



"Together Everyone Achieves More (T.E.A.M.) in a Year of Innovation"

Dear First Avenue Families,

Summer 2016

Welcome back First Avenue Middle School new and returning families! I hope you had a wonderful summer break. My name is Shirley Yee and I am excited to serve as this year's PTSA president. As we begin the school year, we celebrate First Avenue's T.E.A.M spirit and a year of innovation at First Avenue Middle School. This seems a fitting theme for a year of change, transition and new beginnings. Together Everyone Achieves More (T.E.A.M.) and with new leadership in place, we are at an exciting crossroads of rich history and new discoveries this school year!

We hear a lot about innovation in the world but how does this relate to our First Avenue families? Innovation is simply the introduction of something new that creates value. If you have not been to a PTSA meeting – attend one – your introduction to our PTSA will create value not only for your family but our PTSA as a whole! Have an extra 30 minutes? Sign-up to volunteer with our PTSA! These seemingly simple “innovations” are the heart of our PTSA.

We have a busy year ahead of us and for the PTSA to be effective and truly representative of the entire school, everyone's participation is essential. You may think that you cannot help or participate in the PTSA because you are not able to come to the meetings or be on campus during the workday. **We want you to be a part of First Avenue PTSA and jump into innovation!** Whether you have 30 minutes or 30 hours, your time, talents and resources are truly needed. Here are some ways you can get involved:

1. Join the PTSA- dues are \$7.00 per family member. (Membership form is enclosed)
2. Fill out the PTSA Volunteer Form and sign-up to volunteer one time during the year. (Form is enclosed)
3. Make a tax deductible direct donation (More information is enclosed).
4. Attend a General Association Meeting & Parent Seminar held on the 1st Wednesday of September, October, February, March and May.

Our school is shaped by a tradition of excellence. Our teachers and staff are truly one of a kind and in partnership with our First Avenue families, we can continue this excellence and uniqueness of our school. As we move on to the future, the PTSA will continue to embrace change, encourage imagination, and create a culture of innovation. **Be on the look-out for innovative events and ideas from our PTSA too!**

We would like to thank you for your support and for joining the PTSA. Together, we can make a difference.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at president.fapta@gmail.com.

Warmest wishes,

Shirley Yee

2016-2017 First Avenue Middle School PTSA President