

# Palomar Council PTA

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## Good News: PTA Memberships UP!

I am so proud to be a part of this council! We have kicked off some VERY wonderful membership campaigns for our units here in Poway Unified. *We've done so well, we've run out of cards!* I know this is a burden, but please bear with us as we work out the kinks in our new system through Ninth District PTA. And a hearty THANK YOU! to all the membership chairs and unit presidents out there scrambling to either find extra cards or devise an ad-hoc IOU system to get the cards to students, faculty and families.



We have some exciting things happening all around PUSD—please remember to share them with us through our website—contact Lisa Othmer, our Council website chair—and let her know when your Family Dinner Nights are. She'll put your fliers on our website—a link is already provided. Just email it as a pdf to [lothmer@yahoo.com](mailto:lothmer@yahoo.com). We are also putting community spotlight events up—so share one amazing event from your school site with Lisa today!

There are new newsletter updates, pdfs from chairs and officers for you to download, as well as a MONTHLY UNIT PRESIDENT REPORT FORM which I need you all to fill out either in paper or electronically and send or turn it in at each monthly meeting.

Lastly, remember to REVIEW YOUR BYLAWS this year! You only need to update every two years, but you should REVIEW every year. Your parliamentarians should be heading up this effort—and renewing them with our new CAPTA e-Bylaws system is a snap! ***IF your bylaws are 2008 or earlier, you will need to update them THIS YEAR.***

**Look for in-service dates to come along soon for September!**

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## REMINDER: Facilities Use Training at PUSD

In an effort to make planning our events held at Poway Unified Schools and buildings simpler and more time-effective, the PUSD Facilities Use Department has decided to hold a Facilities Use Request Procedure Demonstration at the PUSD offices for Palomar Council PTA folks. Please plan to attend or send someone who can and will spread the word on this VERY important topic:

PLEASE \*\*RSVP\*\* to Jen Zaheer @ [jen.zaheer@gmail.com](mailto:jen.zaheer@gmail.com) so that we know how many are coming!

**When:** *FRIDAY, September 9th*,  
9 AM – 11 AM

**Where:** at the District Office,  
15250 Avenue of Science  
San Diego, CA 92128-3406  
in the Training Room located on the second  
floor, check in at the front.

*Hope to see you there!*

## New Anti-Bullying Bill AB 1156 Supported by CAPTA

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California State PTA is sponsoring an important anti-bullying bill, AB 1156 by Assembly Member Mike Eng. Last fall, 89 percent of PTA leaders polled said they were interested or extremely interested in PTA working on legislation to protect children from bullying. The bill is set for hearing on June 29. Click here now to take action in support of AB 1156.

AB 1156 expands the definition of bullying in California law and links it to academic achievement. It also strengthens policies and procedures to reduce bullying in schools and keeps students safe. The bill:

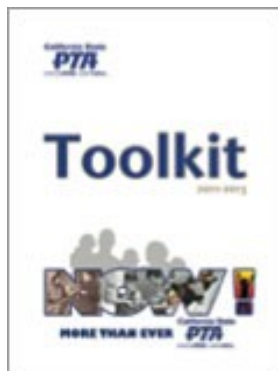
- encourages the inclusion of policies and procedures aimed at the prevention of bullying in school safety plans;
- provides for the training of school-site personnel in the prevention of bullying; and
- allows a victim of bullying to transfer to another school, if desired.

We know that physical and emotional safety at school plays a crucial role for students and their academic success. Research shows that students who are bullied are more likely to be depressed, to think about

and attempt suicide, have behavior problems at school, and difficulty learning and succeeding in school. Nearly 30 percent of boys and girls in the seventh grade reported that they had been afraid of being beaten up at school in 2008.

AB 1156 brings us closer to the goal of providing a safe environment designed to support a healthy learning experience for every child.

For more information, please contact Community Concerns Advocate, Patty Christiansen, at [pchristiansen@capta.org](mailto:pchristiansen@capta.org).



## ***DID You Know There's a NEW TOOLKIT Available from CAPTA?***

The 2011-2013 Toolkit is now available for download at the CAPTA website. Go here:

<http://www.capta.org/sections/resources/toolkit.cfm>

and get it in PDF form. Be sure you share it sections and let your officers and chairs know it's available online anytime!



**REMINDER:**  
Reflections  
Training at Ninth  
District for all  
units!! New 2011 Theme:  
“Diversity Means”

### ***Learn how to Conduct a Reflections Program at your School***

Three available time slots:

- Tuesday, September 13, 9:30 am to 11:00 am
- Tuesday, September 13, 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 14 , 6:30 pm to 8 pm

Sign up for the time that works best for you. All trainings will be held at the San Diego County Office of Education, Room 307 at 6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego CA

RSVP: [ninthdistrictpta@sdcoc.net](mailto:ninthdistrictpta@sdcoc.net)

Questions? Ask

Gail M. Matson,

Ninth District PTA Reflections Chair  
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### ***NOTICE: PUSD TB Clinic Schedule Available Online:***

[http://www.powayusd.com/doc\\_library/lss\\_TBclinicSchedule.pdf](http://www.powayusd.com/doc_library/lss_TBclinicSchedule.pdf)



## We Have Membership Cards and Envelopes for You!

Good news!! For those schools who have requested more cards, I will be getting a batch in from Ninth District PTA. I will also put those in the presidents files at the September 6th meeting.

**\*\*IMPORTANT - Please remember that we will need remittance turned in at the September 6th meeting for all cards already distributed in order for you to receive the next set of cards.** If your president is not going to be in attendance at the September 6th meeting, they will need to either send a representative or find a way to get remittance to our PC treasurer, Pilar Gross, BEFORE the meeting. Remittance forms are on the Palomar Council website.

Thank you again for your patience as we deal with the membership card shortage. You guys rock!!

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Hello PTA members! Welcome back!  
This year Palomar Council will be implementing National PTA's online communications system Just Between Friends

[www.JustBetweenFriends.com](http://www.JustBetweenFriends.com) . This new system will allow Units to easily manage and communicate with members, handle volunteer and participation activities, and expand and strengthen your group through the many applications offered. Families can also create their own pages in order to keep track of events and volunteer activities.

Unit Membership VPs: Please start by going to [www.LearnJBF.com](http://www.LearnJBF.com) and inputting your board members. Customer support is fantastic! Do not hesitate to contact Nancy, Lisa or Karen at JBF for any questions or concerns. And, of course, you can contact me as well. A 2-page instructional flyer is also on the Palomar Council website: [www.palomarcouncil.com](http://www.palomarcouncil.com)

Now, more than ever our children need us to fight for their education. Budget cuts threaten an entire generation of children. No one needs to explain to students and families of PUSD the devastating effects of continuous education budget cuts over the last several years. However, your legislative representatives do need to hear from you. With the majority of school funding coming from the state, our kids have been competing with high priced corporate lobbyists and other special interests for their education dollars. Until schools are predominantly locally funded, we can only match the power and influence of money with our voices. I am forming a Legislation Committee at Palomar Council that will organize meetings with legislators at their local offices, write letters and plan events. Any PTA member may join.

Here are some simple ways to keep current on education and state policy issues. Sign up for CAPTA Legislative alerts at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) . Also, take a look at their Legislation section. Sign up for Sacramento Bee alerts to get a quick summary of what's going on in state government -<http://www.sacbee.com/>, click on "Stay Connected", choose "news & alerts" and check the box that says "Capitol Alerts" (for political news). Sign up for UCLA's Just Schools Roundup, a snapshot of current articles on education -

<http://idea.gseis.ucla.edu/newsroom/education-news-roundup> , click on “Subscribe to the news round up” (on the right). California Budget Project [www.cbp.org](http://www.cbp.org) is also a great resource.

The annual CAPTA Legislation Conference in Sacramento is in February 2012. Over 150 PTA volunteers from all over the state come to hear about current education topics from experts and insiders. Last year Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson was the guest speaker. We also organize meetings with the Governor’s office and our state representatives. Please consider attending!

I look forward to working with you!  
Contact me anytime at [kbeatty@san.rr.com](mailto:kbeatty@san.rr.com) or 858-335-4878.

Kimberley Beatty  
Palomar Council VP - Legislation

## A List of Important Dates for You to Note and Share

**September 2**—Healthy Lifestyle Grants due to National PTA.

**September 5**—LABOR DAY, NO SCHOOL!

**September 6**—Second monthly Palomar Council meeting—NEW UNIT President meeting at 6pm, Programs showcase at 6:30pm, General Meeting begins at 7 pm, *bring end of year financial reports 2010-11 if not yet submitted, bring DUES.*

**September 12**—PUSD Board of Ed meeting, 6pm, PUSD offices.

**September 20**—Ninth District Board meeting, 9:30 am, SDCOE.

**September 22**—Financial Reports from end-of-year 2010-11 due to Ninth District.

**September 26**—NO SCHOOL!

**September 27-28**—proposed in-services dates for Palomar Council Fall training, TBA.

**October 1**—Last day to submit “Revised June 2010” bylaws to Ninth District PTA.

**October 4**—monthly Palomar Council meeting; bring dues for *Ready, Set, Remit!* Award, and insurance payments, 2010-11 end of year audits due, 2011-12 annual budgets due.

### *Have you...?*

- Sent your family dinner fliers to Lisa, our PC website chair?
- Submitted your 30 memberships for your *Ready, Set, Remit!* Award?
- Given out the TB clinic schedule for PUSD to your volunteers?
- Signed up for Just Between Friends?
- RSVP'd for Reflections and Facilities Use Training?

## IMPORTANT INFO AND LINKS:

**Poway Unified School District**  
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<http://pta.org/> E-mail: [info@pta.org](mailto:info@pta.org)

**Calendar info at a glance:**

September 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Healthy Lifestyle Grant Applications Due	3
4	5	6 Palomar Council meeting 6:30 pm PUSD Offices, DUES /Reports	7	8	9 Facilities Use Training @ District Offices, RSVP to PC Pres	10
11	12 Bd of Ed mtg, 6 pm PUSD offices	13 Reflections training SDCOE Rm 307 in a.m.	14 Reflections training SDCOE Rm 306 in p.m.	15	16 Last day to register for National PTA Back to School Kit	17
18	19	20 9 <sup>th</sup> D Board mtg 9:30 am SDCOE	21	22 End of Year 2010-11 Financial Reports Due to Ninth	23	24
25	26 No School	27 PC Inservices	28 PC Inservices	29	30	

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