

Did you know that there is no better way to know what is going on at Lockwood than to be part of the PTA? PTA board members meet with the principal and other staff members on a monthly basis to discuss things going on at the school and with the district. This information is then shared at PTA meetings, the PTA weekly, and electronic communications. This information can be small things, like dates of school events. Or it can be important information like decisions being made at the district or state levels.

Did you know that the PTA is the largest non-profit child advocacy group in Washington State? Washington State PTAs and its local branches have been fighting for the rights of children since 1905. Each local PTA member represents a voice when it comes to advocating for the students of Washington. What does the state PTA do with that voice? They speak to our state government on subjects such as breakfast after the bell, setting standards for paraeducators, improving special education programs, and so much more. Imagine the impact of the PTA sitting down with our state leaders and saying we have over 134,000 members who demand action on improving our schools. Want to be one of those voices? Join the Lockwood Elementary PTA at:

lockwoodpta.org/membership

Go here to find out more about what programs the PTA currently supports and what they will be working on in the future: <https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/>

Questions? : membership@lockwoodpta.org

Often times, when we ask parents why they aren't a PTA member, the answer is "I don't have the time to volunteer". This is a feeling we all understand. Parents have so much going on with kids, work, sports, and school, many of us don't feel like we have time to even breath. But when you become a PTA member, you are not being locked into a volunteer contract. No volunteer time is required. Becoming a PTA member simply means that you want to add your voice and membership fee to the work being done to support and better your child's educational experience.

If you would like to become a member: lockwoodpta.org/membership

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Did you know that becoming a PTA member can get you some great discounts? To name a few:

- 30% off of a stay Great Wolf Lodge, not just the one in Washington, but many across the country.
- Discounts on car rentals through Avis, Budget, and Hertz.
- Amazing prices on copies through FedEx.

When you become a member you will receive an email from our PTA president that will have a link to the discount page on the Washington State PTA website. Please make sure to read that information on how to get each discount before making any purchases.

To sign up for membership: Lockwoodpta.org/membership

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You do not have to be a parent of a student at Lockwood to be a Lockwood PTA member. You don't even have to live near by to be a member. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and friends can join too. Becoming a PTA member is a great way for your child's community to take part in their world, even if they live far away. Just send the link to family and friends and they can join online:

[Lockwoodpta.org/membership](https://lockwoodpta.org/membership)

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Did you know that the PTA is a non-profit business? Your Lockwood PTA board is not only made up of parents who have volunteered their time, but it is also made up of parents that are trained by the Washington State PTA to run a non-profit business. Presidents and Vice Presidents receive training on how manage a nonprofit, what the laws are, and what the rights of the PTA and our members are. Secretaries receive training on legal note taking, properly forming bylaws, and parliamentary procedure (rules on running meetings and voting legally). Treasurers are trained to file business taxes, manage a budget, and what laws have to be followed when accepting donations. These are just a small sampling of the training offered by the PTA. When you join the PTA part of your membership dues go to pay for this training. Being a non-profit business affords PTAs the ability to give it's volunteers insurance protection when running events, tax exemption, and allows other businesses to offer us donations and grants. These are important factors in allowing us to advocate for children, and participate in family engagement.