**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, APRIL 2024**

Details are in the April issue of the *Advocacy Communicator.*

* California State PTA is supporting a bill that would require all schools to teach literacy according to the science of reading, which includes phonics, vocabulary and oral language development, fluency, comprehension and writing.
* The Communicator lists a number of other bills that CAPTA supports. They deal with gun violence, discrimination based on hairstyles, financial literacy classes, and mandatory kindergarten, among other things.
* A very interesting Advocacy Forum is planned for Thursday, March 25, in the evening. The speaker, from an organization called Braver Angels, will tell us how we can talk with people who have different opinions from ours and help depolarize our communities.
* This year’s Creative Edge Lecture was about finding new ways to create change in our schools and our own lives.
* Next year Sacramento Safari will be on February 24 and 25. We should include money for that in our PTA budget for next year.
* There is an important article about school closures at Ed100.org. Student enrollments are dropping across the state and our district may have to consider closing a school. [or…our district is looking at closing a school.] It’s important to know the legal process that districts must follow.
* This year’s State PTA Convention is in nearby Ontario. Convention is a great place to learn more about PTA and meet members from all across the state. The Communicator lists several workshops geared toward advocacy.

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