

Serving Felida Elementary School, Vancouver Public Schools

**A Welcome From Your PTA Presidents!**

Welcome new students and all those happily returning! Back to School Night was a great start to the new school year. We are grateful for all those who took advantage of PTA membership sign-up that night and received a free Felida water bottle! Many families also took advantage of the Felida spirit Wear that was on sale as well. Look for more opportunities to come!

The Felida PTA is a great way to get involved. Please support your student and school by simply joining Felida PTA. There are no volunteer requirements and no further obligations. PTA Membership can be whatever you make of it! Above all else, it is a way to show support for our students and our mission to enrich their education.

For those seeking more, look for the Volunteer Sign-UP sheets in your Friday Folders and join us in the many Felida PTA sponsored events and activities! Your help is always welcome, needed, and appreciated!

We look forward to a great year. If you have any questions, please contact us at [FelidaFalconspta@gmail.com](mailto:FelidaFalconspta@gmail.com)

**Costume Carnival**

Our 3rd annual Carnival will be on Oct. 27th. We need your help!! Will you consider donating a few hours of your time to help prep the games, food or run a game on the night of? Email [kalynparmenter@gmail.com](mailto:kalynparmenter@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

**SCRIP Program Fundraiser**

We have chosen to discontinue SCRIP as a fundraiser this year. If you have previous Gift Cards that were purchased through the program you can continue to reload them and we will earn a percentage of your purchase. We appreciate your continued support and understanding. We are looking to add the new "Benefit" APP to replace SCRIP.

**Membership is Rewarding!**

Did you know that with a PTA Membership you get DISCOUNTS! Join now for discounts to: FedEx Office, Great Wolf Lodge, Barnes & Noble, Silverwood Theme Park, Wild Waves and so many more!

Visit <http://www.wastatpta.org> for more information about PTA perks!

Join Felida PTA online:  
<https://www.pt-avenue.com/join/>

**Fred Meyer Rewards Card**

Don't forget to link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Felida PTA. You earn your regular rewards while earning rewards for the Felida PTA.

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to *Felida PTA* at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). (Top right corner).
  - Search for us by our name or by our nonprofit number #80972.
- NO card? Ask at the front desk of any Fred Meyer store.

**Payback Book Reminder!**

Payback Book Orders are due **Monday, September 18**. Please return the collection envelope with either cash/check or the unsold book. Thanks for supporting our school!



Please show your support for the PTA by joining TODAY!

**Your Executive Board**

Co-Presidents: Helen Ludvigson and Christine Wilson

Vice President: Heather Bennett

Secretary: Kristen Sjogren

Co-Treasurers: Brooke Owen and Kalyn Parmenter

**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to Fred's House of the Rising Buns and Starbuck for their donations to the BooHoo Breakfast! It was great to meet new parents and introduce them to Felida PTA!

**Important PTA Dates:**

- Sep 19:** 12-1, Board of Directors' Meeting
- Oct 3:** PTA Volunteer Chair Training, 6:30-8 pm
- Oct 17:** General Meeting, 6-7pm, Felida Library
- Oct 27:** Fall Book Fair
- Oct 27:** Costume Carnival
- Nov 21:** 12-1, Board of Directors' Meeting

If you use Google Calendar, go to our website to download all of the dates for our PTA events, as well as Early Releases.

**Felida PTA Mission and Goals**

The mission of the Felida Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is to support our children’s education by providing to teachers the assistance, tools and support they need to be as effective as possible.

The goals of the Felida PTA are to:

1. Support the Felida staff with both volunteers and resources
2. Support Felida parents and children with opportunities for Learning and Family Fun!
3. Maintain high levels of participation in PTA and volunteer positions
4. Create positive communication between all PTA members

Please show your support for our mission by becoming a Felida PTA Member!

**PTA Programs**

National PTA and WSPTA offer a variety of programs that our students are able to participate in.

Reflections is a School-wide art program that Felida PTA has recently participated in. If you are interested in the arts, we would love to find a chair to bring the program back. This years theme is “Within Reach.” There is plenty of support from the Vancouver PTA Council and Region 3 to help get this program off the ground.

If you would be interested in getting this program started by being a chair or committee member, please contact us. It is such a great opportunity for our students.

**New to PTA, Want to Know What We’ve Done Recently?**

If you are curious about business we have conducted in the recent past, please visit our website. We have our last couple of budgets (including our current one) and meeting minutes from our latest meetings.

Visit: <http://www.felidapta.com/documents.html> or go to <http://www.felidapta.com> and click on the documents link. There is information for you to look through to get an idea of what we do and where we spend our money.

**Costume Carnival Co-Chair**

**Needed**

We are looking for a co-chair for our Costume Carnival. It is on October 27th, and already has a chair. If you interested in getting involved more this could be the perfect place for you!

Email: [FelidaPTA@gmail.com](mailto:FelidaPTA@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Thank you Kalyn Parmenter for helping chair this great event. It is always a fun one that should not be missed!

**School Board Elections**

Now is the time to start looking at candidates for School Board. There are two contested races in VPS. School Board members impact our schools on a daily basis through policy and budget decisions.

To find out where candidates stand, you can email them at:

- Mark Stoker: [mfs@hpl-law.com](mailto:mfs@hpl-law.com)
- Anthony Licerio: [anthonylicerio@gmail.com](mailto:anthonylicerio@gmail.com)
- Heather Christiansen: [hchristiansen71@gmail.com](mailto:hchristiansen71@gmail.com)
- Wendy Smith: [ElectWendySmith@gmail.com](mailto:ElectWendySmith@gmail.com)

**Region 3 Conference**

Felida PTA is a member of Vancouver PTA Council, Region 3, and WSPTA. There are trainings at all levels of PTA.

Region 3 PTA Conference is being held on Saturday, September 23, from 8am-4pm. Training is free and open to all members.

If you are interested, please contact your Felida PTA Presidents at [FelidaFalcolnsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:FelidaFalcolnsPTA@gmail.com)

You do not have to attend for the entire day. You can attend just 1-2 classes that interest you.

**Special Education PTSA**

Did you know that there is a PTA for parents in the area that have students with special needs? The Special Education PTSA of Southwest Washington is a group of parent advocates that meet monthly for fun-filled family activities. They are part of Vancouver PTA Council 3.7 servicing all of Southwest Washington. You can find them on Facebook for more information.



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