

## **PTA Members Create Strong & Healthy Communities!**

It's a wonderful time of the year! The summer fun ends as the school year begins. Your thoughts turn from swimming to studying, and you ask yourself, "How can I support my kid's learning? How can I ensure that my child will get enrichment opportunities, field trips, library books, computers, science lab materials, anything that enhances my child's educational journey?" Then you think to yourself, "I know! I will join the PTA! The PTA always looks out for our kids and our school! I believe in our kids. I believe in PTA!"

BINGO! You win! By joining your school's PTA, your membership supports the work of the PTA which is aligned with the school to offer educational, enriching programs and activities for the students and their families.

Your PTA membership has benefits (Member Perks) such as with Aquarium of the Pacific, Legoland, California Academy of the Sciences, Enterprise, to name a few. Please visit the California State PTA's website for additional Member Perks at [capita.org](http://capita.org)!

PTA members come from all walks of life. They are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and so on. Not all PTA members are able to volunteer time and that's okay. PTA members have final approval on all PTA activities and expenses by voting at the PTA association meeting which can be monthly or quarterly depending on the PTA and school. No matter what your availability is, your membership in PTA guarantees that your sons and daughters will have an enhanced educational experience at their school.

Your membership also provides resources for your PTA officers, including trainings. The more tools, training and support your PTA executive board has, the more successful they will be in accomplishing the goals approved by your PTA members.

This year the 34th District PTA is part of the California State PTA's pilot program for electronic membership, therefore; you may have the opportunity to join PTA electronically and/or the traditional way through the envelope exchange. Don't hesitate to ask your PTA president what method for signing up your PTA is available to you. PTA is open to everyone to join year-round. That allows you to ask family and friends throughout the school year to join the PTA to support your children and their school.

The purpose of PTA is to engage families for student success, to be an important part of the school, and to encourage meaningful education. Your children need you to support them. You are after all their first and life-long teacher. Please join PTA for your children, to be a more informed and involved parent/guardian, and to create a strong and healthy community for families, and our schools.

I wish you great success this school year!

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