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H. B. THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents:

The HBT PTSA is excited to welcome you to another great year. In this mailing, you will find everything you need to know about the HBT PTSA including important flyers to print out, complete and return to school with your child.

1. **How To Join:** The HBT PTSA is part of the largest grass-roots organization in the country. Support your child(ren)'s education by returning the enclosed membership form. Just place it in an envelope marked "PTSA membership", and have your child hand it in during homeroom. Or, even easier, you can sign up online. Just click here and pay with a credit card:
<https://nyspta.force.com/NewMemberRegistration?id=001360000YrGuWAAV>
2. **How to connect – NEW THIS YEAR – Directory Spot:** We are very excited to be moving our student directory to the online app Directory Spot.* Many of you know how great it is from its use in the elementary schools. In order to have a complete directory please fill out the attached form with all of your contact information. The directory will only be available to PTSA members so make sure you sign up today.
3. **How to volunteer:** Everything we do helps our children grow; WE NEED YOUR HELP to make it happen!!! Return the enclosed committee sign up form by sending it into school with your child or dropping it in person at our Newcomers' Reception at 7:00pm on September 12th (or PTSA meeting at 7:45). Or, even easier, just email HBTPTSA@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to volunteer for.
4. **How to schedule:** Keep track of all major events in the District with a pocket-sized district calendars showing days off from school, school festivals, etc. Print out the attached form and return it to school in an envelope marked "mini calendar". Your child can hand it in during homeroom.
5. **How to show spirit:** Pajama Day and the 8th Grade trip to Washington DC are great opportunities for your child to show their school spirit in the most relaxed way. Order HBT sleepwear as well as other great items right online.
6. **How to sign up for the Buddy Program:** If you are an English language learner and would like to be paired with a bilingual parent to help you interact with the school, send an email to hbtptsa@gmail.com with "Buddy Program" in the subject line. Please remember to include your name, your child's name and grade, and your primary language. Additionally, if you speak a second language and would like to volunteer to help with the buddy program please email us too.

*Pending membership approval at our 9/12 PTSA meeting

For the rest of the year, the PTSA will continue to reach out to you via email. The Newcomers' Reception is at 7:00pm on September 12th, and our first PTSA meeting will follow at 7:45pm. If

you do not receive an email from the PTSA by September 19, send an email to hbtptsa@gmail.com with "Email List" in the subject line. Please remember to include your name and your child's name and grade in the email, along with the email you would like to add to the PTSA system.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

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