



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PTA MEETING

**SEPT 13 FIRST MEETING
"WELCOME WEDNESDAY"**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

**SEPT 19 WATKINS, 6PM
SEPT 21 PEABODY, 6PM**

CLUSTER CUP

SEPT 29-31
PTA'S 4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE
SCAVENGER HUNT!

RENOVATORS HOUSE TOUR

OCT 15, 12PM-5PM
PTA'S 23RD ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCT 19
CONFER WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER
ABOUT THEIR START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

OCT 24, 6PM AT WATKINS
REVIEW YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS AND
LEARN TIPS TO EXTEND LEARNING AT HOME.
(K-5 ONLY)

PTA KICKBALL

OCT 29
PTA'S ANNUAL FALL KICKBALL
TOURNAMENT.

SPIRIT WEEKS

**OCT 30 - NOV 2
DEC 18-21**

SCHOOL PICTURES

**NOV 6 - PEABODY
NOV 7 - WATKINS**



**CHECK OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN
THE QR CODE FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**





Dear Peabody, Watkins, and Stuart-Hobson Families,

The Cluster PTA Needs YOUR FAMILY!

Are you new to the Cluster? Or maybe you have been a Cluster family for a few years, but you do not feel connected yet? Joining the Cluster's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a great way to make new friends and build community! All Peabody, Watkins, and Stuart-Hobson families are invited to join the PTA. Joining the PTA is FREE for all; however, donations are welcomed.

Using the QR Code, above, please JOIN and please consider making a donation when you join.

The PTA membership drive serves as a small fundraiser at the start of each school year. The Cluster PTA is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Donations will be spent by the PTA in support of the Cluster's students, teachers, and families. Otherwise, please select "Membership Without Dues" and you'll enjoy all the same membership benefits!

Speaking of benefits, never be the last to know again! Sign up for the PTA listserv (there's one for each campus) here: <https://www.capitolhillclusterschool.org/listservs>

The PTA consists of volunteer parents, guardians, caregivers, and teachers who are dedicated to supporting the Cluster. You can volunteer your time by lending a helping hand at one of our many Cluster events! Do you love to plan a party? Have a gift for social media? Are you the most organized person you know? **No matter your time or talent, the Cluster PTA Needs You!**

**To find out more about the PTA, please join us at the first PTA Meeting of the Year!
"Welcome Wednesday" will be held September 13, 2023 at Watkins from 6:00pm until
8:00pm. Pizza and childcare will be provided.**

We are looking forward to a wonderful year and we cannot wait to meet you!

Best,

Pamela Ford Dickerson

President, CHCS PTA
President@chcspta.org



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Peabody | Watkins | Stuart-Hobson | A DC Public School

PTA Activity Fund for Peabody

Dear Peabody Families,

In an effort to support our Peabody students, teachers, and families, please consider donating to the PTA Activity Fund for Peabody.

Donations to the Peabody Activity Fund help to ensure that all Peabody field trips are paid for in full – including entrance fees and transportation costs – and that no Peabody student is obligated to personally pay any amount to participate in any of the Peabody field trips organized throughout the year.

While the primary purpose of the Peabody Activity Fund is to support Peabody field trips, donations to the Peabody Activity Fund will also be used to support classroom-wide, grade-wide, and school-wide events and activities at Peabody, such as presentations, performances, and end-of-year celebrations.

The suggested Peabody Activity Fund donation for 2023-2024 is \$100 per student attending Peabody. We understand that these are challenging times and all donations to the Peabody Activity Fund are *entirely voluntary*. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated!

We encourage families to use the following QR Code to make a donation to the Peabody Activity Fund:



If you would prefer to pay by check, please make the check payable to “Capitol Hill Cluster School PTA” and note “Peabody Activity Fund” on the memo line. Checks can be placed in your student’s folder or can be dropped off at the Peabody front desk.

The Capitol Hill Cluster School PTA is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization and all donations to the Peabody Activity Fund are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, please contact PTA Vice President, Sarah Dwyer-Heidkamp (vicepresident3@chcspta.org) or PTA Co-Treasurers, Marissa Gunn and Yoni Ben-Shalom (Treasurer@chcspta.org).

Thank you!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A ROOM PARENT?

What Does A Room Parent Do?

The role of the Room Parent is to make the life of your student's classroom teacher a little easier and to assist in keeping the classroom's families connected and informed.

A Room Parent's involvement varies from classroom to classroom, but, in general, a Room Parent builds class contact lists, sends reminders, coordinates volunteers, assists with classroom-specific projects, and oversees teacher appreciation gifts throughout the year.

A Room Parent will also serve as a liaison between the PTA and the classroom's families. A Room Parent will help to share communications and will also help to coordinate classroom involvement in the annual Cluster Auction and Party.

Serving as a Room Parent is a great way to meet other families, as well as the classroom teachers!

Who Can Be A Room Parent?

Any parent, guardian, or caregiver of a Peabody or Watkins student can serve as a Room Parent.

No experience is needed and we expressly welcome first-year Cluster parents, guardians, and caregivers to volunteer as Room Parents!

Is The Job Of A Room Parent Difficult?

The job of a Room Parent is a commitment, but it should not be difficult or overwhelming. Each classroom will have at least two Room Parents in an effort to lessen the time commitment.

How Do I Volunteer To Become A Room Parent?

Please contact Sarah Dwyer-Heidkamp, PTA Vice President/Campus Coordination at VicePresident3@chcspta.org

Please include your name, email address, and the teacher's name and grade.

SAVE THE DATE:

CAPITOL HILL CLUSTER'S

ANNUAL RENOVATORS HOUSE TOUR FUNDRAISER



Learn more at
renovatorstour.org



Sign up to volunteer

JOIN US: OCTOBER 15, 2023

What is the Renovators House Tour?

It's one of the Cluster PTA's three big fundraisers for the school year. It showcases the brilliant work of local architects, designers, and builders—bringing in money for teacher grants, field trips and campus-based programming for our kids.

The proceeds from every ticket sold goes directly back to our students.

How do I get involved?

We could use your help! Anyone is welcome to volunteer in big and small ways, both before and during the event. Our biggest need is always on tour day as each location needs multiple people to serve as guides for tour goers. **Questions?**

Please reach out to Lindsay Miller and Stacy Skelly at RenovatorsHouseTour@chcspta.org.



Capitol Hill Cluster School PTA

SCAN TO SUPPORT!

Join the PTA here:
Membership Page



Interested in becoming a PTA
Volunteer? Scan here:
Volunteer Form



Do you have a student at Peabody?
Support Peabody Field Trips here:
Peabody Activity Fund



Interested in staying connected?
Join the campus listservs here:
Campus Listservs



Do you have a student at Watkins?
Support Watkins Field Trips here:
Watkins Activity Fund



**Thank YOU for
supporting the
CHCS PTA!**





SAVE THE DATE for Welcome Wednesday!

THE FIRST PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR WILL BE HELD:

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at Watkins Elementary School
6:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Dinner will begin at 6:00pm; Meeting will begin at 6:30pm*

You are warmly welcomed to join us at the first PTA Meeting of the Year!

All Peabody, Watkins, and Stuart-Hobson Community Members
(PTA Members and Non-Members) are encouraged to attend.

FREE onsite childcare for Peabody and Watkins students will be available!
FREE pizza and drinks for all attendees will be provided!
FREE Cluster T-shirts for all Cluster students will be distributed!

We look forward to meeting you!

PTA Meeting Agenda:

*Learn all about the CHCS PTA!

*Campus Updates will be provided by
Principal Berkowitz and Principal Fraser!

*Community Feedback will be encouraged!

*In addition to the “formal” PTA agenda,
friends will be made, teachers and
administrators will be met, and the 2023-24
Cluster will begin building community!*



*Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact
PTA President, Pamela Ford Dickerson (President@chcspta.org)*

THE PTA BOARD HAS VACANCIES!

LOVE TO FUNDRAISE?

- Auction and Party Co-Chair
- Capitol Hill Classic Co-Chair

WANT TO MAKE A CAMPUS SPECIFIC IMPACT?

- Peabody Executive Committee - Parent Representative
- Watkins Executive Committee - Parent Representative
- Stuart-Hobson Executive Committee - Parent Representative

ALL ABOUT EMAILS, FLYERS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA?

- Communications Committee

CAN'T WAIT TO PLAN THE NEXT EVENT?

- Family Engagement and Inclusion Committee

OUTREACH MAKES YOU HAPPY?

- Membership Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

READY TO REACH OUT TO THE POWERS THAT BE?

- Advocacy Committee

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US!

**ALL ARE WELCOME - THERE IS A ROLE FOR
EVERYONE!**

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Campus Coordination at VicePresident3@chcspta.org with
questions or for additional information.

