

Stop Clowning Around – Join PTA!

The Avona PTA is an enthusiastic and active organization. By joining the PTA, you become part of a strong volunteer support group that benefits the children, faculty and the community of Avona. As a member you have a voice! As a member you are not only connected to our community here at Avona but to the State and National PTA's as well.



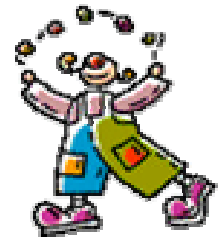
We've juggled things a bit so this year it is easier than ever to come and be involved!

All meetings are open to the public and free babysitting is provided for several of our meetings. As a member you can vote on how the PTA funds are spent, what programs the PTA offers, what fundraisers we use and the election of officers!

New this year!! Any (hopefully all!) of the classes that have 75% PTA membership participation will be treated to a special breakfast! The Avona PTA has pledged to increase membership by 10% this year. Many incentives are being offered by the State PTA to those PTA's who have the most increase in overall and/or male membership. Fathers count too! Some of these incentives include 4 free tickets to see the 76er's and a *school wide* pizza party to include students, faculty and parents! There are also discounts available to retailers such as Barnes & Noble, Target and thousands more. Membership can pay for itself while you get the greatest benefit of all, being an involved parent in your child's education.

The National PTA has served students for over 100 year. They are the oldest and largest volunteer association in the United States working exclusively on behalf of children and youth. Their voice has been heard regarding such programs as hot lunch for all students, education for hearing impaired children, illiteracy, nutritional programs and parent involvement. Currently one of the topics the National PTA is focusing on is "Five Cents Makes Sense." Presently only 2 cents for every federal dollar collected goes towards education and the PTA is lobbying for more.

The Pennsylvania State PTA was the second state to be chartered in the nation. They are currently supporting arts in education, playground safety, mandatory kindergarten and adequate distribution of state funds for educations.



Membership drive ends October 22, 2004! Join now!!

Any questions please contact Deborah James (610) 559-8396

**We invite all parents, grandparents and teachers
to join the Avona Elementary PTA!**

Single Membership just \$4.00

Family Membership Special! Two members now just \$7.00



Special Offers for PTA Members Only

Barnesandnoble.com has developed a discounted on-line bookstore for PTA members featuring over 1,000,000 titles of books, textbooks, audio books, music, DVDs, and videos. Members will save 5 percent off all purchases on any products ordered from this site in addition to any normal site discounts of up to 40 percent.

PTA members can enter the storefront homepage directly through a link from the member's section of www.pta.org or by typing in either URL at: www.pta.org/bn or www.pta.org/barnesandnoble. By entering the storefront through the URLs, members will be required to submit a user name (**PTAMember**) and password (**benefit**). Both the username and password are case-sensitive. New titles and special discounts will be featured periodically. Please only share this user name and password with PTA members.



Consumer FIRST is allowing PTA members to save money and receive refunds when they shop at participating Consumer FIRST online merchants, including: **Target, Dell, Sharper Image, Delta Airlines, Disney Movie Club** and thousands of others; as well as brick and mortar merchants like **Pep Boys** and **Aamco** who are part of an ever growing list of participating merchants nationwide.

To take advantage of this program, members can register up to four existing Visa or MasterCard (credit or debit) cards at www.consumer1st.com/216120 or by calling (800) 222-4747. Registration is free and the site is secured so personal information will not be shared with anyone. Then, every time members use one of their cards to make purchases at a Consumer FIRST merchant (all a click away in a custom storefront for PTA members), both the customer and National PTA will receive a refund.

Alliant Credit Union is pleased to make its products and services available to all PTA members. Alliant Credit Union has been in business for almost 70 years, and currently serves over 170,000 members worldwide. PTA members are now eligible to join Alliant and enjoy the full line of products and services it has to offer including:

- ❖ A savings account with competitive dividends
- ❖ Kidz Klub—a financial literacy program for children on the importance of saving money
- ❖ National Scholarship Program (Five \$1,000 scholarships awarded annually)
- ❖ Investment and retirement planning services
- ❖ Online banking with free bill pay
- ❖ VISA® Classic and Platinum credit cards
- ❖ Home equity loans, mortgages, vehicle loans, and other lines of credit

Exclusively for PTA members, Alliant Credit Union will deposit \$10 into members' accounts which can be used toward their local PTA membership dues for one year and \$15 toward current and new National PTA membership dues. To learn more about Alliant Credit Union and how to join, visit: www.alliantcreditunion.org/pta or call (800) 328-1935 (M-F, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. CST).



Through this relationship, FedEx Kinko's will offer an exclusive 25 percent discount pricing to PTA members on all of its products and services (some restrictions apply) with exception to those located in hotels and convention centers.

To sign-up for the discount card, members can get to the customized FedEx Kinko's/PTA web page through a link from the member's section of www.pta.org or by typing the URL: <http://psg.kinkos.com/pta/>. Members will be required to enter the password (**pta**) in lowercase to access the sign-up information.



S&S® Worldwide, a market leader of catalog and online products for education, crafts, recreation, and therapy for over 90 years, has signed on as our newest Member Benefit Provider. S&S® Worldwide, headquartered in Colchester, Connecticut, offers a variety of products from school supplies to sporting equipment to crafts and art supplies.

All of their products can be viewed and purchased online at www.ssw.com or by calling (800) 243-9232. Upon ordering, PTA members will need to enter the special PTA discount code (A1695) online or identify the code to an S&S Worldwide customer service representative. PTA members a 10 percent discount on all purchases made. In addition, they will provide National PTA with royalties based on member purchases.