



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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RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR HAITI

If your PTA wishes to participate in the, relief assistance for Haiti please review the California State PTA *Toolkit* sections

- **5.8.7 [Handling Requests for Relief Assistance](#)**, p. 205;
- **5.3.12a [Providing Documentation to Donors](#)**, p. 188;
and the Forms section,
- **[Donation Receipt](#)**, p. 318.

These *Toolkit* sections and form are available in English and Spanish and are posted online at www.capta.org.

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.

FOUNDERS DAY PTA PRESIDENT'S AND PRINCIPALS ANNUAL DINNER

Theme: **“Building Community Unity”**

Friday, February 19, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00pm Dinner: at 7:00pm

Location: Patio Espanol Restaurant 2850 Alemany Boulevard San Francisco, CA 94112

Price \$45 *RSVP February 10, 2010*

Questions please phone 415 241 6048 [click on for pdf flyer](#)

Send Check and Make check payable to: Second District PTA

CALIFORNIA STATE PTA LOCAL LEADERS SURVEY

A new California State PTA survey shows that unit leaders throughout the state dedicate many hours to their positions and place a high value on training and support.

[Follow this link](#)

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! TOWN HALL MEETING

San Francisco Unified School District is forecasting state budget cuts of 10%-20% for the 2010-2011 school year. It is imperative that we find real short and long-term solutions to this unprecedented budget crisis!

On February 25th, join a coalition of parents and city organizations in a community discussion moderated by Michael Krasny, host of KQED's award winning radio show

A town hall meeting looking for solutions to the SFUSD funding crisis. [Follow the link](#)

Thursday, February 25, 2010 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Marina Middle School 3500 Fillmore St. (at Chestnut St.) San Francisco, CA 94123 [map](#)

Free translation in Spanish and Chinese Free childwatch (ages 3+) please [RSVP](#)

NEW TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS

The new Form 990 series returns are effective for 2008 tax years. Fiscal years beginning in 2008 and

ending in 2009. To allow organizations time to adjust to the new forms, the IRS is phasing in the new returns during a three-year transition period. During the transition, an organization's annual filing requirement depends on its financial activity.

The chart below indicates the general exempt organization filing requirements during the transition period.

[New Tax Filing Chart](#)

Unit, council and district PTAs with annual gross receipts normally less than \$25,000 are now required to file Form 990N .Instructions for filing this form can be found at www.irs.gov/charities . ([Download Instructions as pdf.](#))

The forms dated the year the PTA fiscal year begins are the correct forms to use. For example, if the current fiscal year begins July 1, 2004 and ends June 30, 2005, forms for the year 2004 should be used.

IT'S TIME TO HONOR OUR HISTORY

"And, therein lies my challenge – what is your PTA choosing as its focus? I suspect many of you might think: "She is really out of touch with reality. We are raising money." No, I'm not out of touch. I am in Sacramento often advocating for appropriate education funding and I make tough decisions at the board table in my role as a school board member. Yet, I feel a burning need to remind you that we are not a fundraising association. **Children are our reason for being.**" Jo Loss California State

President - Read entire article in [PTA in California](#) • January 2010 page 3

SAVE THE DATE PTA TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SCHOOL WEEK FEBRUARY 7-13, 2010

Family involvement in children's education increases student success in school--and has been at the heart of PTA since its founding in February 1897. With [PTA Take Your Family to School Week](#), February 7-13, 2010 We honor and continue our legacy of building family-school partnerships for the benefit of all children.

2010 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE EVERY MEMBER. AN ADVOCATE

Connecting The Dots: From Issues to Advocacy

Sunday, February 21st 12:00 Noon thru **Monday, February 22nd** 5:00 PM

Embassy Suites Hotel Sacramento, CA *All PTA members, chairmen and officers are welcome*

Registration is \$130 (plus a \$5 administrative fee) **Hotel Rates are \$159 per night**

Housing forms must be received in the California State PTA's Sacramento office no later than 5:00 PM on January 20, 2010

FEBRUARY CALENDAR DATES

February/March

- ✓ February 1 Early Convention Registration starts
- ✓ February 1 Graduating High School Senior Scholarships applications
- ✓ February 1 PTA Spotlight Award applications
- ✓ February 17 Founders Day
- ✓ Friday, February 19 - 2nd District PTA President and Principal Annual Dinner
- ✓ February 21-22 Legislation Conference in Sacramento

- ✓ March 31 Membership Challenge Award
- ✓ March 31 Presidential Award

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

2010 LEGISLATION CONFERENCE

Feb. 21-22, 2010

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

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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