



# McKinley-Thatcher Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Monthly **PTA Meetings** take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (starting September 8<sup>th</sup>) from **6:15-7:30pm** in the school library with free childcare in the gym.

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## PTA Officers 2016-2017

President, Sarah Clark [sarah@clarkowski.com](mailto:sarah@clarkowski.com)  
Vice-President, Alise Lawrence [alise\\_co@yahoo.com](mailto:alise_co@yahoo.com)  
Secretary, Michele Brown [michele@lamanoart.com](mailto:michele@lamanoart.com)  
Treasurer, Matt Riley [mattrileypm@gmail.com](mailto:mattrileypm@gmail.com)

<http://mckinleythatcher.dpsk12.org/>

## OUR PTA HELPS FUND:

- Technology including Promethean Boards in every classroom K-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Class field trips and projects
- Assemblies and Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) book distribution to EVERY student
- School community events, such as the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social, Fall Dance, Chili Cook Off, etc.
- Scholarships for SPREE (South Platte River Environmental Education) education program and field trips to help educate children on the importance of caring for the world around them as well as build background knowledge and real life experiences that are so important to a child's ability to understand readings and write about a variety of topics.
- Denver Zoo in-class enrichment
- After school enrichment classes – planning & subsidizing
- Additional faculty to assist in-classroom and lower student/teacher ratios

## WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

1. [Join PTA](#)
2. [Give time](#) – Take a day this school year, or 1 hour at a time over multiple days, and volunteer in the school
3. [Give of your financial resources](#)
  - **\$100** = a class on a field trip to extend and expand their learning beyond the walls of the classroom
  - **\$200** = help a teacher go to a conference or get professional development so that they can learn about new techniques and strategies to better teach our kids
  - **\$400** = we can buy an iPad to help teachers individualize learning and track our children's progress more efficiently
  - **\$500** = we can implement composting school wide for the entire year
  - **\$1,000** = puts a book in every kid's hand through a Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) distribution
4. **Find an item for the Auction**

Other than cash donations, the big way that we raise money as a PTA this year is through our auction. Each of us knows someone who runs a business, or we frequent a business, or we have something to give personally that could be auctioned off.
5. **Restaurant nights**

Spend a night out with the family and help support PTA. Specific information about dates and restaurants will be sent out each month.
6. **Grocery shop**

Use a Safeway or King Soopers grocery gift card when you shop and 5% goes back to the school

## 2016-2017 PTA COORDINATORS – We Need You!

For more information on these positions or to get involved please contact Sarah Clark or Alise Lawrence.

- Fall Dance
- Garden
- Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)
- Turkey Trot
- Book Fairs
- Destination Imagination
- Science Fair
- Chili Cook Off
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Auction
- Yearbook
- Bike / Walk to School Day
- Enrichments
- Fundraising
- PTA Membership
- Room Parents
- Grant Writing
- Zoo Program
- Restaurant Nights
- Buzz Book
- Grocery Store Cards
- DU Sporting Events
- Publicity (ex. Facebook, flyers, posters, Website, etc.)

# SAVE THE DATES

(NOTE: Dates may change. Check the school Website <http://mckinleythatcher.dpsk12.org/> and flyers for the most current information.)

<b>August 2016</b>			
Tuesday, 8/9 – Wednesday, 8/10	Registration	9am-3pm	
Thursday, 8/18	Back to School Ice Cream Social	5-6pm	5:30pm Welcome on the playground followed by a quick classroom visit
Monday, 8/22	First Day of School		
Friday, 8/26	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Monday, 8/29	Restaurant Night		Adelitas
<b>September 2016</b>			
Monday, 9/5	Holiday	No Classes	
Thursday, 9/8	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Thursday, 9/22	Back to School Night		
Friday, 9/30	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
<b>October 2016</b>			
Thursday, 10/13	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Friday, 10/21	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Wednesday, 10/26	Assembly – Creede Repertory Theatre		
Thursday, 10/27 – Friday, 10/28	No Classes	No Classes	
Monday, 10/31	Halloween Parties		
<b>November 2016</b>			
Tuesday – Thursday, 11/1 – 11/3	Parent Teacher Conferences	3:30-7:30pm	As scheduled
Friday, 11/4	No Classes	No Classes	
Thursday, 11/10	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Friday, 11/18	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Friday, 11/18	Thanksgiving Feast	11am-12:30pm	
Monday, 11/21 – Friday, 11/25	No Classes	No Classes	
<b>December 2016</b>			
Thursday, 12/8	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Friday, 12/16	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Thursday, 12/22 – Friday, 12/30	No Classes	No Classes	
<b>January 2017</b>			
Monday, 1/2 – Friday, 1/6	No Classes	No Classes	
Monday, 1/9	Classes Resume		
Thursday, 1/12	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Monday, 1/16	No Classes	No Classes	
Friday, 1/27	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
<b>February 2017</b>			
Monday, 2/3	No Classes	No Classes	
Thursday, 2/9	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Monday, 2/20	No Classes	No Classes	
Friday, 2/24	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
<b>March 2017</b>			
Tuesday, 3/9	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Friday, 3/24	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Monday, 3/26 – Friday, 3/31	Spring Break	No Classes	
<b>April 2017</b>			
Monday, 4/3	No Classes	No Classes	
Tuesday, 4/4	Classes Resume		
April 2017	CMAS/PARCC Tests		3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders
Thursday, 4/13	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Friday, 4/28	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
<b>May 2017</b>			
Monday, 5/1 – Friday, 5/5	Teacher Appreciation Week		
Thursday, 5/11	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Friday, 5/26	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Friday, 5/26	Field Day		
Monday, 5/29	No Classes	No Classes	
<b>June 2017</b>			
Friday, 6/2	Last Day of School	Half Day	

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## SAVE THE DATES – McKinley-Thatcher’s Upcoming Events

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<b>September 2016</b>			
Monday, 9/5	Holiday	No Classes	
Thursday, 9/8	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Thursday, 9/22	Back to School Night	6:00-7:30	
Thursday, 9/22	Individual Picture Day		
Friday, 9/30	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
<b>October 2016</b>			
Thursday, 10/13	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Friday, 10/14	Pirates in Paradise School Dance	5:45pm	Free dinner, desserts, music, and prizes!
Friday, 10/21	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Wednesday, 10/26	Assembly – Creede Repertory Theatre	1:00 pm	
Thursday, 10/27 – Friday, 10/28	No Classes	No Classes	
Monday, 10/31	Halloween Parties		
<b>November 2016</b>			
Tuesday – Thursday, 11/1 – 11/3	Parent Teacher Conferences	3:30-7:30pm	As scheduled
Friday, 11/4	No Classes	No Classes	
Thursday, 11/10	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Tuesday, 11/15	Family Literacy Night	5:30-7:00 pm	
Friday, 11/18	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Friday, 11/18	Thanksgiving Feast	11am-12:30pm	
Monday, 11/21 – Friday, 11/25	No Classes	No Classes	
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Thursday, 12/8	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Friday, 12/16	Student Recognition Assembly	8:15am	Everyone welcome
Wednesday, 12/21	Holiday Sing-a-Long	2:00 pm	Everyone welcome
Thursday, 12/22 – Friday, 12/30	No Classes	No Classes	
<b>January 2017</b>			
Monday, 1/2 – Friday, 1/6	No Classes	No Classes	
Monday, 1/9	Classes Resume		
Thursday, 1/12	Science Fair	Daytime TBD	
Thursday, 1/12	Family Science Night	5:30-7:00 pm	
Thursday, 1/12	PTA Meeting	6:15-7:30pm	Adults in the library, and kids with free childcare in the gym
Monday, 1/16	No Classes	No Classes	
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Wednesday, 3/22	Family Math Games Night	5:30-7:00 pm	
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Monday, 3/26 – Friday, 3/31	Spring Break	No Classes	
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Wednesday, 5/31	Continuation	6:00 pm	
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