



Dear Eastgate Community,

We want to welcome back all of our returning families and also welcome many of the new families that will be joining us at Eastgate this year! We hope that you enjoyed your summer with your family and friends. It will be an exciting year partnering with our new Principal Mrs. May Pelto and again with Assistant Principal Ms. Mary Bettelli in providing a terrific year of learning, friendship, and fun at Eastgate Elementary.

I am really excited about welcoming our 2018-2019 PTA Board. We have already started the planning process for the year and I can see the wonderful passion and creativity that this board will bring. Thank you again to all of last year's Eastgate Members, Staff, Students, Supporters, and Volunteers on helping us accomplish our mission and goals for the year. Great efforts were made in providing and supporting fun activities for the families, safety equipment, books, printers, music instruments, field trips, and much more. We appreciate all that each of you do for our school and students. None of this is possible without our Eastgate families!

Eastgate PTA will once again host a variety of activities this year starting with our **Back-to-School Social on Friday, September 14th**. There will be a surprise guest that will not only impress the kids, but the parents too. This is a great event to meet the teachers, parents and students that your kids will be talking about when they come home from school each day. Other popular programs back this year include Young Author's Day, Talent Show, Bite of Eastgate and Science Fair. Our main FUNdraising event of the year is the **Walk-a-thon on Friday, October 5th**. The money raised on this day funds the PTA programs and classroom grants for the year. Please save this date on your calendar to come walk with us and look for more information coming home soon!

I'm really looking forward to my 2nd year in the role of PTA President and the opportunities it brings our board to enhance our children's educational experience. Our PTA encourages all families to learn more about our programs and become involved by signing up for a PTA membership. Everyone is invited to also join us at our general meetings to learn more.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time at our school! We are all here to continue to grow and support Eastgate Elementary's high level of academic success. Students love to see parents participating at school and during events. What a great way to teach our children what we can accomplish with our efforts and involvement.

Please contact us to learn more at contactus@eastgatepta.org or visit our website at www.eastgatepta.org

We look forward to working with all our new parents and volunteers and seeing our students and families at Eastgate!

Thank you and Go Eagles!!!!

Marc Kirkpatrick

2018-19 Eastgate PTA President