

# Mars Hill Academy Parent Association

*Empowering Parents to Enrich Our School  
12/07*

## **WHO is the Parent Association?**

If you are a parent of a Mars Hill Academy student, then YOU are a member of the Parent Association.

## **Purpose of the Parent Association:**

The purpose of the MHA Parent Association is to empower parents to enrich our school, using skills and resources to bless others, in order to bring glory to God.

## **Benefits of involvement in the Parent Association:**

- 1) Fellowship and enrichment through monthly meetings designed to support parents
- 2) Enables parents to better see, understand, and enrich their child's experience, and the experience of other children, at MHA
- 3) Gives parents an opportunity to bless MHA families and staff
- 4) Allows parents to influence our school community
- 5) Puts parents closer to the front lines in the effort to influence our society for the glory of God

## **Functions of the Parent Association:**

The Parent Association will seek to support MHA parents by providing helpful information and/or enrichment experiences at each meeting.

The Parent Association will provide a forum for sharing ideas for school enhancement.

The Parent Association will support MHA by providing teacher support, fellowship event coordination, management of the School Store, and other support as needed.

The Parent Association will promote school spirit and unity through fellowship events and development of spiritwear.

## **MHA Parent Association Structure**

The Parent Association is comprised of a director, committee leaders, and committee volunteers, and works in concert with the MHA administration. Monthly meetings serve as a forum for fellowship, enrichment, sharing ideas, learning more about the inner workings of MHA, and for matching volunteers with appropriate opportunities to serve. The following committees have been established.

### **Parent Association Director – Tania Burmeister**

#### **Parent Association Hospitality Committee – Leader: Open**

The Parent Association Hospitality Committee (PAHC) is responsible for menu development and catering of all school functions that fall under the responsibility of the Parent Association. The PAHC leader is responsible for tracking current hospitality supplies, and responsible for the planning, estimating volunteers needed, gathering supplies, and executing a menu for each event (staff orientation, open houses, Christmas Program, Fine Arts Night, etc.). The PAHC leader communicates directly with the Parent Association Director. The PAHC is not responsible to get their volunteers, as the PA Promotions Committee is responsible to provide the Hospitality Committee the volunteers they need.

#### **Parent Association Decorating Committee – Leader: Rose Ann Cox**

The Parent Association Decorating Committee (PADC) is responsible for decorating tables and locations, acquiring accessories, etc. for each event that the Parent Association hosts, in accordance with the specified theme set by the Parent Association Director. The PADC leader estimates the number of volunteers needed for each event, and communicates with the Parent Association Director. Once the Parent Association Director conveys the theme or purpose of each event, the Decorating Committee is responsible to procure the supplies needed, plan, and execute in completion the idea behind the event to the satisfaction of the Parent Association Director. This committee is not responsible to get their volunteers, as the PA Promotions Committee is responsible to provide the PADC with the specified volunteers needed.

#### **Parent Association Promotion Committee – Leader: Open**

The Parent Association Promotion Committee (PAPC) is responsible for promoting parent involvement at MHA and volunteers for all school functions that fall under the responsibility of the Parent Association. This includes but is not limited to volunteer sign up forms, volunteer coffees, recruitment drives, etc. as directed by the Parent Association Director. The PAPC leader communicates directly with the Parent Association Director. The PAPC leader is always looking for ways to encourage current volunteers, and enable those who want to volunteer but haven't found a place to serve yet

#### **Teacher Support Committee – Leader: Susan Tamanko**

The Teacher Support Committee (TSC) assists teachers in offering more than academics in the classroom, manages room parents, helps teachers execute classroom curriculum (calculadder, math facts, etc.), celebrations, field trips, special performances, etc. This could include making copies, acquiring special project supplies, etc. The TSC leader communicates with the Parent Association Director gathers information from teachers as to how to help and serve them.

#### **Event Committee – Leader: Open**

Help with event needs, such as setup, cleanup, program development and copies, various details as needed.

#### **School Store Committee – Leader: Lisa Davis**

The School Store Committee (SSC) handles all Spirit wear, promotional items, parent education books, and school supplies that are specially required for MHA students. It includes maintaining the school store, (used uniforms, school supplies, and Spirit wear, both ordering and distributing).

**Library Committee – Leader: Cyndy Cox**

The Library Committee (LC) manages new and existing entries to the parent/student library; creates and manages an inventory system and check out system.

**Yearbook Committee – Leaders: Theresa Chumley and Michelle Michael**

**Beautification Committee – Leader: Dave Liebing, Facilities Manager**

Building and grounds maintenance. Adopt a Bed program.

## **Parent Association Events for 2007 – 2008**

**August**

**Highland Dessert**

**September**

**Meet the Teacher Night**

**November**

**Grandparents Day**

**December**

**Christmas Program**

**May**

**Fine Arts Night**

**June**

**Highland Games**

**In addition to these events, the PA coordinates the following throughout the year:**

**Staff appreciation lunches, lunch room helpers, room moms, math graders, science lab assistants, spirit wear, open house helpers, the library, and the yearbook!**