



# PTSA: Parent Teacher Student Association

## 2011-2012 Carl Sandburg/DCS PTSA Membership Form

*When you join PTSA, you join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. We believe in building partnerships between our families and our schools. Together we can make a difference! PTSA Memberships help us support programs and efforts of the Sandburg/DCS PTSA. Becoming a PTSA Member does not require you to volunteer or to come to PTSA meetings. But we do encourage it. Volunteer opportunities and PTSA meeting dates will be posted in our weekly PTSA newsletter "The Informer".*

**Kindly print information below & return form with payment back to school - Attn PTSA Membership**

(Parent #1) Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent #2) Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if you were a Sandburg/DCS PTSA Member last year.

List your youngest student's name and teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

YES!!! I would also like to purchase a (\$10) staff PTSA Member ship for: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand if this person is already sponsored, another staff member will be sponsored on my behalf.

### PTSA Membership Fee for 2011-2012:

Individual Membership - \$10.00                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 Person Parent Membership - \$19.00            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase (1) Staff PTSA Membership - \$10.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checks payable to: Carl Sandburg PTSA

Questions? Please Email PTSA at [Sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:Sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com)

**To be completed by PTSA:** Money Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Received on \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Thank you in advance for joining the Carl Sandburg/DCS PTSA!

PTSA membership is an action that shows support of schools and children.

It's a way to support education in countless ways. Your membership fee supports children on local, state and national levels in a way you couldn't do alone because you are purchasing a membership to Carl Sandburg/DCS's PTSA, Washington State PTA, and National PTA all for one nominal fee.

Here are just some examples of how your PTSA fulfills that mission in our community:

- **Providing programs, opportunities, and enrichment for our students** – Carl Sandburg/DCS PTSA offers a wide array of programs, opportunities, and enrichment for our students. Here are just a few examples: Art Enrichment, Assemblies, Chess Club, Community Outreach, Dance Program, Foreign Languages, Green Team, Herbicide-Free, Homework Club, Math Night, Sandburg/DCS Singers, Science Expo, Sixth Grade Outdoor Ed, Third Grade Swim, Wellness Team.
- **Facilitating Parent Communication** – Carl Sandburg/DCS PTSA provides a timely, convenient method to communicate school information with parents using our weekly Tuesday email newsletter "The Infomer" and the PTSA section of the school's web site.
- **Parenting classes** – Our PTSA Council and LWSD partner in bringing in speakers to talk about many parent education subjects. Carl Sandburg/DCS PTSA communicates parent education opportunities in The Informer and the PTSA section of the school's website.
- **Influencing local legislation on behalf of children** – PTA/PTSA advocates for local issues that affect the children in our community. In the past, some individual PTSA's have advocated for mandating bicycle helmet usage in their community, for increased pedestrian safety laws, and for safer grounds maintenance at school by eliminating the use of pesticides, to name a few.
- **Making the school a better place to learn** – PTSA's all over Washington State have purchased and donated computers, playground equipment, and volunteered countless hours in the classroom and in conjunction with programs and activities to benefit children.

**What is the Washington State PTA?** Carl Sandburg/DCS's PTSA unit is a member of the Washington State PTA. The State PTA is the common thread that links nearly 900 local PTA units throughout the state. This thread is what gives PTA/PTSA's clout and prestige to influence state laws, policies and attitudes affecting children.

The State PTA also provides local PTA/PTSA units and members with services, material, and information to enable parents to protect and nurture their children in their schools and your communities. Specifically, some of the services provided by the Washington State PTA include: a daily representation in Olympia and at regulatory agencies where decisions are being made that will affect our children; leadership training; a website ([www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org)) with parenting resources and quality leadership materials.

**What is the National PTA?** National PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States. PTA is a leader in reminding our nation of its obligations to children. National PTA has nearly **6 million members nationwide.**

The mission of National PTA is threefold:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

**Collectively PTA/PTSA Members are making a difference!  
Thank YOU for your support!**