

PTA Mid-Year Membership Drive

The Glen Ellyn PTA Council is participating in a mid-year membership contest to boost our number of members at each of the schools. Our goal is to have all adults in our students' households as well as all teachers and support staff join their school's PTA. (Hey, we shoot for the stars!)

National PTA will award a laptop computer to the 12 units that post the largest percentage increase in membership between January 22 and March 31, 2009. Winners will be chosen from five pre-determined categories (based on unit size).

OK, the contest is nice, but why should I join PTA?

The #1 reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help our school. More than 30 years of research has proven that children do better when their parents are involved both at home and in school. Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve.

Every membership counts! When you join your school's PTA, you also join the Illinois State and National PTA and become part of a national effort to improve the education, health, and welfare of every child. Membership numbers count in a significant way when our representatives are lobbying for funding for education in the Illinois legislature or in Congress.

PTA membership helps you connect with the school, the staff, and other parents and gives you a voice in deciding the direction of the **Hadley** PTA. Only members can vote on PTA issues and hold a PTA office.

Your small membership fee provides many, many programs and services at your child's school including cultural arts assemblies, social events, chess club, drama club, newsletters and school directories to name a few.

Joining the PTA does not obligate you to volunteer at school or attend PTA meetings—although we hope you will! It's easy to join by simply filling out the PTA Registration form and including your membership dues of **\$7 per family**. If you have questions, please e-mail HadleyPTA@gmail.com