

What is Parents Association?

Parents Association is You! And Me! And All of Us!

All parents of SPHDS students are automatically members of Parents Association—there is nothing additional to “join” and no extra dues to pay. Just by being here, you are part of it.

So—what does Parents Association actually do? Well, our “official” mission is to encourage parental involvement in the school, support an interactive relationship among the parents and staff, and promote a sense of community among the school families.

So, what does that mean in practice?

For our students, Parents Association enhances **holiday celebrations** by providing treats such as apples and honey at Rosh Hashanah, dreidels and chocolates at Hanukkah, fruit platters during Tu B’Shevat, and Purim bags and entertainment. We sponsor the Model Seders during the week before Pesach. We also sponsor the **middle school essay contest** and provide **new family buddy matching** before school begins.

For our parents and families, we provide **social events** ranging from the weekly Tuesday morning coffees (watch for us outside of school every Tuesday morning!) to the annual ice skating social.

Our fundraising efforts support **new equipment for the school**. Major purchases this past year included the new set of Encyclopedia Judaica for the library, as well as on-line access for all families from home; benches and chess tables for the middle-school area; musical instruments for music classes; and new PE equipment and storage shed. We also sponsor the annual **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** in the spring.

Everyone is welcome to come to our board meetings! We meet approximately every six weeks to discuss upcoming events and projects. We’d love to have you come share your ideas and opinions, or just learn more about what we do. You are welcome to come to any or all meetings. Our meetings for the coming year are on Tuesday mornings, at 8:45 a.m. (after pre-school drop-off). The meeting schedule for the 2008-9 school year will be posted soon.

Additional volunteers are always needed! Really! This means you! Please refer to the **online Parent Participation Survey** to see where you can help. For more information, please contact Nancy Chodosh Gofman, Parents Association President, nancychod@yahoo.com (650) 493-8627.