



**Independence  
CHARTER SCHOOL**

**PTA**

## **Dear New and Returning ICS Families -**

ICS's 20th school year is quickly approaching! We are optimistic that no matter how this next school year looks - whether in person or online - we will remain connected as an ICS Family. We understand that circumstances have been difficult over the past 18+ months for most, and we will do our best to not only offer support to our students but also our parents, guardians, and caregivers as well. We pledge to remain united and strong as we move into the new year  
#ICSPTAUnited

We hope that some of our fun, traditional events can resume in person such as Book Fair, Fall Festival, field trips, ballroom dancing, Young Playwrights classes, Parent Workshops & Seminars, Teacher Appreciation events, Library Support, and much much more! Speaking of events, for many years the PTA has hosted Boo-hoo/Woo-hoo breakfasts for incoming kindergarten families to support them as they say their goodbyes to their new kindergarten scholars. We hope to resume this tradition as we welcome our new families to our school on **Sep 9, 2021** and **Sep 10, 2021** after drop off.

Please see the list below for some of the upcoming PTA events this school year. Others may be added over time as ideas and energy emerge, and details of dates and times will be sent closer to the event. We hope to see you there!

- *August Back to School Picnic - 8/25/2021 4-7pm*  
*\*Rain date 9/1/2021 4-7pm*
- *Boo-hoo/Woo-hoo Breakfast (outdoors) for incoming kindergarten families 9/9/2021 & 9/10/2021 after drop off*
- *September 2021 PTA Member Meeting - 9/15/2021 at 6pm*
  - *Fall Fest - 10/16/2021 - 10:30am - 3:00pm*
  - *Teacher Appreciation (November 2021/December 2021)*
  - *November 2021 Member Meeting - 11/17/2021 at 6pm*
  - *January 2022 PTA Member Meeting - 1/12/2022 at 6pm*
    - *Annual ICS Party & Fundraiser (February 2022)*
    - *March 2022 PTA Member Meeting 3/16/2022 at 6pm*
    - *May 2022 PTA Member Meeting 5/18/2022 at 6pm*

**Join us for our first Monthly PTA Member Meeting**

**Wednesday September 15th at 5:30 p.m. Food will not be served due to Covid precautions although we hope this will change. Meetings will begin at 6:00pm. You will have the option to attend in person or online.**

Please register for the meeting [HERE](#) and you will be emailed a link to join. All are welcome to attend. However, only current members will be able to vote or speak on business matters. Future PTA Meetings will be every other month on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (time may vary).

**[Join/Renew Your Membership with the PTA!](#)**

Returning this year: The \$20 annual family PTA Membership can be reduced to \$5 if needed. Or, your PTA membership can be FREE for volunteers who work at least one hour for the PTA. Just register through the store with a commitment to volunteer and we'll make sure that you are kept in the loop! <https://tinyurl.com/ICSPTASquare>

**Become a Grade Parent or Neighborhood Meetup Coordinator. Stay Connected.**

We will once again use **AtoZ Connect** as our school directory to help families connect with one another via grade-based or neighborhood-based communication channels. If you need help accessing this directory, or if you can volunteer as one of our wonderful Grade Parents or as a Neighborhood Coordinator, please email us at [pta@icscharter.com](mailto:pta@icscharter.com)

**Spanish speaking ICS parent needed on the Leadership Committee**

We are seeking a spanish speaking parent who can represent our wonderful Hispanic families to increase engagement. If you are interested, feel free to reach out to us at [pta@icscharter.com](mailto:pta@icscharter.com).

**2021-2022 PTA Officers:**

**President:** Lameika Headen-Jones (parent of a 6th Grader and alum);

**Vice President:** Caroline West (parent of a 5th grader and alum);

**Co-Vice President:** Dan Dolan (Parent of 4th Graders)

**Treasurer:** Gary White; **Secretary:** Ashley Brooks (Parent of 1st grader)