

President's Message

I LOVE PTA—Past, Present, Future (xoxo)

by Celia Jaffe



Ahh...It's February – Valentine's Day and the HEART of the PTA year. By now you've settled into your routine as a PTA leader. I hope you feel comfortable

conducting meetings, delegating duties to your fellow officers and chairmen, working cooperatively with the school administration, and sharing thoughts and ideas with other PTA leaders at council gatherings.

Now that your day-to-day routine of PTA tasks has settled down a bit (ha-ha, you say!), you can look at your role from a wider perspective. PTA activities in February have substantial ties to the past, the present, and the future.

The Past

- Recognize student artists who entered the Reflections Program last fall.
- Verify proper financial procedures from July through December by completing your midyear audit.
- Remember the core purposes and values of PTA by commemorating Founders Day, celebrating the 115th birthday of our organization.
- Look over your PTA activities and budget through the first half of the year to see if your PTA's goals are on track towards being accomplished.

The Present

- Work on a PTA program or event this month that benefits children.

- Provide families with a way to be more connected to their child's school and to participate meaningfully in their child's success.
- Encourage more people to join and become involved in PTA midyear.
- Achieve 100% teacher membership to qualify for the "Teachers Matter...Now More Than Ever" membership award.

The Future

- Elect nominating committee members who will search thoughtfully for a slate of officers that is balanced in experience and motivated to provide leadership next year.
- Keep minute books and procedure books up-to-date throughout the year so that future leaders have them for reference.
- Register for the California State PTA Convention, May 9-12 in Anaheim – a crucial step in ensuring the future success of your unit or council.
- Learn about the new "Our Children, Our Future" proposed ballot initiative and what it could mean to the future of education in California.

Be my "PTA Valentine" by giving a hug to a fellow volunteer who is giving time for all children...and while you're at it, treat yourself to an extra hug with your own kids!



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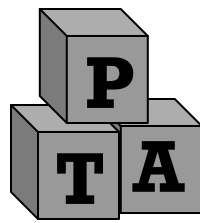
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PTA Founders Day

Basics

Founders Day: A PTA history lesson

By Elisa Westelin, Fourth District PTA Founders Day Chairman

The National PTA (National Congress of Parents and Teachers) is a volunteer child advocacy organization with branches established in all 50 United States, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and in schools for American dependents in Europe and the Pacific area.

Founded 115 years ago, on February 17, 1897, the National Congress of Mothers first convened in Washington D.C., gathering more than 2,000 volunteers to create a national organization dedicated to the welfare of children. On Founders Day, we remember the three founders of what is now known as the National PTA: Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst, and Selena Sloane Butler. These women dedicated their lives to the primary purpose of uniting home and school into a planned program for child welfare. Mrs. Birney wrote, "In the child and in our treatment of him rests the solution of the problems which confront the state and society today."

Founders Day is a reminder of the substantial role that PTA has played locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting parent involvement and working on behalf of all children and families. It's a time to reflect and take pride in our many accomplishments, and to renew our commitment to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

PTA's founders were women of imagination and courage. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world. They had a simple idea—to improve the lives and futures of all of our children. As much as other conditions in America may have changed, that idea has not, because today's PTA keeps it alive.

PTA is now the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. Our members represent the diversity of our nation, and they come from the ranks of traditional families, single-parent households, blended families, grandparents, and other caring adults. Together, we continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth.

PTA Purposes: Historical goals of PTA

- *To promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.*
- *To raise the standards of home life.*
- *To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.*
- *To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.*
- *To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.*

PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA

- *A powerful voice for all children,*
- *A relevant resource for families and communities, and*
- *A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.*



Resources to help combat bullying

By Barb Shangraw
VP Parent & Community Issues, Fourth District PTA

In our recent Fourth District PTA survey regarding community concerns, bullying was listed as the top concern among those who responded to the survey.

PTA has resources available for you and your unit at the national and state levels. National PTA has launched an initiative, *Connect for Respect*, found at www.pta.org/bullying.asp, which offers materials such as how to put on a *Connect for Respect* event, and best practices in school-based and community-based bullying prevention. National PTA also refers you to *Stop Bullying Now!* (www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov), a national campaign by the US Department of Health and Human Services that offers free, research-based tip sheets, video workshops, and resources for parents and educators. There are animated Webisodes, activities, and interactive games for kids.

California State PTA has partnered with Common Sense Media, a national nonprofit organization, to launch a new education campaign to combat cyberbullying. The new “*Cyberbullying Toolkit for PTA Leaders: Stand Up, Don’t Stand By*” includes parent tip sheets, parent education videos, and other resources at www.common sense.org/pta. This toolkit gives you what you need to organize a parent education night on the issue.

In all instances, make sure you work with your local school administrator to coordinate your efforts with their efforts to combat bullying.

Resources for PTA leaders

Fourth District PTA
www.fourthdistrictpta.org

California State PTA
www.capta.org
New Toolkit is available

National PTA
www.pta.org

Program Preview Day

Orange County's Educational Programming Showcase
Check out So. Cal's TOP School Programs In a Single Morning!



February 28, 2012

8:30 - 9:00 am Check In & Refreshments
9:00 - 10:00 am Arts Ed. Discussion
10:00 am - 1:00 pm Live Showcase
*11:30 am Lunch distributed
1:00 - 2:00 pm Presenter Open House
Clifton C. Miller Community Center
300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA 92780
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www.programpreviewday.com



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FOURTH DISTRICT PTA CALENDAR

February

- 2 **Due:** High School Graduating Senior Scholarship & Spotlight Award—CAPTA Sacramento office
- 6-7 **California State PTA State Legislative Conference**
In Sacramento
- 11 **Reflections Gallery**
1-4pm at OCDE
- 15 **Advocacy: Ballot initiative event**
10am-noon, Clifton C. Miller Community Center, Tustin
- 16 **District Board Meeting at OCDE**
9:30am CP Roundtable; 10:30am District Board; membership due
- 17 **PTA Founders Day**
- 20 *Fourth District PTA office closed for Presidents Day holiday*
- 28 **Program Preview Day**, 8:30am-2pm, Clifton C. Miller Community Center, Tustin

March

- 13 **Executive Committee Meeting**, 9:30am, Fourth District PTA office
- 14 **CP Roundtable**, 9:30am at Fourth District PTA office; bring membership, midyear council audits.
- 16 **Sacramento Safari Orientation**, 9:30am at Fountain Valley School District Board Room
- 19 **OC Arts presents Randy Nelson**
10am at Segerstrom Hall, CM
- 22 **Annual Meeting & Administrators Dinner** at The Turnip Rose, CM; 5:30pm General Meeting; 6:15pm Registration & Reception; 6:45pm dinner & program.
- 26-27 **Sacramento Safari**
Embassy Suites, Sacramento

Fourth District PTA
Administrators Dinner

Thursday, March 22

The Turnip Rose

At the Grand Newport Plaza

1901 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa

(Just west on 19th Street at the south end of the 55 Fwy)

Cost: \$40 per person

Parking included

5:30 p.m. General Meeting

6:15 p.m. Registration and Reception

6:45 p.m. Program and Dinner

Reservation Deadline: March 5



PTA del Cuarto Distrito
Cena de los Administradores

Jueves, 22 de marzo

The Turnip Rose

At the Grand Newport Plaza

1901 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa

(Al este de 19th Street y al sur del final del 55 Fwy)

Precio: \$40 por persona

con el estacionamiento incluido

5:30 p.m. Junta General

6:15 p.m. Registro y Recepcion

6:45 p.m. Programa y Cena

Fecha limite para reservar, 5 de marzo

Dinner Reservation Form

Forma para reservacion de cena

Name/Nombre _____

Unit/Unidad _____ Council/Consejo _____

Guests and titles/Huespedes y titulos:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

❖ Confirmation phone number or e-mail address _____

❖ Numero telefonico o direccion de correo electronic _____

❖ Please indicate vegetarian plate option _____ (How Many?)

❖ Por favor ponga una cruz si necesita ordenar platillos vegetarianos _____ (?Cuantos?)

Enclosed is a check payable to Fourth District PTA for _____ person(s) @ \$40 each.

Incluido con esta forma esta el cheque a nombre de Fourth District PTA para el pago de la cena de _____ persons a \$40 cada persona.

Send completed form and check to:

Favor de mandar esta forma con un cheque a nombre de:

Fourth District PTA, Adminstrators Dinner

1520 Brookhollow Drive, #40

Santa Ana, CA 92705

❖ Questions? Call the Fourth District PTA Office at (714) 241-0495 or

contact Judi Kusumoto at banquets@fourthdistrictpta.org

❖ ?Preguntas? Llame a la linea telefonica en espanol del Cuarto Distrito de PTA (714) 540-1575.

Special education information, updates, and resources

By Debra DeMent, M.A.
Fourth District PTA Special Education Chairman

Here are some social resources for the special kids in your life:

Boy Scouts of America

Inclusive Troops are offered to boys ages 7-17.

Phone: (714) 546-4990

Website: www.scouting.org

Address: Troops offered in various locations

Best Buddies

International organization designed to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities ages 12 and older by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and various recreational activities.

Phone: 1-888-68BUDDY

Website: www.bestbuddiescalifornia.org

Address: check website or call for location near you

Camp Paivika Ability First

AbilityFirst Camp Paivika offers children ages 11 through adults a traditional camp experience, delivered with nurturing support and above all, an emphasis on fun. Camp Paivika days are filled with well-regulated, morning-to-night activities that are creatively adapted to enable and encourage full participation. Traditional activities include arts & crafts, swimming, horseback riding, sports & recreation, nature studies and performing arts. At all times, the safety and well-being of campers are paramount. Camp Paivika's carefully screened, qualified staff and 24-hour nursing personnel meet each camper's medical, dietary, feeding and personal hygiene care and assistance needs with sensitivity and respect for every camper's dignity. Sessions vary in length from five to nine nights. Camperships are available for individuals that qualify.

Phone: (909) 338-1102

Website: www.abilityfirst.org/camppaivika

Address: Crestline, CA

The Friday Night Club — (for teens with special needs age 13-18+)

What do typical teens do on Friday nights? Hang out with their friends! The Friday Night Club gives teenagers with special needs the same opportunity – to get together for games, movies, conversation, friendship, and a light snack with typical teens.

Phone: 949-333-6400

Website: <http://www.ucp-oc.org>

Address: United Cerebral Palsy OC, 980 Roosevelt, Ste. 100, Irvine, CA

All information can be accessed at www.ucp-oc.org.



Picture yourself as a PTA photographer

By Patty Christiansen
VP for Communications



Kindergartners round the first turn in the jog-a-thon. Parents advocate at a school board meeting. PTA families attend a family science night. You capture it all on film. With digital technology, all of this is possible with a camera click of your cell phone!

Have you ever noticed that the first thing you look at when you open a newsletter, magazine or a website is a photograph? With all of the information, news, and honors that PTA wants to share, photographs help us bring the story to life. Taking pictures is easy, fun and rewarding – especially when you see them in a school newsletter or on the PTA website. The best part is PTA wants your pictures!

Digital photography—whether we use our favorite camera or our smart phone – gives us freedom from film developing, freedom to edit pictures on-the-go, freedom to take hundreds of pictures at a time, and freedom to share them with everyone via newsletter or social media. Send your pictures, saved as a jpg, via your phone messaging system or from your home computer.

In the digital age, photos are taken everywhere and by everybody. Before you publish those photographs in your newsletter or on your website, double-check with your school office to make sure that parents have signed the release form allowing the school or PTA to use a child's image. Be cautious not to put in harm's way children who are in a family protection program; check with the parent before publishing. If your school does not have a release form on file for the child, go to the California State PTA *Toolkit*, page 362, to find a Photography Release form.

Have fun with photography in your PTA publications. Be cautious and make sure that parents have agreed to have their image or their child's image published. Using photographs in your publications generates excitement and enthusiasm. The old adage is still true: one picture is worth a thousand words.



Using technology to support student success

By William M. Habermehl, Orange County Superintendent of Schools



Integrating technology into core curriculum enhances learning by helping students acquire the skills they need to thrive in a complex, highly technological world. Incorporating technology in classroom instruction deepens learning through problem solving, active engagement, and team participation. Technology-integrated, project-based learning allows students to be intellectually challenged while providing them with a realistic experience of modern working environments. An added bonus is that using technology makes teaching and learning both meaningful and fun.

For the past ten years, the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) has created an opportunity to highlight the innovative, replicable ways teachers integrate technology in the classroom, and to share the successes students achieve on a regular basis. The best student curriculum technology integration projects within Orange County schools are chosen to participate in the OCDE-sponsored Student Technology Showcase (STS), an anticipated component of the Orange County Computer Using Educators (OC CUE) Technology Festival and the statewide CUE Conference in Palm Springs, California. The Student Technology Showcase serves to inform parents, teachers, administrators, legislators, and higher education representatives about curriculum-based student technology projects being undertaken in public schools in Orange County.

To start the process, teachers complete an online application describing their student project, technology's role, and how teaching and student learning have changed as a

result of the technology tools used in their classrooms. A volunteer review team made up of teachers, district technology coordinators, business/non-profit leaders, and OCDE staff read and rate each application and decide which projects merit a site visit. The site visits provide a hands-on opportunity for students to describe and demonstrate how they are using technology to learn specific content areas and how technology has been integrated into the learning process. The review team then selects the most innovative classrooms to present at the local and state level.

Another aspect of OCDE's STS process is the "dress rehearsal" held prior to the Showcase. This provides students the initial opportunity to present their projects in a science fair format to an audience of adults, and it gives the review team a final chance to select the projects that will represent Orange County at the statewide STS. In 2012, teams have an additional opportunity to be selected for the STS at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference being held in San Diego in June.

This year, projects include the use of iPods and iPads to increase reading fluency and comprehension and to improve math, science, and other skills; Story Kit, an application that incorporates pictures, text and sound; blogs; video broadcasts and much more.

For more information about the Student Technology Showcase, visit <http://www.k12hsn.org/resources/showcase/gallery/index.php/ocde/>.

The Nominating Committee has met...now what?

By Beverly Berryman
Fourth District PTA Parliamentarian

The nominating committee has met, identified and contacted the most qualified individuals for each of the leadership positions on your PTA board, so now it is time to provide written notice to the membership of your PTA. This must be completed at least 30 days prior to the election meeting and can be done at an association meeting, or through a flyer or newsletter.

If one of the nominees withdraws before the election, the committee must

meet immediately to agree upon another nominee. In the event that no qualified candidate can be found for a particular office, it is better to leave the office vacant than to fill it with a person not able to do the job. After the election, the board-elect may fill any vacant position, according to the unit bylaws.

The election of officers is held at an association meeting specified in the unit bylaws and will come under "new business" on the agenda. Each person on the committee must sign the Nominating Committee's Report, and this report, which includes the slate of officers, is read to the associa-

tion by the chairman at the election meeting. At this time, nominations from the floor are also entertained by the president. The election of officers is then conducted by the president. Please refer to the *California State PTA Toolkit – Section 2.2 Nominations and Elections* for additional details regarding the election of officers.

As with most reports, the report of the nominating committee must be entered into the minutes of the association. Once this report is presented to the membership at the election meeting, the work of the most influential and powerful committee is complete.



Learning and working in the collaborative age

By Shanin Ziemer
Fourth District PTA Cultural Arts Chairman

For the last 25 years, Randy Nelson has been using techniques from the arts to help businesses like NeXT, Apple, Pixar, and DreamWorks thrive. He will share what he has discovered in working with the world's greatest companies: no matter what your business, the core skills include skills only learned in the arts.

What are some of the creative pathways to exercise vision, model and select great problems and solutions, focus an organization, demonstrate standards, vet and evaluate, and provoke and motivate? How can building your creative capacity provide unparalleled opportunities to create better organizations, better businesses, and better students? Come find out at the annual Creative Edge Lecture, co-sponsored by Fourth District PTA, as Randy Nelson presents "Learning and Working in the Collaborative Age" at 10 a.m. on March 19, at the Segerstrom Concert Hall.

Randy created Pixar University and was the dean for more than a dozen years. Most recently, he taught at Carnegie Mellon University in its Entertainment Technology Center. To-

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
The Annual Creative Edge Lecture
**Learning and Working
in the Collaborative Age**

by Randy Nelson

Monday, March 19, 2012

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall
Segerstrom Center for the Arts



Tickets \$35—on sale February 1
at www.scfta.org

day Randy uses his art, film, theater, animation, software, training and juggling experience daily as the head of DreamWorks Education, providing training and education for all of DreamWorks employees.

36th Annual VSA Festival: "I Love California"

By Debi Grant, Very Special Arts Committee

Calling all PTA Unit Presidents, Cultural Art Education Representatives, Special Education Representatives and enthusiastic PTA volunteers! We have an opportunity to increase the number of public school student entries for the Very Special Arts Festival on April 21.

All schools and organizations serving the disabled are invited to participate, along with the integrated/mainstreamed classes in grades K-12.

What is the VSA Festival?

The "WE LOVE CALIFORNIA" themed 36th annual VSA Festival will be held on Saturday, April 21, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Westfield MainPlace Mall in Santa Ana.

The festival celebrates the artistic accomplishments of individuals with disabilities and includes demonstrations, performances, and a visual art exhibit, serving all ages and all dis-

abilities. The opening ceremony showcases outstanding performers in dance, music, and theater, and provides an overview of the day's activities. Throughout the mall will be no-cost, hands-on art workshops serving all children who want to participate. As an event of the Imagination Celebration, the art exhibit will start on April 19.

How can we encourage kids to participate?

VSA Showcase Entry forms and information with exhibit specifications have been forwarded to all principals, and have been emailed to all PTA unit presidents who can assist in finding enthusiastic volunteers to support the teachers of our special needs population in grades K-12. VSA Festival Entry forms are due February 24. Artwork, including creative writing pieces, are due March 19. For VSA

entry forms, and workshop information contact: Cindy Salisbury at (714) 966-4452 or csalisbury@ocde.us.



To support the VSA Festival and the classroom, the OCDE and VSA OC are hosting a no-cost workshop, "Brain Tools for the Classroom - Fun and Effective Ways to Integrate Music and Movement into Your Daily Curriculum," with Maria Simeone, presenter, on February 9 from 4 – 6 p.m. at OCDE. You must register by February 2.

Our Children, Our Future – Education Funding Initiative

By Gisela Meier, Fourth District PTA Advocacy Communicator Editor

A bold proposal to create a state trust fund dedicated to public schools has won the endorsement of California State PTA, which will participate in the signature gathering effort to qualify the measure for the November 2012 ballot.

The *Our Children, Our Future Act* would raise about \$10 billion in new revenues through a temporary sliding-scale income tax increase, with the highest income earners contributing the most. The revenue would be allocated directly to public schools on a per-pupil basis and would be used to provide a well-rounded education that supports college and career readiness for every student, promoting a high quality curriculum that includes the arts; music; physical education; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); and vocational and technical education courses. It can also be used for smaller class sizes, school libraries

and librarians, school nurses and counselors. Local parents, educators and staff would decide how the money is spent at each school.

Schools could use no more than one percent of the trust funding on administrative costs and would not be allowed to use the funds to increase salaries or benefits. The governor and legislature could not use the trust fund or direct how it is spent, and the revenue could not be used to replace Prop. 98 or any other current funding.

The proposal was developed by Molly Munger, a civil rights attorney and longtime education activist who is also providing financial backing for the project.

The measure must collect 504,760 signatures by April 20 to qualify for the November ballot. To assure that there are enough valid signatures, backers plan to collect 800,000, beginning in February.

Fourth District PTA will take an

OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE The time is NOW!

Please join us to learn about this important statewide ballot initiative that will restore funding to our schools and for our children.

Fourth District PTA Advocacy Roundtable Ballot Initiative Event

Wednesday, February 15, 2012
10:30AM to 12:30PM

At the Clifton C. Miller Community Center,
300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA

RSVP to Fran Sdao,
Advocacy Roundtable Chairman at
roundtables@fourthdistrictpta.org
or 949 462 9862

Coffee and light refreshments will be served.
All PTA members are urged to attend!

active role in this statewide campaign, beginning with a kick-off *Our Children, Our Future* Initiative Event on Wednesday, February 15 (see box, above). All PTA members are urged to attend. Learn more about this bold and thoughtful initiative and how it will transform our schools. Find out what you can do to make sure our schools get the funding they need!

For more information, go to www.capta.org. To read the full text of the initiative, go to:

www.OurChildrenOurFuture2012.com.

► **Want some help explaining this initiative to your unit or council? Fourth District Advocacy Team representatives are available to address your meeting! Contact Shereen Walter at speakers@fourthdistrictpta.org.**

Budget proposals, initiatives and advocacy—oh my!

By Lori Abbott, Sacramento Safari Chairman

With all the hot topics brewing for 2012, the best way to become informed is to attend the annual two-day Sacramento Safari on Monday, March 26 – Tuesday, March 27. NOW is the time to have your unit or council vote to appoint you as a representative (units and councils may send more than one representative), as well as approve the expenditure of funds for Sacramento Safari. Attendees must be current PTA members and student attendees must be 18 years old or accompanied by a parent or guardian.

This is a terrific opportunity to hear first-hand from experts about those education issues you read about in the newspapers and online. You will also have the opportunity to advocate directly to Orange County Assembly Members and Senators.

The Fourth District Advocacy Committee is working hard to provide you with two days of outstanding speakers, educational materials, leadership and direction for legislator visits,

SACRAMENTO SAFARI CONFERENCE DETAILS

Hotel: \$265 double occupancy; \$365 single occupancy

Included: One night, Embassy Suites, Sacramento; lunch & dinner Monday; breakfast & lunch Tuesday; conference materials.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, parking, dinner Tuesday

Orientation: 9:30 am Friday, March 16, Fountain Valley School District Board Room; all participants should attend.

hotel accommodations, and meals. You will need to secure your own flights and ground transportation.

Online registration is **NOW** available and the deadline is Friday, March 2, or whenever the capacity of 100 is reached. The registration form and emergency form can be submitted online, but **your registration will not be complete until your check is received at the Fourth District PTA Office.** To register online (preferred), please go to:

http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/cgi-bin/Form_processor/Forms/SacramentoSafari.cgi.

To print out a hard copy and register via mail, please go to: http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/forms/Sacramento_Safari_Registration_Forms_2012.pdf

**California State PTA Convention
May 9-12, 2012**

*Anaheim Hilton Resort & Spa
and the Anaheim Convention Center*

Register online at www.capta.org.

Early bird is \$199 for a full-time delegate plus a \$25 Fourth District Fee until March 31; registration goes up to \$239 from April 1-30; then \$259 for on-site registration from May 9-12.

- ▶ Network with other PTA parents
- ▶ Become inspired by being a member of an organization that makes such a difference in the lives of kids
- ▶ Discuss and vote on resolutions that become the platform for which we in PTA spend our time and energy advocating
- ▶ Become more knowledgeable about how to operate an effective PTA through workshops
- ▶ Hear great motivational speakers



Fourth District Convention Dinner



**Fourth District PTA
invites you to join us as we relive
the fun of the 60s!**

Location: Anaheim Hilton Resort & Spa
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012
Time: Registration at 7:15 pm
Dinner and Fun at 7:45 pm
Cost: \$40

Wear your 60s attire!
Each Council will present a short limerick or song, so be creative!

Tickets can be purchased during the online State PTA Convention Registration process at www.capta.org or directly through 4th District PTA. Deadline April 15

Dinner Attendee(s) _____

Unit _____ Council _____

Confirmation email address: _____

Please indicate vegetarian plate options _____ (how many?)



Enclosed is a check payable to Fourth District PTA
For ____ person(s) @ \$40 each
Send completed form and check to:
Fourth District PTA, Convention Dinner
1520 Brookhollow Drive, #40
Santa Ana, CA 92705
Questions? Call the 4th District office 714-241-0495



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Join us to celebrate the “Diversity Means...” Reflections Program!

The Fourth District PTA invites you and your family to attend the

Reflections Gallery and Reception

A special open house event to recognize students whose entries advanced to the Fourth District PTA

**Saturday, February 11, 2012
1PM to 4PM**

**Orange County Department of Education
200 Kalmus Drive, Building A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

*Each student will receive a participation award.
Entries advancing to the California State PTA will be announced in the program.*

Please contact Kathleen Sarangay, Fourth District PTA Reflections Chair with any questions: reflections@fourthdistrictpta.org or 949-275-7765





Mensaje de la Presidenta

AMO a la PTA—Pasado, presente y futuro

Por Celia Jaffe

Es febrero el mes del amor y la amistad en la PTA. De momento ya se ha acomodado a su rutina como líder de la PTA. Espero que se sienta cómodo conduciendo juntas, delegando tareas a sus oficiales y directivos y trabajando cooperativamente con la administración de su escuela, y compartiendo ideas con otros líderes de PTA durante las juntas de consejo.

Ahora que las tareas diarias de la PTA se han estabilizado, usted puede ver su papel más tranquilamente. Las actividades de febrero de la PTA se relacionan con el pasado, el presente y el futuro.

EL PASADO

- ♦ Organice un reconocimiento de los estudiantes que participaron en el programa Reflexiones durante el mes de noviembre.
- ♦ Verifique que la auditoria de medio año se lleve a cabo (periodo de junio a diciembre).
- ♦ Recuerde los propósitos originales de la PTA conmemorando el día de los fundadores en el que celebramos el cumpleaños 115 de esta organiza-

ción.

- ♦ Vea sus actividades de PTA y el presupuesto de medio año para ver si su unidad o consejo está siguiendo el camino adecuado para completar todas sus metas.

EL PRESENTE

- ♦ Trabaje en un programa de PTA que beneficie a los niños durante este mes.
- ♦ Provea a las familias de una manera en que se puedan conectar a la escuela de sus hijos para participar en los éxitos de sus niños.
- ♦ Anime a más gente a involucrarse en la PTA durante el medio año.
- ♦ Logre el 100% de membrecía de maestros para calificar por el premio “los maestros importan...ahora más que nunca”.

EL FUTURO

- ♦ Elija al comité nominador que empezara la búsqueda de candidatos para oficiales; procure que sea un comité balanceado y con experiencia para que hagan un trabajo correcto.

Recursos para combatir el abuso

Por Barb Shangraw,
Vicepresidenta de Asuntos
Comunitarios del 4o Distrito de PTA

En la encuesta reciente que realizamos la burla (bullying) ocupó un papel central entre las situaciones más preocupantes sucediendo en las escuelas.

La PTA tiene recursos disponibles a todo nivel para combatir el problema. La PTA Nacional ha lanzado una iniciativa titulada “*Conéctese por el respeto*” consulte más sobre el tema visitando el sitio de internet: www.pta.org/bullying.asp que ofrece materiales para organizar un evento sobre el tema, además de contener las mejores prácticas basadas en la prevención de la burla escolar y comunitaria. La PTA Nacional también se refiere a la campaña nacional *Bullying Now!* (*¡Burlándose ahora!*) (www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov), una campaña nacional del Departamento de Servicios Humanos que ofrece servicios

gratuitos como artículos, talleres en video y recursos para los padres y educadores. Hay caricaturas, actividades y juegos interactivos infantiles.

La PTA de California se ha unido a Common Sense Media, una organización nacional no lucrativa que ha lanzado una campaña educativa para combatir la burla por computadora. Este nuevo tipo de burla tiene dedicado un artículo en la *Carpeta de Recursos de la PTA de California- Líderes de PTA: Levántense y no se dejen aplastar*” e incluye consejos para padres, videos para educación de padres además de otros recursos que encontrara en el sitio de internet www.commonsense.org/pta. Esta carpeta le permite organizar una noche de educación para padres.

De cualquier manera asegúrese de trabajar con la administración de su escuela para coordinar los esfuerzos para combatir la burla.

- ♦ Mantenga las carpetas de procedimientos actualizadas durante todo el año para que sus futuros líderes las tengan como referencia informativa.
- ♦ Inscribese para la Convención anual de la PTA de California que se lleva a cabo del 9 al 12 de mayo en Anaheim- este es un paso crucial para asegurar el éxito futuro de su unidad y consejo además de que se ofrecerán varias clases en español de diferentes temas.
- ♦ Entérese de la nueva iniciativa propuesta para votar “Nuestros Niños, Nuestro Futuro” y lo que significa para el futuro de la educación en California.

Sea mi “Valentín de PTA” dándole un abrazo a uno de sus voluntarios por el tiempo que invierten para los niños, y por qué no, dele un abrazo a sus propios niños pues todo lo que usted hace es por su bienestar.

NUESTROS NIÑOS, NUESTRO FUTURO

¡Actuemos AHORA!

Por favor únase a este importante esfuerzo que ayudara a restaurar los ingresos De nuestras escuelas para nuestros niños

Mesa redonda de defensa del 4o Distrito de PTA

**Miércoles 15 de febrero de 2012
De 10:30AM a 12:30PM**

**En Clifton C. Miller Community Center,
300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA**

Confirme con Fran Sdao,
Directora de mesas redondas de defensa
roundtables@fourthdistrictpta.org
o 949 462 9862

Café y bebidas disponibles.

*¡Se exhorta a todos los miembros
de PTA a asistir!*

El comité nominador ya se reunió y ahora ¿qué?

Por Beverly Berryman, Parlamentaria del 4o Distrito de PTA

El comité nominador ya se reunió, identifico y contacto a los individuos más calificados para sus posiciones de liderazgo en la mesa directiva, entonces ahora es momento de notificar a sus miembros. Esto debe hacerse al menos con 30 días de anticipación de la junta de elección y debe hacerse durante una junta de asociación y a través de una circular o en el boletín noticioso.

Si alguno de los nominados se retira antes de la elección, el comité debe reunirse inmediatamente para buscar un reemplazo. En caso de que no se pueda encontrar un candidato calificado para dicho puesto, es mejor dejarlo vacante que postular una persona que no hará el trabajo. Después de la elección la mesa directiva podrá encargarse de llenar la posición de acuerdo a lo estipulado por los estatutos.

La elección de los oficiales se hace durante una junta de asociación y se debe poner dentro de "asuntos nuevos" en la agenda. Cada candidato debe firmar el reporte del comité nominador y dicho reporte, que incluye la lista de candidatos, se lee a los miembros por el director del comité. Al terminar, las nominaciones hechas desde el piso son mencionadas por el presidente. La elección de oficiales es conducida por el presidente. Vea la sección 2.2 de *La Carpeta de Recursos de la PTA de California*, que habla sobre la elección de los oficiales.

Como con cualquier reporte el del comité nominador es añadido a las minutas o actas. Una vez que el reporte es presentado a los miembros en la junta de elección, el trabajo de dicho comité se termina y se disuelve.

Nuestros Niños, Nuestro Futuro Iniciativa de fondo monetario para la educación

Por Gisela Meier, Editora del Comunicador Legislativo del 4o Distrito de PTA.

Una propuesta honesta para crear un fondo monetario para las escuelas públicas ha ganado el apoyo de la PTA de California, la cual participará en un esfuerzo para coleccionar firmas que calificaran a la propuesta para ser parte de la boleta de votación de Noviembre de 2012.

El acto *Nuestros Niños, Nuestro Futuro* se propone coleccionar 10 billones de dólares de nuevos ingresos a través de un aumento temporal de impuestos que se calculara de acuerdo al ingreso anual de las personas y con el que las personas que reciban más ingresos pagaran más. El ingreso de distribuirá directamente a las escuelas públicas en base al número de alumnos y será usado para proveer una buena educación que apoye la asistencia a la Universidad o a una institución técnica para desarrollar la carrera de cada estudiante, incluyendo un programa de estudio de alta calidad que incluya arte, música, educación física, ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas; además de proporcionar cursos de educación vocacional técnica. También el ingreso podrá ser usado para reducir el tamaño de las clases, crear bibliotecas con bibliotecarios además de consejeros,

Los padres, educadores y administradores de la escuela decidirán como se gasta el dinero.

Las escuelas no pueden usar más de un 1% de los fondos en costos administrativos y no se les permitirá usar dicho dinero para incrementar salarios o beneficios. La legislatura y el gobernador no podrán hacer uso de dichos fondos ni podrán decidir como gastarlos, además de que estos fondos no podrán ser utilizados para reemplazar la propuesta 98 o cualquier otro método de ingresos.

La propuesta fue desarrollada por Molly Munger, una abogada de derechos civiles y activista de educación que también está proporcionando el financiamiento de dicho proyecto.

La medida debe recolectar 504,760 firmas para el 20 de abril para poder ser sometida en la boleta de votación de noviembre. Para asegurarnos que tenemos suficientes firmas fidedignas, se planean recolectar un total de 800,000, empezando en febrero.

El 4o Distrito de PTA tomara un papel activo en esta campaña estatal, empezando en un evento de inauguración el 15 de febrero. Todos los miembros de PTA están invitados a asistir. Venga a

Convención Estatal de la PTA

Del 12 al 19 de mayo de 2012
Anaheim Hilton Resort & Spa and the Anaheim Convention Center

Inscríbese por internet en
www.capta.org

La inscripción temprana cuesta \$199 para el delegado de tiempo completo mas \$25 de cuota para el 4o Distrito hasta el 31 de marzo; el 1 de abril la inscripción subirá de precio a \$239; finalmente la inscripción costará \$259 en la puerta durante la convención.

► Aproveche y conéctese con otros padres de PTA.

► Inspírese siendo parte de los miembros de una organización que marca la diferencia en la vida de nuestros hijos.

► Discuta y vote en las resoluciones que serán la plataforma en que la PTA pondrá sus esfuerzos de defensa.

► Entérese de cómo operar una PTA más efectiva a través de los talleres de entrenamiento.

► Escuche a presentadores motivacionales.

informarse de esta iniciativa y como transformara nuestras escuelas. ¡Entérese como puede hacer que nuestras escuelas obtengan los fondos necesarios que necesitan!

Para mayor información visite nuestro sitio de internet:

www.OurChildrenOurFuture2012.com.

► **¿Necesita ayuda para explicar esta iniciativa a su consejo o unidad? El equipo de defensa del 4o Distrito tiene un representante para su junta. Favor de contactar a Shereen Walter**

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By Su Craig, VP Membership, Fourth District PTA

This January and February, encourage your units to hold a membership campaign. Each unit that participates in “Jump into January” by holding a midyear campaign and then letting CAPTA know about their success will receive the following.

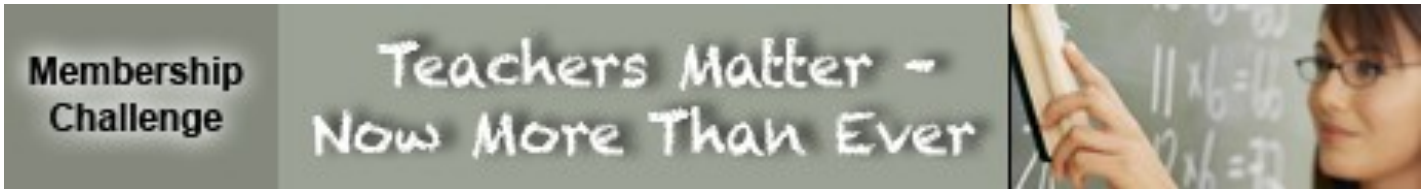
- ✓ Certificate of merit from CAPTA
- ✓ Recognition via our website
- ✓ Recognition via CAPTA website
- ✓ Recognition at the PTA Convention!

Submission is easy to do...units can submit information right online!

And don't forget the “Teachers Matter Now More Than Ever” campaign. Win a free registration to this year's PTA convention in Anaheim. It's easy. If 100% of the full-time teachers based at your school join PTA, your unit can qualify! Complete the challenge, complete the application form and someone in your PTA can attend convention FREE!

The Challenge is on! Thirty-third District PTA has issued a Membership Challenge to Fourth District PTA. Fourth District is at 79% of last year's totals; 33rd District has remitted 74% of last year's totals.

So make us proud and keep our numbers going up... and keep up the great work!



**Membership
Challenge**

Teachers Matter -
Now More Than Ever



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