



St. Cloud PTA

**Kindergarten Orientation
June 11th 2021 (2021-2022 School Year)**

Agenda

1. Who We Are
2. Our Mission
3. What The PTA Does
4. How To Get Involved



Who We Are



The PTA is comprised of an Executive Board which includes:

- President - Brian Craine
- Vice President - *Vacant*
- Secretary - Shweta Shrivastava
- Treasurer - Bill Byrne
- Ways and Means - Amy Oliver
- Communications - Melanie Kuchinski Rodriguez
- Diversity Council Chairs - Caroline Harris and Denise Palacios
- Membership - Thelma Ofori-Yartey
- Cultural Arts - Sarah Paige and Holly Williamson
- After School Programs - Shakira Adams, Hemilyn Hollar-Gregory, and Erin Riggins
- Box Tops - Ernestine John
- 5th Grade Committee - Lisa Marcus
- Spirit Wear Chairs - Deb Calalang and Elizabeth Anderson
- Past President - Jennifer Craine

Our Mission

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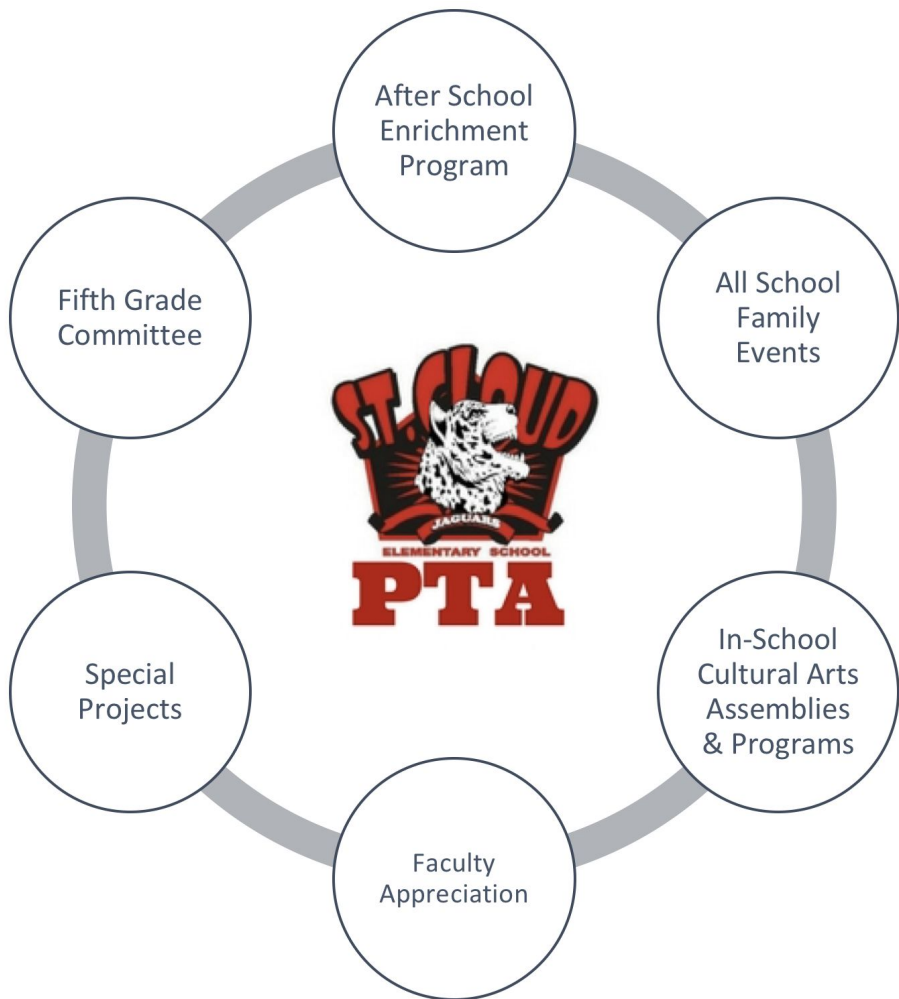


The mission of the St. Cloud PTA is to positively impact the lives of the students, staff, and families by:

1. Providing programs and supports that enhance the educational curriculum
2. Advocating for the education and well-being of every student
3. Supporting diversity in our schools and community
4. Promoting a partnership between parents & teachers to enrich the educational experience for all

What the PTA Does

- We have a wide range of volunteer roles to enrich and support the school's programs
- We coordinate a robust After School Enrichment Program (ASP)
- We host family and community engagement events
- We curate in-school cultural arts assemblies and programs
- We develop special events to celebrate our 5th graders in their final year at the school
- We make sure to celebrate our teachers and staff with numerous appreciation events throughout the year
- We also work with the school administration to identify needed improvements or specialty programs and support those where possible



Ways and Means

- Ways and Means helps to fundraise for the PTA as well as organize community engagement events.
- Examples of our events/fundraisers have included:
 - Back to School Picnic (in person) or Parent Meet Ups (virtual)
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Talent Show (in person and live virtual event)
 - St. Cloud Restaurant Nights at Chipotle, Panera and Patsy's
 - Community, Unity & Diversity Night (in person potluck event with entertainment and virtual showcase)
 - Enchanted Holiday Bazaar (in person shopping event featuring local vendors and photos with Santa and virtual shopping site)
 - Year-end Celebration: Funfest (carnival in person) and St. Cloud Movie Night (drive-in movie with social distancing guidelines)
 - Spirit Weeks
 - Jaguar Jog and Dance Fit fundraisers through Boosterthon
 - Poppin' Popcorn Fundraiser



Cultural Arts

- Cultural Arts helps to coordinate enrichment assemblies for the school.
- During the pandemic we successfully pivoted to virtual assemblies including:
 - Mad Science
 - Meteorologist John Marshall
 - Dance Instruction featuring Monica Spangler to coincide with our DanceFit fundraiser
 - Career Day featuring pre-recorded videos and live interviews with parents and community members
 - Diaper and Pet Food Drive
 - 7 Days of Kindness Campaign in partnership with the Diversity Council
 - Curated list of virtual field trips

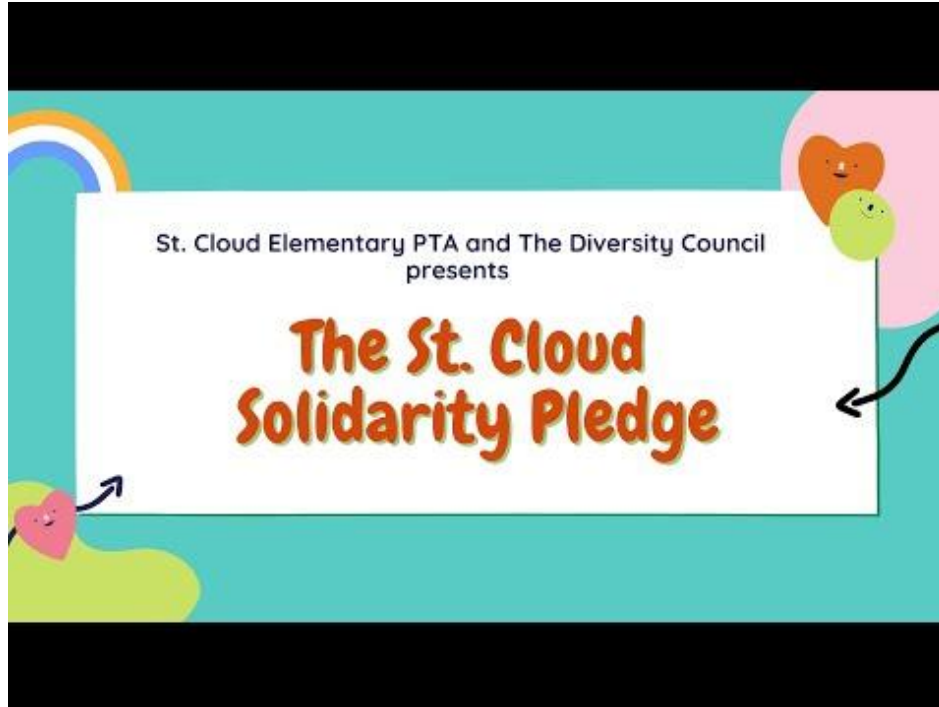


Diversity Council

- Formed in 2020, the Diversity Council was created to help drive diversity and inclusion initiatives at the school, including:
 - **Black Lives Matter Week of Action** with story time events, daily curriculum and a concluding assembly
 - **#StopAAPIHate** initiatives included the Sakura Tree Mural Art Project, solidarity story time and the 7 Days of Kindness program
 - **Solidarity Pledge** (following slide) was created to reinforce our belief that people should be treated equally and with kindness. You can sign the pledge here: tinyurl.com/stcloudsolidarity



Diversity Council - Solidarity Pledge



How to Get Involved

- Visit www.stcloudpta.org
- Follow us on **Facebook** (<http://www.facebook.com/stcloudpta>) and **Twitter** (<http://www.twitter.com/stcloudpta>)
- Join the PTA
- Volunteer and support
- Use the BoxTops app
- Use smile.amazon.com
- Sign up to be a class parent



One of our kindergarten students participating in our Read Across America scavenger hunt. >>

