



The Latest News



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Welcome to the first edition of the Latest News. This newsletter is brought to you by the Communications Team and is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the Second District of the California State PTA

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SECOND DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

Sat Nov 21, 2009, 10 am – noon

Sports Basement, Potrero Hill 1415 16th Street San Francisco, CA 94103

We have made amendments to our District Bylaws and they need your approval. Your attendance at this meeting is appreciated. Networking and Bylaws assistance available, Refreshments will be served, Zumba workout & a 15% shopping discount too!

PTA FEDERAL TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS

California State PTA Tool Kit Finance Section Revised as follows:

5.7.4 Federal Taxes - Tax Filing Requirements

Although PTA is an organization that operates in the public trust, it must comply with all tax requirements as prescribed for its nonprofit status. As a result, all PTAs are required to file federal tax returns depending on their gross receipts (see below).

Unit, Council, and district PTA's with annual gross receipts normally less than \$25,000 are required to file Forms 990N (Electronic Postcard) annual information report with the IRS.

Unit, council and district PTAs with annual gross receipts normally more than \$25,000 and not in excess of \$1,000,000 must file *Form 990EZ and Schedule A*. Unit, council and district PTAs with annual gross receipts in excess of \$1,000,000 and assets over \$1,000,000 must file *Form 990 and Schedule A*. These limits will change every year until 2011 so check the California State PTA website every year for the limits.

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.

Note: The initial due date of the Exempt Organization Tax return is 15th day of the 5th month after the end of the fiscal year. An Extension for additional time to file can be requested via Form 8868 - Application for Extension of Time to File an Exempt Organization Tax Return.

NORTON CYBER SAFE CHALLENGE

Symantec is offering schools a chance to win up to \$20,000. The contest is called the Norton Cyber Safe Challenge (<http://onlinefamily.norton.com/contest>)

and is FREE for schools and parents to participate.

How the Challenge works:

** Schools register to participate here:*

onlinefamily.norton.com/contest<<http://onlinefamily.norton.com/contest>>;.

** Parents use the code generated for their school to sign up online for OnlineFamily.Norton*

** The schools with the most subscribers win.*

** Second and third place prizes of \$10,000 and \$5,000 awarded to the schools with the highest percentage of parents subscribed relative to school size (so Smaller schools can compete)*

** Grand prize of \$20,000 awarded to the school with the highest total number of subscriptions*

** The Challenge begins today and runs through November 15, 2009 as part of The activities associated with October's National Cyber Security Awareness*

Month<<http://www.staysafeonline.info>>

NOVEMBER CALENDAR DATES

November

- ✓ Membership Per Capita due to Second District*
- ✓ National PTA Healthy Lifestyle Month*
- ✓ November 1 To qualify for Chairman's Club: Per capita for 50 members due to Second District*

- ✓ 2009 Emerging Minority Leaders Conference – Atlanta, GA
- ✓ November 15 IRS Tax Return form 990, 990-EZ or 990N (e-card) due to IRS - **Loss of non-profit status if you have not filed in past 3 years. Everyone files something!**
- ✓ November 15 Deadline Applications – PTA Scholarships for Continuing Education for Volunteers, Credentialed Teachers/ Counselors & School Nurses due in State office
- ✓ November 15 Deadline Applications – PTA Grants for Parent Education, Outreach/ Translation & Cultural Arts due in State office.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FAIR

Learn about the enrollment process and key dates for school year 2010-2011

Hear about SFUSD's pre-kindergarten through 12th grade programs

Meet principals, teachers, and parents

Participate in informational workshops

Parking: Paid parking available, entrance on 8th street b/t Brannan & Townsend

Childcare: Ages 3-7 register e-mail : devlinn@sfusd.edu

Transportation: Muni Lines 14 to 19, 12 to 19, 10, 27, 47

Shuttle Bus pick-ups to & from Concourse

Burnett CDC (1520 Oakdale Avenue): 8am, 8:30am, 9:30am

Cesar Chavez School (826 Shotwell St.): 8:20am, 8:50am, 9:50am

Gordon J.Lau Elementary (950 Clay St.): 8:45am, 9:15am, 10:15am

Concourse pickups & returns: 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm

415-241-6085 www.sfusd.edu

"BEAUTY IS..." REFLECTIONS IS A NATION-WIDE PTA PROGRAM

Reflections is a nation-wide PTA program designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education. This year's theme, "**Beauty is...**", is a starting point for children to express themselves for fun and recognition.

Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas:

- dance choreography
- film/video production
- literature
- musical composition
- photography

- visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage but does not include three-dimensional art).

Your school can be a part of the program! Ask your principal about incorporating Reflections into the curriculum. Find teachers who will take the opportunity to make Reflections a class project. And, of course, encourage students to create entries in their free time. Even if teachers choose not to get involved, individual students in PTA and PTSA schools can enter the program as long as the PTA/PTSA leadership supports the program.

NATIONAL PTA® IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTING, THE NATION'S PREMIER MAGAZINE FOR MOMS!

*Parenting introduced **Parenting School Years**, a new edition of its magazine, to help moms of school-age kids deal with the complex issues families face once their children start school.*

*Parenting is partnering with PTA to serve as the **national media sponsor of Reflections**, and will feature the program in **Parenting School Years** and online at Parenting.com throughout its 40th anniversary year. Be sure to pick up the November issue to review the article on arts in education, featuring Reflections, which will hit newsstands at Barnes & Noble on October 13th. Parenting has also created an online gallery that features Reflections entries from across the country, which can be viewed, along with the November issue article, at Parenting.com/PTA.*

*Parenting is offering PTA members an **exclusive discounted subscription rate** for **Parenting School Years**: **11 issues for \$9.97** – a savings of 77% off the cover price! For every PTA member who subscribes, Parenting will donate \$1 to support National PTA. [Click here to Subscribe Now!](#)*

*Driven by the role parents like you play in creating positive change in our nation's schools, Parenting also launched an initiative to celebrate and connect moms advocating for education reform, **Mom Congress™ on Education and Learning**. Parenting School Years will highlight moms who have made a difference, so visit Parenting.com/momcongress to become a member and share your story!*



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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