom party for Halloween or Valentine's Day
- Join or lead a PTA committee
- Hold a position on the PTA Executive Board (elections in May)

For more information on the JLES PTA, please visit our website, [www.joneslaneppta.org](http://www.joneslaneppta.org), or contact the PTA president, Hazel Keating, at [president.jlespta@gmail.com](mailto:president.jlespta@gmail.com)

**On behalf of the PTA and all of our children,  
thank you for your membership!**