WHAT IS THE PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION? The Parents’ Association (PA) is comprised of parents who plan and run social & fundraising events for the students and families with the goal of enhancing our children’s JCC Sara Walker Nursery School (SWNS) experience.

WHO IS ON THE PA LEADERSHIP TEAM? Each year the PA leadership changes as children graduate and new families enter the school. The 2018-2019 leadership team includes:

**CO-PRESIDENTS**
Blake Bueckman & Jenny Fishman

**VICE-PRESIDENT**
Vanessa Odenbach

HOW TO GET INVOLVED Everyone is strongly encouraged to join us! The PA relies on the generous support of parent volunteers to run its programs. **Regardless of your schedule, there are always opportunities to participate!** Let us know if you have ideas, are interested in chairing an event, volunteering for an event, or have any questions: swnspa@gmail.com

**EVENTS**

**MEET & GREET** (Sept 4th) is a great way for kids and parents/caregivers to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

**PA COFFEEES** (Sept 21st & Dec 18th) are an opportunity to meet with other parents, the PA and school administration to discuss new ideas & school events.

**PARENT COCKTAIL PARTIES** (Oct 20th) are hosted in the homes of Tots/2s, 3s and 4s/Pre-K families and are a time to socialize with other parents in your child’s grade.

**FALL FESTIVAL** (Oct 26th), **WINTER FUNDAY** (Jan 25th) & **SPRING FLING** (May 17th) are after-school social events with play, crafts, and treats.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT** (Nov 15th) is an opportunity for parents of 3s, 4s/Pre-K children to meet the teachers and socialize afterward over wine & cheese.

**MOM’S NIGHT OUT** (Feb 28th) is a chance to get out and have fun over drinks with your fellow SWNS moms!

**DAD’S NIGHT OUT** (March 14th) is a chance to socialize over drinks with your fellow SWNS dads!

**PARENT WORKSHOP** (Feb 7th) is an evening with several speakers conducting concurrent sessions. Parents will have the opportunity to attend two 45-minute sessions and mingle with other parents at a cocktail reception.

**BOOK FAIR** (March 3-8th) happens at the JCC during the week following the Purim Carnival. SWNS parents staff the book fair each day.

**EVENING CELEBRATION & AUCTION** (April 11th) is our biggest night of the year. Formally known as Star Night, it is a catered event where we show our appreciation for the staff, showcase our children’s artwork, and raise funds for SWNS.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION** (week of May 6th) is a weeklong celebration of the SWNS teachers.

**FAMILY EVENTS** (various dates) are activities for all SWNS families to participate in outside of the school day and will occur over the course of the school year. Events include family Shabbat dinners, Chanukah movie night, and Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day.

**PROGRAMS**

**ROOM PARENTS** are the PA liaisons to each class.

**CHALLAH** is delivered to the classroom of interested families every Thursday or Friday.

**PIZZA FRIDAYS** are a perennial favorite! Every other Friday, lunch (pizza, apple and water) is delivered to children whose parents sign-up for the program.

**SHABBAT/HAVDALLAH BAGS** allow one student from each 3s, 4s/Pre-K class every week to bring home all that is needed to celebrate Shabbat.

**LIBRARY** is a monthly activity for 3s, 4s/Pre-K classes. Parent volunteers read to the class from the mobile library. Children can “check out” books to their classrooms.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER** is responsible for taking pictures of all students at special events and during regular school days throughout the year.

**MOVING UP BOOK** is an annual yearbook gift to all 4s/Pre-K students that serves as a of their time at SWNS.