Greetings Mead Families!

On behalf of the Margaret Mead Elementary PTSA, I would like to welcome you to the 2013-14 school year. I have the privilege of being your PTSA Co-President, along with Megan Andrews, for the second year in a row. I am excited and enthusiastic about what we have in store for the year and I look forward to sharing in those events and activities with all of you.

First of all, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Sara Cupp and Nina Smith for organizing and planning the Back to Business Days this past week. Their tireless efforts and smooth coordination made it another successful event. It was so nice to get all of that paperwork done in one day. Mead is extremely lucky to have you! Thank you, too, to all of the other volunteers who gave their time and energy to staff the different tables and areas on those days as well.

On the first day of school, we will be hosting an informal “Welcome Back Tea” at the front of the school and invite you all to join us if you have the time. This has always been a fun way to reconnect with other Mead families after the summer and a great way for new families to ask questions of other parents about the school, PTSA, kids’ activities, etc.

On **Thursday, September 5th**, we will be having our first annual **Ice Cream Social** from **6-7:30 pm in the gym**. This event is completely sponsored by the PTSA and teachers will be your personal ice cream scoopers. We will have some fun toppings for sundae-making, too! During this event, you will have more time to hear about the PTSA and get to know others in the Mead community. We look forward to seeing you there!

One more event to keep in mind is the **Mead Stampede** (our walk-a-thon) which will be held **Friday, October 4th**, from 1-2:30 pm. This event is different than in the past as we will be holding it during school hours so all students will be able to participate. Our walk-a-thon chair, Andrea Brueske, has been working on this event since the spring and has many exciting things in store for another fun event. **This is our one and only direct fundraiser for the entire year** and helps the PTSA to continue to fund educational programs at Mead such as Accelerated Reader, IXL, field trips, student agendas, student financial aid, PE equipment, Art Start, plus many more.

As always, we welcome anyone who desires to get involved and volunteer with the PTSA. We are extremely fortunate to live in a community that has such a fantastic group of volunteers who not only help with PTSA-sponsored activities, but in the classroom and school as well. If you have any questions on how you can get involved or about the PTSA in general, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have some new events planned this year and could always use the help!

Once again, welcome to the new school year and we look forward to sharing in another productive and fun year with all of you.

Thank you!

Angie Brown

Mead PTSA Co-President