



The Latest News



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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Latest News. This online newsletter is brought to you by the Second District VP of Communications and is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the Second District of the California State PTA, to access links go online to our website <http://sfpta.org/Newsletter.html> to download a pdf version.

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TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Time is running out for Convention Registration. Early Bird Registration ends March 31, 2010. If you would like to register as a volunteer, register through the regular website, www.capta.org and use the code LCC101.

WELCOME TO CALIFORNIA STATE PTA'S E-BYLAWS



A new, quicker way for you to revise and update your unit PTA/PTSA bylaws! We are beginning Phase Two of the e-Bylaws pilot testing. Our PTA is one of the districts and (if) you want to access the system, you must request a username and password by clicking on the ["Request a password"](#) button. Once you have your password, you can proceed directly to the ["Build e-Bylaws"](#) button.

GAINING GROUND IN THE MIDDLE GRADES

We are pleased to announce the release of a landmark study of middle grades practices and student achievement by EdSource.

This report, *Gaining Ground in the Middle Grades: Why Some Schools Do Better*, is based on surveys from 303 principals, 3,752 English language arts (ELA) and math teachers in grades 6-8, and 157 superintendents in California. Educator responses were analyzed against spring 2009 scores on California's standards-based tests in ELA and math in grades 6, 7, and 8, which were taken by close to 204,000 students.

3RD GENERAL MEETING AND TRAINING

Saturday April 10, 2010, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

8:30 am Check in, continental breakfast provided

General Meeting begins 9:00am

Officer and Chair Training 10:00am — 11:00am

Education, Parent Involvement and Leadership Workshop 11:30am — 12:30pm

General Meeting Action items:

Tips and Advice about:

- Summer Activities for Children
- Convention Highlights' and Resources
- Emerging Minority Leaders Conference October 16th

Times and Events subject to change

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM AWARDS CEREMONY “BEAUTY IS”

Saturday, April 10th 2010

Location: 555 Franklin St

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Remember, the 2010–2011 PTA Reflections Program theme is "Together We Can."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND DATA



<http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/AudienceTracking/Registration.asp?>

TAKE ACTION NOW!



9 Million Reasons To Speak Up

Now is the time for PTA members to take action to help California's more than 9 million children. To make our voices heard, California State PTA has developed an action plan with ideas and resources to help you mobilize your members and communities throughout the state.

In the past two years, the state has cut \$17 billion from schools, and deep cuts to social services have added to the burden borne by children and families. An additional \$2.4 billion is now being proposed in new cuts to schools, as well as the possible elimination of entire health programs that serve children. PTA strongly opposes these proposals.

We must speak up for all children now! We must demand that the state invest in their education and well-being.

The following link

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs089/1102168765122/archive/1103123746193.html>

Your involvement will make a difference.

APRIL CALENDAR DATES

March/April

- ✓ **March 31** Final installment of per capita dues and insurance premiums
- ✓ **April 10, 2010, SECOND DISTRICT PTA GENERAL MEETING AND TRAINING**
- ✓ **Feb 1 – Apr 30, 2010** 111th Annual California State PTA Convention registration accepted
- ✓ 2010 Census in Schools: It's About Us

PLEASE JOIN OUR 2NDDISTPTA GROUP TO LEARN

Please join our Group to learn, ask questions and advocate for our children. With more than one million members, California State PTA is the largest volunteer organization in the state dedicated to improving the well being of all children and youth. <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/2nddistpta>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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PTA LINKS

CONVENTION

Sacramento April 29-May 2, 2010 Registration opens Feb. 1

THE COMMUNICATOR

Camera-ready resources to use in your PTA publications and website.

PTA IN CALIFORNIA

Read the latest PTA news

SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Covering legislative issues that affect California's children and youth

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE

Beaming news from California State PTA Commissions

SMARTS

Covering California State PTA's program to promote arts education