

# MIA PTO Welcomes YOU!

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatallah MIA Family!

We are really excited for this upcoming school year and have some engaging activities planned. The objective of the MIA PTO is to give our families and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational and extracurricular experience and strengthen our community.

But first, let us tell you a little about ourselves:

- President: Alisa Antonelli has a 4th grader and has been an MIA Parent for 4 years.
- Vice President: Samantha Sanchez has a 9th grader and an 11th grader. She also teaches Social Studies to 6th and 7th graders and has been an MIA Parent for 2 years.
- Secretary: Hiba Baghdadi has a daughter in PreK at MIA and is an Alumna of MIA herself.
- PTO-Office Liaison: Hiba Boukhalifa works full time in the main office, has children in 3rd, 6th, and 9th grades at MIA; and substitute teaches on occasion.
- Our Treasurer is... **YOU?** We are currently in need of a Treasurer and would love to hear from anyone interested.



We can be reached via email at [mia.pto@mia-aa.org](mailto:mia.pto@mia-aa.org). Also feel free to Text or WhatsApp Alisa at **815-501-1479**.

We will post a calendar of in person events in the coming weeks but first we would like to get organized for the school year! We will briefly explain our WhatsApp groups, the Class Parent Positions, and the change in Weekly Bake Sale formats for this coming year.

## Let's start with WhatsApp groups!

- Each grade has a WhatsApp group and it is our goal to get as close to 100% representation for the children in these groups.
- Both fathers and mothers will be allowed in all groups. While membership has been largely mothers, fathers are an integral part of the MIA community and we want you all to feel welcome to be a part of your child's class group and the PTO in general.
- We also have a main PTO group that is focused on school communication.



## Each Class Group will have a Class Parent:

- The parents within the group choose this parent who will be a liaison with the PTO Officers.

The Class Parent will:

- Relay questions, concerns, feedback and ideas to us
- Help organize volunteers for the bake sales.
- Help your class choose which month you will volunteer for bake sales.
- Forward announcements and messages from the MIA Admin and PTO to groups.
- Class Parents **earn volunteer hours** for doing these things and really, really, help us a lot by doing these things!



## Bake Sales will be in person this year!

- We will not be holding virtual weekly bake sales anymore!
- We **WILL** return to the pre-covid method of selling at the exits during dismissal and will need volunteers to provide goods and also some to sell them.
- They will be organized by grade and will be held every week.
- Items will cost only \$1.00!

Hot lunch will **not** be sponsored by the PTO this year.

- Any hot lunch days will be coordinated through the office.



We look forward to seeing you all at a Movie Night, Ice Cream Social, Parent Breakfast, Coffee With the Principal and other events! If you have an idea for an event or suggestions for the PTO, please contact us at [mia.pto@mia-aa.org](mailto:mia.pto@mia-aa.org)

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