

Top 5 MYTHS vs. TRUTHS of the Candlewood PTA:

MYTH #1: You have to be female to be in the PTA.

TRUTH: EVERYONE is welcome to join the PTA; Moms, Dads, Teachers, Grandparents, Neighbors, and Students.

MYTH #2: The PTA is a "stay-at-home" mom's club.

TRUTH: The PTA is not a "club" at all. It is a group of individuals interested in making Candlewood students and the school experience better. All positions are manageable for stay-at-home, part-time or full time employed parents.

MYTH #3: It takes a lot of your time to be in the PTA.

TRUTH: Leadership positions do require a time commitment; however, it is not as great as you may believe. *Minimal requirements of leadership positions are ONLY three hours a month; (1 ½ hour monthly board meeting and 1 ½ hour monthly PTA meeting).* In reality, additional time will be necessary, but that amount of time is up to you.

MYTH#4: There are arguments and in-fighting at meetings.

TRUTH: While parents and/or teachers can be passionate about their beliefs, the PTA is resolute in their respect for each other and all ideas presented at any time or by any one.

MYTH#5: The PTA doesn't accomplish anything.

TRUTH: The PTA has great influence in the way Candlewood conducts business. Parents provide valuable insight to the administration and vice versa. Within the last two years alone, the PTA has purchased new playground equipment, added 4 new after school programs, and given support to the teachers through the purchase of new books, kindergarten social studies kits, and additional teaching supplies. The Virtues Project, Class Nights, various grants, and cultural performances are other contributions the PTA has provided or helped to inspire.

The Candlewood PTA nominating committee is currently seeking interested individuals to serve on the 2010-2011 Candlewood PTA Board of Directors.

Available positions include:

(any of these positions may be **shared** by two individuals)

PTA President- oversees all PTA activities and meetings.

Vice Pres. for Student Enrichment- oversees all extracurricular and cultural offerings.

Vice Pres. for Events & Fundraising- oversees the various social and fundraising events.

Vice Pres. for Public Relations- promotes the aims and objectives of the PTA through various mediums.

Treasurer- keeps an accurate and written account of all monies received and expended.

Recording Secretary- tracks attendance at all meetings and records the minutes. Reserves room rentals with ICB for all PTA events and activities.

Corresponding Secretary

Important Issues facing the Candlewood PTA:

The size of our school. The decreasing enrollment of Candlewood Elementary continues to make us a target for decreased resources provided by MCPS. The PTA will play a crucial role in raising money to fund programs and opportunities for our children. It is also essential in providing a voice in how the resources we do receive should be appropriated.

The Candlewood Renovation. (still slated for the 2013-2014 school year.) The PTA will play a critical role in expressing the wishes and concerns of the students and parents in the renovation process. The planning process for this capital improvement will start **next** year. The currently enrolled K - 2nd graders will be the most affected from this process.

Candlewood Standards. It is imperative that the PTA continue to spearhead the efforts to maintain and improve the standards at Candlewood. Standards refer to the genuine growth and enrichment of the **whole** child; academically, physically, culturally, emotionally and socially.

If you are interested in serving on the 2010-2011 PTA Board, please e-mail *Lisa Wellek* at lisaw@colornetprinting.com , call 240/271-1628, or fill out this form and have your child bring it to their teacher by Friday, March 19th 2010.

Name :

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Position(s) you wish to be considered for:

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