

Burton Elementary PTA Information Packet



Who is Burton PTA?

Burton PTA is a parent-run volunteer organization that works closely with Burton teachers and administrators to provide a wide variety of materials, activities and school improvements that impact every Burton student and family. Burton PTA also advocates for our students through the state and national PTA organizations. Burton PTA stays strong because parents are willing to give their time to events and activities, both during school and outside of school hours.

What does Burton PTA do?

The PTA provides funding for major improvements to the school and grounds, as well as resources for classrooms and teachers. Past PTA investments include the new playground, baffles for the gym ceiling to help reduce noise during gym, lunch and other activities, leveled book sets all grades to aid in reading instruction, Chromebooks, and almost all the funding for school assemblies and transportation for field trips each year. Visit “Burton University” on the PTA tab of the Burton website at <https://www.berkleyschools.org/schools/burton/parent-information/pta/> for more information.

How?

The PTA has an annual budget of \$40,000 to fund all of these endeavors and many others as well. We collect PTA membership dues which provide some of that budget; however, the majority of our revenue comes from our fall fundraising event, the Burton Fun Run. Through the Fun Run, the PTA typically raises close to \$30,000 in corporate donations and family contributions. The Burton Fun Run has become so successful, the PTA has been able to eliminate all other student fundraising. Look for your Fun Run Information Packet to come home the first week of school.

Where do I fit in?

All of these wonderful things that benefit Burton School can only be accomplished through your financial support and donation of time. We depend on each Burton family to join the PTA in order to accomplish our mission. We also depend on the many Burton parents who volunteer to help out on one of our committees. Most jobs are “parent-sized” as we know how busy each of us is.

What’s in it for me?

The PTA helps the school provide things for our children that it does not have the resources for in its budget. Every child at Burton School benefits from your membership dues. Joining the PTA is also the only way to get the *Burton School Directory*, which includes contact information for each Burton student as well as all Burton teachers and staff. It also includes a quick reference guide to school hours, district phone numbers and city phone numbers.

Burton PTA Membership

The \$20 Burton PTA membership entitles each household (the \$20 covers each student you have at Burton, it is not \$20 per student) to a copy of the PTA directory (printed and distributed at a later date and online) and one vote at PTA meetings.

You can pay your Burton PTA membership dues directly through the Michigan PTA website <https://mipta.memberhub.com/>

If you chose not to pay directly through memberhub (which is strongly encouraged) you will still need to visit memberhub to create a profile, but you can send payment via Venmo @Burton-Elementary and put your child(ren) names and “PTA membership” in the comments section.

If there are any questions regarding Burton PTA membership, please contact Meryl Krochmal at BurtonPTAmembership@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting Burton PTA!

Stay in the “Know”

In an attempt to be a little more “green”, most of the information Burton PTA sends out is via email. If you wish to receive these emails, please send a message to BurtonPTA@gmail.com and include: the email address at which you wish to receive messages, parent(s) name(s) and the name, grade and teacher of your child or children who attend Burton. If you are currently receiving emails and no changes are necessary, you don’t need to do anything! Please keep us updated with changes.

Burton PTA Meeting Schedule

We realize you’re busy and hope you can join us at some of our meetings. They are held the first Tuesday of each month (except Spring Break week and election days) in the Media Center in the school or other assigned room. We alternate between evening and morning meetings to accommodate as many parents as possible. You are welcome to bring your children, when necessary, though you may prefer not to!

September 6, 2022	7:00 PM	February 7, 2023	8:10 AM
October 4, 2022	8:10 AM	March 7, 2023	7:00 PM
November 1, 2022	7:00 PM	April 4, 2023	8:10 AM
December 6, 2022	8:10 AM	May 2, 2023	7:00 PM
January 10, 2023	7:00 PM	June 6, 2023	8:10 AM

Burton PTA Committees

There are tons of ways to get involved! A list of committees is included in this packet. Please visit "Burton University: Burton A to Z" in the PTA section of the Burton website at <https://www.berkleyschools.org/schools/burton/parent-information/pta/> to read more about the many committees and volunteer opportunities around Burton.

Lice

*We don't do lice at Burton. In order to keep it that way, the PTA conducts lice checks throughout the school year to keep our school lice-free. A team of parents fan out across the school and check each child for signs of lice. These checks are vitally important to preventing and containing outbreaks. Please volunteer to help out with one of the four checks this year; they are held on Fridays and start at 8:10am. **Room parents are responsible for making sure that there are an adequate number of volunteers for lice check in their classroom.***

SCRIP

Help support Burton every time you shop in three easy ways:

1. **Holiday Market:** Pick up a blank gift card in the Burton office, load it at any cash register before you check out, and Burton gets 5%!
2. **Kroger:** Every time you use your Kroger Plus Card, Burton gets a percentage of your sale. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to add Burton to your card.
3. **Toyology:** When shopping for gifts or fun stuff for your kids at Toyology let them know you're with Burton. We receive 20% of the purchase price back in dollars that we can use at Toyology to acquire items for our classrooms.
4. **Amazon Smile:** When shopping on Amazon, use Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com> and link to "Burton PTA" and a percentage of the sale goes back to PTA.

Volunteering

Many parents are excited to get involved and help out at school. It is a wonderful way to stay connected to your child's school experience. One of the reasons Burton Elementary is such a strong school is because our parents donate so much of their time and energy making it so. We have opportunities to suit every schedule and interest. We need volunteers in classrooms, at special events, on committees and behind the scenes. There are ways you can get involved during the school day, after school, evenings, weekends and at our place or yours. We are urging all of our parents to get involved with Burton Elementary three times during the 2021-2022 school year; you'll be surprised how easy that is! If you have a particular interest, talent or expertise you'd like to share with the Burton community, please let us know.

PTA coordinates the majority of all volunteer opportunities (classroom and special events) through room parents and committee leaders. We frequently use SignUpGenius to organize our events and coordinate volunteers. Look for emails from your room parents or the Burton gmail address, BurtonPTA@gmail.com, to sign up to help. Fun Run, Lice Check, Spring Festival and Book Fair all require many volunteers; please consider volunteering some of your time to help make them successful.

A **background check must** be performed by the district before anyone can volunteer in any Berkley school. The link to the form is located at <http://www.berkleyschools.org/parents/volunteerchaperones/> . When

working with children and families at Burton School, you may be in a position to hear sensitive or confidential information. Please consider *anything* you hear or see in the classroom confidential. Should you have concerns or questions about something you see or hear, please contact Ms. Krehbiel directly.

Suggestions?

We are a work in progress! If you have ideas or suggestions that would make Burton PTA more user friendly, please let us know. Remember, Burton PTA is a parent-run, volunteer organization but we're always striving to be a help to all Burton parents and families. We love suggestions and we love people who can implement those suggestions even more!

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