

12th District PTA

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Summer 2018

The mission of the Board of Managers of the 12th District PTA is to serve, train, strengthen and empower its councils and units.

You can check out our website at www.12thdistrictpta.org for more information.

Wishing everyone a fun-filled summer!



Auditor

It's time to do your end of the year audit. You can go to the bank to get the June bank statement or access it online rather than waiting until school reopens in August. It is the duty of the outgoing auditor to do it unless you have agreed to have the new person take over. Once you

have completed it, the treasurer should produce the annual financial report based on the audited numbers.

If you need assistance, please email Laura Ann Hawk-Loya, our 12th District Auditor, and she will be happy to help you!



Birthdays

Let's wish everyone below a very happy birthday!

May

< 5 years

Rancho Campana High School PTSA 5/11/2015

5+ Years

Pacifica High School PTSA 5/03/2012
Las Posas PTA 5/31/2011

10+ Years

Santa Paula High School PTSA 5/28/2008

15+ Years

Sycamore Canyon School PTSA 5/09/2001
Flory Academy of Sciences and Technology PTA 5/13/1999

20+ Years

Tierra Linda School PTA	5/11/1994
Arroyo West Elementary PTA	5/30/1991

30+ Years

Dos Caminos Elementary PTA	5/07/1987
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40+ Years

Atherwood Elementary PTA	5/22/1972
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50+ Years

Thousand Oaks High School PTSA	5/15/1967
Vista Elementary PTA	5/31/1962
Julien Hathaway Elementary PTA	5/17/1962

June

5+ Years

McAuliffe Elementary PTA	6/30/2011
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15+ Years

La Mariposa School PTA	6/03/2002
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20+ Years

Lang Ranch PTA	6/01/1998
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30+ Years

Pierpont Elementary PTA	6/15/1987
Chaparral Middle School PTSA	6/04/1987
Redwood Middle School PTSA	6/01/1987
Banyan Elementary PTA	6/20/1983

50+ Years

Mountain View Elementary PTA	6/07/1968
Junipero Serra Elementary PTA	6/13/1967
Rio Lindo Elementary PTA	6/03/1964
Marina West Elementary PTA	6/01/1964
Los Cerritos Middle School PTSA	6/08/1959

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50+ Years

Thousand Oaks High School PTSA	5/15/1967
Vista Elementary PTA	5/31/1962
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July

15+ Years

Elm Street School PTA	7/19/2001
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Health/Community Concerns

Did you know that kids need at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day? It can be tough during the summer months to ensure your children are keeping active and getting their proper nutrition. CAPTA recently shared some fun ways to help inspire you and your kids to keep this top of mind!

- Take a walk after dinner
- Play in a local park or take a hike
- Dance together at home
- Go bowling or skating indoors
- Blow up balloons and play indoor volleyball
- Walk in the mall during your shopping trip
- Have a treasure hunt in the house

It's also important to keep our kid's safety in mind at all time. With teens out of school during the summer months they are more likely to be on the roads. You can find the below statistics from [Impact Teen Drivers](#) plus other valuable information on how to have important driving safety conversations with your teens on [CAPTA's Community Concerns](#) page.

- The driver fatality rate for 16-year-old drivers is **nine times** the rate for drivers 30 to 60 years old
- **One in three teen drivers** has an accident in their first year of driving
- Teenagers make up 7 percent of licensed drivers but suffer **14 percent of fatalities**
- A 16-year-old soccer player has had about 1,500 hours of coached soccer practice, but **only 50 hours** of driving practice before getting a license
- There is **no in-car driver training** in the high school systems of 25 states, including California.
- And one more fact: **Teen driver crashes are the leading cause of death for our nation's youth.** The overwhelming majority of these crashes are caused by inexperience or distractions, not "thrill-seeking" or deliberate risk-taking.

Visit [CAPTA's Community Concerns](#) page for information on topics like, suicide prevention, bullying prevention, foster youth, LGBTQIA+, cyber safety and much more! And don't miss out on [The Pulse: California State PTA's Health & Community Concerns Newsletter](#) for important information on these and other health and community concerns topics. You can also [sign up](#) on the mailing list to have it sent directly to you.

Historian

Don't forget to put your binders together for next year. Copies of flyers, pictures of PTA events and occasions, and any other relevant information about the activities of your PTA board this year. Even if you are continuing as Historian next year it is certainly easier if you are all caught up, and if you are handing off to a new Historian it is nice to have this information accessible.

Honorary Service Awards (HSA)

We are pleased to share that on June 9th, 12th District PTA honored 2 organizations and 2 individuals with Honorary Service Awards, they were Dr. Phil Hampton, Dr. Marcella Klein Williams (not pictured), TOArts (Thousand Oaks Alliance for the Arts) including the Angels of the Arts, and Straight Up Reality Improv. They were all recognized for their outstanding dedication and service to the children of Ventura County.

Please join us in congratulating them all!



Pictured upper left: Michelle Dearman (12th District President) with Niki Chopra (Development Director of TOArts) and Jill Belkin (12th District HSA Chair); Upper right: Dr. Hampton with Michelle Dearman and Jill Belkin; Lower frame: Roland Roberts (Project Coordinator), Katherine Kasmir (Founder/Director) and Mitch Boring (Video Editor/Workshop Facilitator) -Straight Up Reality Improv with Michelle Dearman and Jill Belkin.

Visit the [12th District website](#) for more information on this year's recipients and the honorary service award program.

Parliamentarian

Bylaws

If you want to change things for the upcoming year, such as membership dues or meeting dates, you need to update your bylaws this summer! If you get them to us by the end of July, you should have them back in time for your first association meeting of the year. If your bylaws signature page is dated between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 (the state parliamentarian's signature date, not the date your unit signed them) they are due to be revised this year anyways, so why not get ahead and have one less thing to do during the school year?

Contact [Laura Ann Hawk-Loya](#) with any questions about how to do this.

President's Message

Presidents start planning your year now. Get your school's calendar of activities and plan around them. Back up your association meetings to events already happening to help you meet quorum. Also remember to have a great summer!

Secretary

Meeting Minutes & Legal Documents



Remember to permanently bind
all your minutes and legal documents for the year!

Senior Scholarships

Congratulations!

Cole Washburn, Newbury Park HS
Emily Ramirez, Royal HS, Simi Valley
Jenny Krystkowiak, Moorpark HS
Rachael Ryan, Adolfo Camarillo HS
Naomi Summers, Oxnard HS

Congratulations go out to our 2017-18 12th District PTA Graduating High School Senior Scholarship winners!

These students will each receive a \$500 scholarship for exhibiting outstanding service and volunteerism in their school and community!

To be considered for this honor each student submitted their application by the March 31st deadline along with the following items:

- A resume or list of their extracurricular and volunteering activities
- A copy of their current PTA/PTSA membership card
- Essays answering the following two questions:
 - *What have you done during your high school years to give back to your high school and local community?*
 - *Why do you think volunteering is important for teens?*
- Two recommendations from teachers or adults with whom they worked closely during their volunteering

Determining the recipients of the Graduating High School Senior Scholarship is always a difficult decision and is based on many factors. Our scholarship committee was impressed by these students' accomplishments and contributions. Please join us in congratulating them for this well-deserved award!