



August 2012

Hello Vansville Families,

As the newly elected PTA Executive Board, we would like to welcome all of you to the **2012-2013** school year at Vansville Elementary – Proud Home of the Wildcats! The purpose of the PTA is to support the faculty, staff, parents, and most importantly our students. Your new PTA Executive Committee has been busy exploring programs, events, and opportunities aimed at enhancing the educational environment for our students this year. Some of our goals are to bring more afterschool programs, more cultural art assemblies, and to make improvements to the school playground. We also plan to provide educational workshops for parents and fun, family-friendly events.

In order to be successful, Vansville needs the support and involvement of our families, faculty, staff, and community business leaders. Please show your support by becoming a member of the Vansville Elementary School PTA.

Another way to show your support is to participate in the many events and programs that we are planning for the year. Your participation could be that of a committee member, volunteer, or as an attendee. Whatever level of participation you select, your time and involvement will certainly be appreciated.

We also hope that you will provide us with your comments regarding PTA efforts or suggestions for other potential PTA initiatives.

If you are new to the school, look for us at the PTA table at the kindergarten and new student orientation on August 15 & 16. We will also be at both Back to School Nights on September 10 & 12. You can also learn more about what your PTA is planning by visiting www.vansvillepta.org or email us at vespta08@gmail.com. (letter cont.) >>> OVER

PTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please return bottom portion along with your payment to the PTA table or to your student’s teacher in an envelope marked “PTA”. Dues: __\$10/ individual membership __ \$15/family (2 memberships) **Cash or checks to “VES PTA”**

Name of 1st member (**please print clearly**): _____

Name of 2nd member for family membership: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Student Name (please print clearly)	Teacher	Grade

Will you serve on a committee(s) or volunteer at an event? YES! ____ (we will contact you with details) Do you need a language interpreter during PTA meetings? If yes, what language? _____ We will do our best to accommodate you. Are you bilingual? If yes, are you willing to help the PTA with translation and/or can help the class room parent communicate to other parents when the need arises? If yes, what language? _____

Our first PTA meeting of the year will be **Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 pm** in the school's multi-purpose room. Please bring the family and learn about programs and events the PTA will be offering. We will also need members at this meeting to review and approve the 2012-2013 PTA budget.

We encourage each of you to show your commitment by joining for only **\$10/membership and \$15/family membership (2 memberships)**. Please note that **\$3.75** per member goes to the Maryland PTA office (**\$1.50** to Maryland PTA and **\$2.25** to National PTA) for the resources and support they provide local PTAs. The balance stays with VES PTA. Please be sure to check out our membership incentives.

Please take a moment to fill out and return the form on the front. By becoming a PTA member, you will be able to:

- **Discover Great Resources:** You will receive our VES PTA Welcome Packet with your membership card and valuable discounts and resources;
- **Get Connected:** Receive timely PTA communications about what is happening at VES via e-mail, newsletters, flyers & telephone;
- **Tap into a Network.** PTA functions are an opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences;
- **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events;
- **Watch Yourself Grow:** By volunteering to be a room parent, committee member or PTA volunteer you will have the opportunity to put your skills and creativity to great use for a great cause. Our PTA is as strong as its volunteers. Even an hour of your time will help;
- **Be a Role Model:** The most important reason to join the PTA is the impact you will make in your child's life and educational experience!

We look forward to working with you and having a productive school year.

Warmly,

Kim Lockett, President
Melinda Rapp, Vice-President
Shenda Moore, Secretary
Jeff Johnson, Treasurer