



Charging Times



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A Newsletter for the Mabry Middle School Chargers
Sponsored by the Mabry Middle School PTSA

2006

A Message from our PTSA Co-Presidents:

We would like to welcome back both our new and returning families. We are looking forward to a very busy and successful school year. Please remember that information about Mabry Middle School can be found on the website: www.mabryonline.org. From this site you can access our Mabry PTSA blog. This blog contains an online version of the Charging Times Newsletter, items available in the school store, board members, upcoming events and a school activity schedule/calendar.

Charger Day will be held on **Thursday August 10th from 10:30-1:00**. During this time you will be able to:

- Locate your homeroom
- Pre-pay for lunches
- Pay for Performing Arts
- **Have your yearbook photo taken**
- Purchase your yearbook
- Locate bus route information
- Complete Student Directory information
- Sign up to Volunteer
- Purchase student agendas
- **Join PTSA** and make your annual **family donation** of \$40.00. **REMEMBER – PTSA DOES NOT DO FUNDRAISERS.** Your family donation helps fund the activities and programs offered by the PTSA.




Mark your calendar: 6th grade Open House on August 28 @ 6:30 and 7th/8th grade Open House and PTSA General Meeting on August 29 @ 6:30.

At this time we currently have the following PTSA committees in desperate need of a committee chair: Youth and Family Services, Hospitality, Grounds and Directory. If you are interested in one of these committees, PLEASE contact us.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Charger Day and to another successful year here at Mabry Middle School.

Becky Johnson and Belinda Heitmeyer
Mabry PTSA Co-Presidents



<i>Important Dates</i>	
August 10	Charger Day 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 
August 14	First Day of School! Volunteers needed to stuff student packets 9:30 a.m.
August 25	Sports-A-Rama Night 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
August 28	6 th Grade Open House 6:30 p.m.
August 29	7 th / 8 th Grade Open House and PTSA General Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Why Should Every Parent Join the Mabry PTSA?

The #1 reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages:

Get Connected. There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.

Discover Great Resources. The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.

Tap into a Network. Parenting is not easy - it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.

Watch Yourself Grow. By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all children in the community.

Speak Up. Because the PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

Witness Improvement. By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs and social events – all vital to a school's success.

Be a Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

(Copied from the National PTA website: http://www.pta.org/jp_why_join_pta.html)

Your PTA membership card also entitles you to discounts from area businesses and organizations, including the Alliance Theatre, Honey Baked Ham Company, Fernbank, FedEx Kinko's and Barnesandnoble.com!

Complete information about these discounts will appear in our next Charging Times newsletter and is also available on the National PTA and Georgia PTA websites.



Yearbook Pictures will be taken on Charger Day - August 10th!

Photo packages, ranging from \$9 to \$45, will be available to order that day, as well as options which can be added to your photo package.

In celebration of their 70th Anniversary, the photographer, *Lifetouch*, is also offering a **complementary family portrait for all who purchase picture packages in the fall**. Simply go to any J.C. Penney portrait studio, present the coupon, set up an appointment, and receive the portrait!

You will receive an order form with complete information regarding photo packages prior to Charger Day.

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Mabry Middle School Fall Sports-A-Rama Night

Games, music, food, fun!

**Friday, August 25th
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

Details will be sent home soon!



For last minute
school supplies
and any supplies needed
throughout the year,
be sure to visit our
Mabry School Store,
open every morning
before school!