

**President's Message**

**A fresh start and first impressions**

by Celia Jaffe



*I wonder what this school year will be like. Will my child's teacher be a good fit? Will his best friend be in the same class? Is he going to do better in math? Are his clothes from last year still going to fit?*

These are the kinds of thoughts parents all over the country are having around this time of year. Each school year is a fresh start with both excitement and uncertainty. And the PTA year is part of that new start. Are the meetings going to be organized? Will the officers work well together? Is the activity going to be worthwhile? But most of all, when parents and staff consider the new PTA year, they wonder, "Is my participation welcome?" and "Will my involvement matter?"

The simplest things can make a big difference when drawing in new people to participate in PTA. Meeting notices must be clear, go out through multiple media, and include a welcome for new people. Does everyone know where the meetings are held? Is it clear that they can join PTA at the meeting? Do you still have some "starter" positions available to draw in new potential leaders?

The biggest hurdle is providing motivation for someone new to attend a PTA meeting: "Come hear the principal's plans for this year." "The school officer will talk about safety on

campus." "Help choose the design for our new T-shirts."

To make a good first impression, start by considering your meetings from the beginning. Does everyone introduce themselves and state their roles? Are you explaining unfamiliar terms? Does everyone who attends a meeting have an opportunity to speak? With a smaller meeting, you might have everyone say their names and their kids' grades. In a larger gathering, assign a few leaders to greet people at the door and chat with them on the way out. Personal contact is crucial.

Next, move on to consider the bigger questions. Does PTA play a vital role at the school? Do PTA activities benefit the children and engage families in their child's education? Do things actually get accomplished at your meeting?

An effective meeting needs an agenda of well-prepared items of business, meaningful discussion about decisions of the organization, and some "insider scoop" about what's new at school. Something fun or inspiring would be great, too.

Our parents and teachers need to know that the PTA meeting is worth the hour or two (shorter is better!) out of their day.

Good luck in starting your year! A positive, friendly attitude and some good planning will draw new participation into your PTA and give your new school year a great kickoff!



**Fourth District**  
**PTA®**  
*everychild.one voice.*



*Artículos en español—  
 paginas 10 y 11*

**Inside this issue:**

PTA Basics: Secretary duties; Nov. elections	<b>2</b>
Calendar; Treasurer tips; Advocacy training	<b>3</b>
New advocacy chairs; Sacramento news	<b>4</b>
Fall membership campaign	<b>5</b>
New OC Superintendent; Reflections	<b>6</b>
Reflections, continued	<b>7</b>
Articulos en español	<b>8-9</b>
Prop 38: Our Children, Our Future	<b>Back</b>

## Fourth District PTA

### President

Celia Jaffe

### Vice President, Communications

Patty Christiansen

### Orange Leaves Editor

Kathleen Fay

### Orange Leaves Distribution

Candi Kern

©2012, Fourth District, Orange County, California Congress of Parents, Teachers and Students, Inc. Contents may be reproduced for private, non-commercial use only, provided credit is given to: "*Orange Leaves*, Fourth District PTA, CCPTS."

*Orange Leaves* is published  
nine times per year.

Fourth District PTA comprises 20  
councils in Orange & LA Counties  
with over 400 unit PTAs.

### Our office is located at:

1520 Brookhollow Dr., #40  
Santa Ana, California 92705-5449

### Administrative Assistant

Deanna Seanoa

### Data Administrator

Leticia Keeling

### Office hours

Monday through Thursday  
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
*Closed Fridays and all  
school holidays.*

### Office phone number

714-241-0495

### FAX number

714-241-0497

### Línea telefónica en español

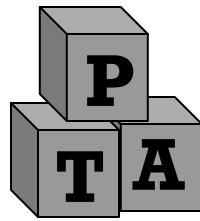
714-540-1575

### E-mail address

fourthdistrictpta@sbcglobal.net

### Website

www.fourthdistrictpta.org



## Secretary's key duties

# Basics

## Secretary: The keeper of the records

By Gisela Meier, Fourth District PTA Secretary

The PTA secretary holds a vitally important position. In fact, it is one of three positions required for a PTA unit to be in good standing. Here are three reasons why:

First, the PTA secretary keeps the unit records. These are legal documents that your organization must be able to produce if required. They include your PTA charter, your bylaws and the current and previous minutes.

Second, keeping complete and accurate minutes protects the officers of your unit and helps assure that PTA funds are used appropriately.

Finally, a clear and complete record of decisions made at each meeting helps eliminate confusion and misunderstanding, and allows your organization to run more smoothly.

Take your job as secretary seriously and learn how to do it correctly. If you did not attend a secretary workshop at the PTA State Convention or the Fourth District PTA Spring Workshops, plan to attend the Fourth District PTA Fall Training in September.

You can get information about the secretary's duties from the *California State PTA Toolkit*, which is sent to all unit presidents. Ask your president for a copy of the job description for secretaries. You can also access the *Toolkit* and get other information from California State PTA at [capta.org](http://capta.org) or from Fourth District PTA at [fourthdistrictpta.org](http://fourthdistrictpta.org).

## PTA Votes — Election Activities

It is critical that all PTA members demonstrate their role as child advocates by becoming educated about candidates for public office and their positions on legislative issues that are important to children and public schools. By exercising our democratic right to vote, we are able to give children a voice. This is especially critical in the upcoming elections on November 6th.

In the 2012 federal elections, voters will determine our president, our vice president, all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and 33 U.S. senators. In state elections, voters will elect 13 governors, thousands of state house and senate members, and countless mayors, regents, city council members, boards of supervisors, county officials, and school board trustees. Your vote can make a difference for our children and communities.

If you want to learn how your PTA can participate in the election process, download or access the following resources at: [http://www.pta.org/public\\_policy.asp](http://www.pta.org/public_policy.asp)

- PTA Votes 2012 Election Guide
- Elections and Candidates
- Register to vote

— *National PTA*

## Protect your nonprofit status

# Tax tips from your treasurer

By Julie Redmond, Fourth District PTA Treasurer

Welcome to a new school year! As Fourth District PTA Treasurer, I will be monitoring or collecting all of the reports related to the financial aspects of each PTA. We have several new financial requirements that must be met in order to maintain our non-profit tax status.

Ideally, everyone is working hard to complete all of the necessary requirements to obtain your organization's Charitable Trust Number from the state of California. Please go to <http://ag.ca.gov/charities/forms.php> to begin the process. You are also now required to file a RRF-1 form annually. You will need to attach a copy of your federal tax return (Form 990). Do not file the RRF-1 until you have received your CT number from the Attorney General.

In addition, everyone should have received their Franchise Tax Board number (**this is not the same as the EIN number that you have been using for your Form 990**). If you haven't received it yet and you are a unit, contact your council (out of council units, please contact me at [treasurer@fourthdistrictpta.org](mailto:treasurer@fourthdistrictpta.org)) and councils, you will need to contact me. Starting with the 2010 tax year (fiscal year beginning in 2010 and ending in 2011), you are now required to file a California Form 199 (for PTA gross receipts normally greater than \$25,000) or Form 199N (for PTA gross receipts equal to or less than \$25,000). For Form 199 there is a \$10 filing fee. The 199N has no fee.

You are required to file Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. If you have gross receipts equal to or less than \$50,000 – file form 990N. For gross receipts that are equal to or more than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 – file form 990EZ. Finally, if your gross receipts are equal to or more than \$200,000 and total assets are equal to or more than \$500,000 – file Form 990.

Fortunately, all of the reports have the same deadline date. Depending on your fiscal year, all of these reports must be filed four (4) months and fifteen (15) days after the end of your fiscal year (November 15th).

Please be sure to file all of the necessary reports. The IRS is cracking down on nonprofit organizations and if you have not filed your tax returns for the last several years, you are in danger of having your nonprofit status revoked. Contact me at [treasurer@fourthdistrictpta.org](mailto:treasurer@fourthdistrictpta.org) if you have any questions.

**DON'T WAIT TO FILE YOUR REQUIRED FORMS. THEY CAN BE FILED NOW!**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT – BOARD ROOM

### **FOURTH DISTRICT PTA ADVOCACY TRAINING**

OFFERING SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS FOR BOTH  
BEGINNING AND RETURNING ADVOCACY CHAIRMEN

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

## FOURTH DISTRICT PTA CALENDAR

### September

- 3 *Fourth District PTA office closed for Labor Day Holiday*
- 20 **Fourth District PTA General Meeting at OCDE**  
9:30 am—CP Roundtable  
10:30 am—General Meeting
- 21 **Advocacy Training**  
9:30 am at Fountain Valley School District Board Room
- 26 **Fourth District PTA Fall Training**  
Workshops; morning & evening;  
location to be announced
- 28 **Executive Committee Meeting,**  
9:30 am, Fourth District PTA office

Submit your new PTA officers and chairmen at [fourthdistrictpta.org](http://fourthdistrictpta.org), on the "Management" tab

### October

- 7 **Fourth District PTA Board Meeting at OCDE**  
9:30 am—CP Roundtable  
10:30 am—Board Meeting  
*Due: Membership remittance; insurance premiums; year-end audits; 2012-13 Council budget*

### Resources for PTA leaders:

Fourth District PTA  
[www.fourthdistrictpta.org](http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org)

California State PTA  
[www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)  
*New Toolkit is available*

National PTA  
[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)



### Tips for new Advocacy Chairmen

## Advocacy is at the heart of PTA's mission and vision

By Kim Anderson, Fourth District PTA Vice President of Advocacy

Congratulations! You've been asked to serve your PTA as the Advocacy Chairman, and you agreed! Now what? (1) No worries...we are here for you! (2) Calendar the dates below, plan to attend the events, sign up for our Advocacy emails ("Leg Links") and you'll be off to a great start!

- **Advocacy Training** – Friday, September 21, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Fountain Valley School District. This offers everything you ever wanted to know about advocacy/legislative issues ...and more! We start with a joint session, followed by split sessions for new and returning advocacy chairmen.
- **Advocacy Roundtables** – On November 30, January 25, and April 26 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., this is THE place to be! (Locations will be announced soon). You will hear from outstanding guest speakers about current hot topics and learn the latest and greatest about Fourth District PTA happenings.
- **Sacramento Safari** – March 18-19, 2013, with an orientation tentatively scheduled for March 1. This is our annual Fourth District PTA two-day trip to Sacramento where you will hear from Sacramento's legislative rock stars – key policy makers and top education experts – and also have the opportunity to advocate directly to OC legislators in the State Capitol. It is important for you to ask your PTA now to allocate about \$600 in the annual budget for this not-to-be-missed trip! When you read the news upon your return, I can practically guarantee you'll see several of our speakers quoted.
- **Advocacy E-Mail Alerts (aka "Leg Links")** – These keep you up-to-date with all of PTA's breaking news *so you will definitely want to sign up now!* Go to: [www.fourthdistrictpta.org](http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org) and at bottom right of the home page, you will see "Publication Sign-up." Enter your e-mail address and check the "Leg Links" box. It will take you less than one minute, and in exchange, you'll be kept fully in-the-loop about all that is happening in the advocacy world!
- **Advocacy Communicator** – Our monthly e-newsletter filled with valuable, in-depth information for you to use in multiple ways: use the content in your own PTA newsletters; distribute the document as an e-mail to your PTA members, or offer it as a handout at PTA meetings. (You will receive these automatically as long as you are signed up for Leg Links). In the Leg Link message that accompanies the *Communicator*, we also provide you with a summary for you to use as your oral report at PTA meetings, if you so choose.

- **Website** – Your "go-to" electronic resource for up-to-the-minute advocacy information; go to [www.fourthdistrictpta.org](http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org) and then click on the "Advocacy" tab. There, you will find the following:
  - ✓ *Programs & Resources*
  - ✓ *Sacramento Safari*
  - ✓ *Legislative Agenda*
  - ✓ *Advocacy Communicator*
  - ✓ *PTA & Elections*
  - ✓ *Advocacy Roundtables*
  - ✓ *Prop 38 - Our Children, Our Future Initiative*
  - ✓ *Visits to our Representatives*
  - ✓ *Legislative Alerts & News*
  - ...so please check it out frequently!
- **Other important websites** to sign up to get legislative alerts from are:
  - ✓ California State PTA: [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) Go to Advocacy; Legislative Alerts; Join our Legislative Alert list.
  - ✓ National PTA: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) Go to Public Policy; Join the Network today.
- **Speaker's Bureau** – At your request, members of our Fourth District PTA Advocacy Team will come to your school or council PTA meeting to speak about any topics important to you. These could include: Prop 38 - *Our Children, Our Future*; Education Funding in California; Elections & PTA; Top ten things a great advocate does; History of PTA & Advocacy; How to get parents to take action on advocacy issues; or any advocacy subject you choose.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at: [advocacy@fourthdistrictpta.org](mailto:advocacy@fourthdistrictpta.org)

## While you were summering, a lot was going on in Sacramento!

**State budget** was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown on June 27 and does the following:

- Resolves a \$15.7 billion deficit in the spending plan
  - Relies on voters to approve a tax hike on sales and high-income earners (Prop 30)
  - Lays out \$6 billion in cuts, mostly to schools and higher education, if tax initiatives fail to be approved by voters
- Initiatives:** Ten initiatives have qualified for the November 6, 2012 ballot. PTA positions, where taken, are shown in parentheses:

**Proposition 30:** Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. (**NEUTRAL**)

(Continued on page 5)



# Guidelines for your annual PTA membership campaign

By Lisa Boler, Fourth District PTA Membership Chairman

California State PTA is the largest volunteer organization in the state dedicated to improving the well-being of all children and youth. Joining PTA supports local, state, and national efforts to improve the education of children and the lives of families. Membership provides the opportunity for individuals to raise their voices with others throughout the state and nation to protect children's rights. Membership ensures that PTA's voice is heard on issues affecting young people as well as providing opportunities for parent education, communication and leadership development. Here are some points to remember:

- Membership dues = amount due to National PTA \$2.25, California State PTA \$1.25, and Fourth District PTA \$0.60, plus your council and unit dues.
- Everyone who joins your PTA should receive a membership card. The card is proof of membership, and entitles the member to vote, apply for scholarships, and receive benefits from the *Members Only* section of the National PTA website.
- The PTA Unit ID number on the card should be your National PTA number, which you can find in your bylaws.
- Dues forwarded to council PTA are **per capita**. Per capita means per person, so if your school has a family membership and a family has four members, the forwarded dues are four times the dues amount. Why? These dues are the only form of income for the council and district PTA, and make up a major portion of the income for state and national PTA as well. The dues help to cover training, support, and the important legislative and advocacy work that PTA performs.
- Please make payment to your council, at the first council meeting, to cover the per capita dues for the number of members you currently have at your school.
- Continue to offer membership throughout the school

year. Have membership forms available at meetings, back-to-school night, family nights, and other events. When you receive these memberships, please continue to remit the per capita dues to your council at least monthly.

- Do not forget to invite teachers, administrators, and staff to join the PTA. As members, they can take advantage of PTA grant and scholarship opportunities.
- Invite school board members, your district superintendent, and local business owners who may benefit from your school community to join your PTA; it does not hurt to ask!

Thank you for taking on the membership responsibilities at your school. I know it is a big job, especially at the beginning of the school year. Please send an email to me at [membership@fourthdistrictpta.org](mailto:membership@fourthdistrictpta.org) or call me at 949-642-9429 if you have any questions or concerns.

Good luck with your membership campaigns. Wishing you much success!

## Important dates for membership dues

All membership dues are per capita (per person). Dues for council, district, state, and national PTA must be remitted every month by units through channels (units to council, councils to Fourth District PTA).

**Due dates listed below are for remittances from councils to Fourth District PTA. Units: Check with your councils for their due dates.**

- **October 18** ~ Ready, Set ... Remit! (30 members)
- **November 15** ~ Last day to submit per capita dues to remain in good standing
- **January 13** ~ *Membership & Outreach* (PTA Spotlight Award) application due
- **March 21** ~ *Lucky 13 in 2013*
- **June 13** ~ Final date to remit money in the current fiscal year and the end of our membership year

Put Yourself in the PTA Picture



(Continued from page 4)

Proposition 31: State Budget. State and Local Government. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Proposition 32: Prohibits Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Prohibitions on Contributions to Candidates. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 33: Changes Law to Allow Auto Insurance Companies to Set Prices Based on a Driver's History of Insurance

Coverage. Initiative Statute

Proposition 34: Death Penalty Repeal. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 35: Human Trafficking. Penalties. Sex Offender Registration. Initiative Statute. **(SUPPORT)**

Proposition 36: Three Strikes Law. Sentencing for Repeat Felony Offenders. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 37: Genetically Engineered Foods. Mandatory Labeling. Initiative

Statute. **(No position taken yet – study group formed for additional study)**

Proposition 38: Tax for Education and Early Childhood Programs. Initiative Statute. **(SUPPORT)**

Proposition 39: Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 40: Redistricting. State Senate Districts. Referendum.



## Welcome the new Orange County Superintendent of Schools

By William M. Habermehl, Orange County Superintendent of Schools Emeritus



It is with great pleasure that I introduce your new Orange County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Al Mijares. Dr. Mijares was appointed by the Orange County Board of Education to complete my term, which ends on January 5, 2015. I am very pleased with the appointment and am confident that an excellent selection has been made.

Al has been a dedicated educator for 34 years, and he is excited to begin working on behalf of the students and families of Orange County. A native of California born in Pasadena, Dr. Mijares graduated from Simi Valley High School in 1971, and he received a scholarship to California State University, Northridge where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Child Development/Special Education. While working in the San Francisco Bay area as a project specialist for physically handicapped children in public schools, Al earned his Master's degree in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley. He earned his doctorate from the University of Southern California.

Al's distinguished career includes several years of successful teaching experience in K-12 classrooms, as well as serving as a school principal in the Moreno Valley Unified School District and as Superintendent of the Bakersfield City School District and Coachella Valley Unified School District. He has held faculty positions as an

adjunct professor at Chapman University, and taught part-time at both Pepperdine University and Compton College. Since August 2006, Dr. Mijares served as Vice President of the Western Region for the College Board. Before that, he served as Superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District for more than eleven years.



*New OC Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Al Mijares*

Dr. Mijares is the recipient of several honors, including the American Association of School Administrators Leadership for Learning Award, the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 2005 Educator of the Year Award, the League of United Latin American Citizens' 2004 Excellence in Education Award, the Association of California School Administrators' Diversity Award, and the California School Board Association's Merit for Outstanding Leadership.

I am confident that our youngest citizens will continue to receive outstanding educational services under the leadership of Dr. Mijares. He has the background and leadership skills needed to support the Orange County Department of Education's vision of world class education where every student succeeds. I wish Al the best as he takes on this new and exciting challenge.

## Information for PTA Reflections chairmen

By Kathleen Sarangay, Fourth District PTA Reflections Chairman

The 2012-2013 Reflections Theme is "**The Magic of a Moment...**"

New this year is the Special Arts Division. This is a non-graded division limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet the guidelines set forth in the American Disabilities Act. Qualifying students create their own artwork but may receive non-artistic

accommodation and assistance from an adult. Students who qualify for the Special Arts Division may choose to enter the traditional four grade divisions. The other six art divisions are Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Celebrate all entries by displaying them at your school!

Also new this year is the Reflec-

tions online process: Only students who advance to the next round of competition will be asked to complete an online student entry form. Other student participants may be asked to complete a local entry form for tracking purposes.

Your council due date to submit to Fourth District PTA will be 1 p.m. Thursday, November 29, 2012, at the Fourth District PTA Office. Please contact your local and council PTAs for their (earlier) program due dates. Allow time for judging entries.

*(Continued on page 7)*





The Fourth District PTA Cultural Arts Committee promoted our Reflections Program at the OC Young Authors Faire, which took place on Saturday, May 19, at the Orange County Department of Education.

## ...Reflections

(Continued from page 6)

### Rules for all entries:

- All artwork must contain a title and include an artist statement.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.
- Student Entry Forms – Only students whose winning entries are moving to the next level of the competition will be required to complete the official National PTA Reflections entry process.
- Browser info: The National

PTA website ([www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)) can be accessed using any of the following browsers: Chrome 12 and greater, Firefox 3 and greater, Safari 4 and greater, and Internet Explorer 6 and greater.

- Please follow the California State PTA guidelines for file formats related to artwork. Maximum file size of 1GB (gigabyte) can be submitted.

For forms and additional information in English and Spanish, see:

- Fourth District PTA: [www.fourthdistrictpta.org/reflections](http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/reflections)
- California State PTA: [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)

- National PTA: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

The California State PTA Reflections Theme Search submission due date is Thursday, November 1, 2012. Students submit their *Reflections Theme Search Form* with their entry by mail to: California State PTA, Attn: Reflections Theme Search, 2327 L. Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Please note that emails or facsimiles will not be accepted.



PTA REFLECTIONS

**Mensaje de la Presidenta****Un comienzo Nuevo y de lleno de primeras impresiones**

Por Celia Jaffe



*¿Me pregunto cómo será este año que comienza? ¿Será buena la maestra que le tocará a mi hijo? ¿Estará su mejor amigo en la misma clase? ¿Le irá bien en su clase de matemáticas? ¿Le quedará el uniforme del año pasado?*

Estos son los pensamientos que pasan por la cabeza de todos los padres en estas fechas. Esta época está llena de ilusiones e incertidumbre. Y la PTA es parte de esta época. ¿Cómo va a organizar sus juntas? ¿Se llevarán bien los miembros de su mesa directiva? ¿Valdrán la pena sus actividades de PTA? Pero más que todo ¿cuándo los padres y administradores consideren su PTA se sentirán bienvenidos? ¿Sentirán importante su participación?

Las cosas más simples marcan la diferencia cuando se trata de invitar a gente nueva a participar en su junta de PTA. Recuerde que sus anuncios deben ser claros y mandados por todos los medios disponibles para incluir a la mayor audiencia posible. ¿Todos saben adónde son las juntas de PTA? ¿Ha explicado claramente que todos están invitados a unirse a su PTA? ¿Tiene todavía posiciones disponibles en su mesa directiva para ofrecerlas a líderes potenciales?

El mayor obstáculo que encontrara es la motivación para que

la gente asista a su junta de PTA así que anúncielo como sigue: “Venga a escuchar los planes del director para este año escolar” o “El jefe de seguridad hablará sobre las medidas de protección en la escuela” o “Queremos que nos ayude a diseñar la nueva camiseta de la PTA”.

Para dar una buena primera impresión considere sus juntas con prioridad. Coordine para que todos se presenten y digan que hacen para PTA. Si usa términos que la gente no conoce explique su significado. De oportunidad a todos los asistentes a hablar si lo desean. Si su junta es tiene un número pequeño de asistentes permita a todos presentarse y que digan los grados en que sus hijos asisten a las escuelas. En juntas muy grandes asigne a sus líderes para que saluden personalmente a los asistentes cuando todos se estén retirando, recuerde que el contacto personal es muy importante.

Luego considere contestar preguntas importantes como: ¿la PTA juega un papel importante en su escuela? ¿Las actividades de PTA benefician a los niños y comprometen a las familias con su educación? ¿Realmente se resuelven problemas durante su junta de PTA?

Una junta efectiva necesita una agenda bien preparada con varios puntos para desarrollar, las discusiones deben ser significativas para tomar decisiones sobre la organización y alguna nueva noticia de lo que está pasando en la escuela.

Los padres y maestros necesitan saber que la junta de PTA tomara al menos 2 horas (o menos si es posible).

¡Buena suerte al empezar su año! Sea positivo, amistoso además de planear sus juntas bien para que pueda llamar a participar a muchos miembros y tenga un gran comienzo.

**Recomendaciones de los impuestos por su tesorera**

Por Julie Redmond,  
Tesorera del 4o Distrito de PTA

¡Bienvenidos al nuevo año escolar! Como su tesorera del 4o Distrito estaré monitoreando y recolectando todos los reportes relacionados a su aspecto financiero de PTA. Tenemos varios requerimientos necesarios para sostener nuestra condición de organización sin fines de lucro.

Idealmente todos trabajaremos duramente para que dichas obligaciones se cumplan como obtener su número de organización caritativa del estado de California. Para ello visite <http://ag.ca.gov/charities/forms.php> para empezar el proceso. También necesitará llenar la forma RRF-1 anualmente. Para ello necesitará incluir la copia de su declaración de impuestos (Forma 990). No presente la forma RRF-1 hasta que haya recibido su número caritativo de parte del procurador general del estado.

Adicionalmente todos deben de haber recibido su número de impuestos como

organización (**este no es el mismo número de impuestos que ha utilizado para llenar la forma 990**). Si no ha recibido dicho número y su PTA es una unidad, por favor contacte a su Concilio (las unidades sin concilio asignado, por favor contácteme a través de mi correo electrónico al [treasurer@fourthdistrictpta.org](mailto:treasurer@fourthdistrictpta.org)) y los concilios también necesitaran contactarme. Empezando desde el año fiscal 2010, las PTA deberán presentar una declaración de impuestos usando la forma 199 (para aquellas PTA con ingresos mayores de \$25,000) o la forma 199N (para aquellas cuyos recibos sean iguales o menos que \$25,000). Para la presentar la forma 199 se tiene que pagar una tarifa de \$10.00. La forma 99N es gratuita.

La forma 990 deberá enviarse al Internal Revenue Service. Si los ingresos de su PTA son iguales o menos que \$50,000, mande la forma 990 N. Si los ingresos de su PTA son iguales o mayores que \$50,000 pero menos de \$200,000 con bienes totales de menos de \$500,000 presente la forma 990 EZ. Finalmente si los ingresos de su PTA son iguales o mayores de \$200,000 o mayores que \$500,000 utilice la forma 990.

Afortunadamente todos los reportes tienen la misma fecha límite de entrega. Dependiendo de su año fiscal, todos los reportes deberán ser presentados 4 meses y 15 días después del final de su año fiscal (o sea 15 de noviembre).

Por favor asegúrese de presentar todos los reportes necesarios. El IRS está auditando muchas organizaciones sin fines de lucro que no han presentado sus declaraciones de impuestos en los últimos años, así que su calidad de sin fines de lucro podría ser revocada. Contácteme al [treasurer@fourthdistrictpta.org](mailto:treasurer@fourthdistrictpta.org) si tiene más preguntas.

**NO ESPERE HASTA MAÑANA PARA PRESENTAR LAS FORMAS REQUERIDAS. ¡LAS PUEDE PRESENTAR AHORA MISMO!**

Translation by



CONVERSA  
SPANISH FOR LIFE

After School  
Spanish Program:  
909-319-9796



## Guía para su campaña anual de membresía

Por Lisa Boler, Directora de membresía del 4o Distrito de PTA

La PTA de California es la organización de voluntarios más grande que se dedica a buscar el bienestar de los jóvenes y niños. Unirse a la PTA apoya esfuerzos a nivel local, estatal y nacional para mejorar la educación de todos los niños al mismo tiempo que da una mejor calidad de vida a las familias. La membresía provee la oportunidad unir nuestras voces a nivel estatal y nacional para proteger los derechos de los niños. La membresía de PTA asegura que las voces de los padres sean oídas para expresar problemas que afectan a nuestra comunidad además de que otorga oportunidades de educación, comunicación y desarrollo de liderazgo para los voluntarios. He aquí algunos puntos que nos gustaría que recordara:

- Precio de la cuota de membresía = La PTA Nacional recibe \$2.25 del total de su cuota, la PTA de California recibe \$1.25, y el 4º Distrito de PTA \$0.60, además de la cuota que pertenece a su concilio y unidad.
- Todos los que se unen a PTA recibirán una tarjeta de membresía. Dicha tarjeta es su identificación como miembro y le da el derecho de votar, solicitar becas para voluntarios de la PTA, y le deja recibir beneficios *solamente para miembros* en la sección para miembros en el sitio de internet de la PTA Nacional.
- El número de identificación de la unidad está impreso en la tarjeta de membresía, el cual también se incluye en los estatutos.

- Las cuotas que se pagan al concilio son **por persona**, así que si usted compra una membresía solamente le incluirá a usted y no al resto de su familia. ¿Por qué? Estas cuotas son el ingreso único que los concilios y los distritos de PTA reciben, y también forma parte de la mayoría de los ingresos que reciben la PTA de California y Nacional. Estas cuotas ayudan a pagar por los entrenamientos que usted recibe, le dan todo el apoyo administrativo que necesita además de que otorga fondos para la defensa y el cabildeo que la PTA realiza para proteger los derechos de los niños.

- Por favor haga su pago a su concilio durante la primera junta, para poder cubrir las cuotas por persona de acuerdo al número de miembros que tiene la PTA de su unidad hasta ese día.
- Continúe ofreciendo su membresías durante todo el año escolar. Tenga sus formas de membresía disponibles en sus todas sus juntas, noches de regreso a la escuela, noches familiares y todos los eventos escolares. Cuando reciba el pago de sus membresías, continúe pagando su porción de la cuota que le corresponde al concilio mensualmente.
- No se olvide de invitar a maestros, administradores y todos los empleados de la escuela. Como miembros pueden ser elegibles del sistema de becas y regalos monetarios que la PTA ofrece.
- Invite a miembros del consejo del Distrito Escolar, al superintendente y a los

líderes de los negocios locales que se beneficiaran de su comunidad escolar al hacerse miembros de la PTA; ¡no tiene nada de malo preguntar!

Gracias por tomar las responsabilidades de membresía en su escuela. Sabemos que es un trabajo grande, sobre todo al comienzo del año. Por favor mándeme un correo electrónico a [members-hip@fourthdistrictpta.org](mailto:members-hip@fourthdistrictpta.org) o llámeme al 949-642-9429 si tiene alguna pregunta.

¡Mucha suerte en su campaña de membresía, le deseamos todo el éxito del mundo!

### Fechas límites importantes para las cuotas de membresía

Todas las cuotas de membresía son por persona. La porción de las cuotas para el concilio, distrito, estado y PTA Nacional deberán ser mandadas por los canales adecuados, unidad al concilio, concilio al distrito, etc.

**Las fechas límites señaladas abajo son para los que los concilios entreguen la porción al 4º Distrito de PTA. Como unidad por favor pregunte a su concilio para sus fechas límite de entrega.**

- **18 de octubre:** En sus marcas, listos... Remita su pago (30 miembros)
- **15 de noviembre:** Último día para entregar la porción de sus cuotas para conservar su estado "a tiempo"
- **13 de enero:** *Membresía y Enlace* (Premio de reflector PTA) fecha límite para presentar su aplicación
- **21 de marzo:** *Los suertudos 13 de 2013*
- **13 de junio:** Fecha final para mandar el pago de su porción de las cuotas de *membresía* para el final del corriente año fiscal

## Información de la Directora de Reflexiones

Por Kathleen Sarangay

El tema del programa de Reflexiones este año es "**La Magia del momento...**"

Este año introducimos la División de Artes Especiales. Esta es una División que no se divide por grados e incluye a aquellos estudiantes con impedimentos físicos, de aprendizaje, o de necesidades especiales que clasifiquen para ser incluidos en el Acto de Discapacitación Americana. Los estudiantes calificados deberán producir su propio trabajo sin ayuda o asistencia de adultos. Los estudiantes que califican para esta división podrán participar en cualquiera de las 4 áreas de arte que forman el programa. Las

otras 6 divisiones son Danza, Producción de Cine, Literatura, Composición Musical, Fotografía y Artes Plásticas. Celebraremos todos los trabajos poniéndolos en exhibición en la escuela.

También este año Reflexiones empezó su proceso por internet: Solo los estudiantes que avancen a las rondas consecuentes después de la primera, tendrán que completar la forma por internet.

La fecha límite de su concilio para presentar los trabajos de los participantes será el jueves 29 de noviembre a la 1:00 de la tarde, y los trabajos deberán ser entregados en la oficina del 4º Distrito de PTA. Por favor contacte a su concilio para saber la fecha límite de entrega. De suficiente tiempo para permitir que el proceso de calificación por los jueces se lleve a cabo.

### Reglas del concurso de Reflexiones:

- Todos los trabajos deberán tener título y una explicación por escrito del proyecto por el artista.
- Cada proyecto debe ser el trabajo original de un solo estudiante.
- El uso de materiales ya registrados en el derecho de autor está prohibido.
- Las formas de inscripción al concurso – Solamente a los estudiantes que pasen al siguiente nivel del concurso se les pedirá que completen la forma para entrar a la fase de Reflexiones en la PTA Nacional.
- Por favor siga las reglas de la PTA de California sobre el tamaño de los trabajos. Solamente podrán ser aceptados trabajos con un tamaño de 1 GB.

# “Our Children, Our Future” is now Proposition 38!



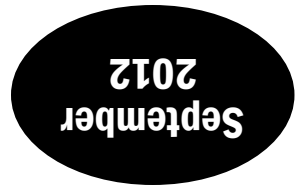
The *Our Children, Our Future* education initiative qualified for the November 6, 2012, ballot and it is now officially known as Prop 38! Thanks again to all of you who gathered signatures... congratulations — we did it!

We are very excited to share that actor Edward James Olmos will serve as the Latino Chair for the campaign. The announcement kicked off an aggressive statewide Latino outreach effort by the campaign entitled, “I am 38.”

Thanks for all you do, and please stay tuned for updates!

## Three Things You and I Can Do Today!

- 1** **Share the latest video featuring Edward James Olmos on Facebook.** Go to the California State PTA Facebook page and click share on the video post (also at [www.fourthdistrictpta.org](http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org) bottom of Home page).
- 2** **Send an email to 10 friends or colleagues with a note about what inspired you to get involved in supporting Prop 38.**
- 3** **With your child, make a poster in support of Prop 38. Take a picture and post it on Facebook with a link to the campaign’s page.**



1520 Brookhollow Dr., #40  
Santa Ana, CA 92705-5449

