

# Palomar Council PTA

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## Holidays Are Here—as Well as a New Year!



Just when I was getting used to the fact it was 2011, here comes 2012! I am so grateful, though, that the passing of time brings us so many blessings. The holidays are a perfect time to appreciate and gather loved ones together to celebrate the good times both here and now and those ahead.

As we wrap up our Reflections and Adopt-A-Family programs in Palomar Council, we are gearing up for even more to come in 2012. Sacramento Safari that tops off the CAPTA Legislation Conference is just around the corner, as is the Ninth District PTA Founder's Day Celebration and Annual Meeting. Please plan to have attendance represented from your unit at both these very important events.

Planning is also well underway for the second PUSD Middle School College Readiness Fair—please save the dates and plan to attend if you have a middle schooler. Remember that this fair is on two school sites, so you have double the chance to not miss out on the good stuff!

To help you optimize your year-round membership drive options, we're offering a membership clinic at January's general meeting on the 3rd, so please bring your membership chairs along if they are available. The clinic will begin around 8 pm.

Lastly, the annual CAPTA conference is looming ahead, so please elect your delegates at your next board and association meetings so that they can begin to plan ahead.

Remember to share the pertinent information in this issue with your boards. Our goal in Palomar Council is to make sure you have all the tools you need to move forward and do your best for your units, members and children. Thanks for all you do—and take care this holiday season. Stay healthy and warm, and take some time to take care of YOU!

~Jennifer Zaheer, Palomar Council PTA President

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*You're Invited!*  
**Founders Day Celebration  
and Annual Meeting with  
Ninth District PTA**

*Date:* Wednesday, February 8, 2012

*Time:* 8:30 am to 11 am

*Place:* Scottish Rite Center

**Note:** Tickets are \$25 if you reserve by February 1<sup>st</sup>. (Go to [www.ninthdistrictpta.org](http://www.ninthdistrictpta.org) for details.)

***Next Ninth District PTA  
Brown Bag Seminar:  
Nominations & Elections***

**Thursday, January 5, 2012**

Good for presidents and parliamentarians  
however all board members welcome

**10:00 am to Noon or 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

San Diego Office of Education, Rooms 401-402  
6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego

**Free!**

To RSVP call 858-268-8077 or email  
[ninthdistrictpta@sdcoe.net](mailto:ninthdistrictpta@sdcoe.net)

Bring your brown bag if you're hungry - we'll bring  
light refreshments and the training!

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**CAPTA 2012 Legislation  
Conference and Ninth District  
PTA Sac Safari—REGISTER  
NOW!**

**February 6-7, 2012**

**Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento, CA**

**All PTA members, chairmen and officers  
welcome**

**Conference registration: \$165 for Adults, \$75  
for Students (K-12), Hotel \$179/night**

**General information flier found here:**

**<http://www.capta.org/assets/managed/whatsnew-pdf/2012%20General%20Information.pdf>**

**PTA Responds to Midyear  
“Trigger” Cuts...**

Gov. Jerry Brown announced nearly \$1 billion in new, midyear budget cuts yesterday, based on state revenues falling about \$2.2 billion below projections made in the summer budget agreement.

K-12 schools and students will be hit hard by the midyear cuts: \$248 million will be cut from the state's home-to-school transportation program; another \$79.6 million for general per-student funding will be cut. This is on top of the nearly \$20 billion that had previously been cut from

school budgets during the past several years.

In response to the Governor's announcement, California State PTA Director of Legislation Patty Scripser participated in a media conference call this morning, along with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and members of the Education Coalition to denounce the cuts, which disproportionately harm our state's poor and most needy students. In schools today, approximately 1 million students depend upon home-to-school transportation.

Patty Scripser made the following statement:

"Hundreds of millions of dollars of trigger cuts to transportation and other education programs will mean our children will not have the resources they need and deserve. How can we increase academic achievement when we can't even pay for transportation to get our kids to school? Let me be clear, we need new revenues, not new cuts."

In addition to the new cuts to K-12 schools, other education and children's programs and services impacted by cuts include: UC and CSU (\$200 million), Libraries Grants (\$17 million), Community College fees (a \$30 million cut is expected to result in a \$10/unit fee hike) and Child Care (\$23 million).

For more information, click <http://toped.svefoundation.org/2011/12/14/gov-pulls-trigger-hits-education/>



## ***Synopsis of Governor's Cuts to Public Education Funding***

by Palomar Council PTA's Legislation Chair, Kimberley Beatty based on article from Sacbee:

<http://blogs.sacbee.com/capitolalert/latest/2011/12/california-to-slash-education-social-services-in-mid-year-cut.html#storylink=scinlineshare>

Gov. [Jerry Brown](#) announced today that [California](#) will impose \$980 million in [mid-year trigger cuts](#) to a variety of public programs. The official cuts list is as follows:

### Effective Jan. 1, 2012:

- Reduce vertical prosecution grants, which allow county prosecutors and investigators to remain involved as cases work through the judicial system. Savings: \$14.6 million
- Extend Medi-Cal cuts and copays to managed care plans. Savings: \$8.6 million
- Undefined cut to Department of Developmental Services. Savings: \$100 million
- Reduce In-Home Supportive Services hours by 20 percent, eliminate local anti-fraud funding. (A federal judge has temporarily blocked the service hours cut.) Assumed savings: \$101.5 million
- Undefined cut to Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Savings: \$20 million
- Reduction in state-subsidized child care. Savings: \$23 million
- Elimination of school bus service funding. (K-12 districts say this will likely result in cuts elsewhere so federally mandated bus services can continue.) Savings: \$248 million
- Eliminate state grants to local libraries. Savings: \$15.9 million
- Undefined cut to University of California. Savings: \$100 million
- Undefined cut to California State

University. Savings: \$100 million  
-- Reduction to California Community Colleges. (Will result in \$10/unit fee hike starting in the summer 2012 term.) Savings: \$102 million  
-- Charge counties \$125,000 for housing juvenile offenders. Savings \$67.7 million  
Effective Feb. 1, 2012:  
-- Cut general funding to K-12 schools. Savings: \$79.6 million

## Palomar Council PTA and PUSD Middle School College Fair

To all parents and students of Bernardo Heights MS, Black Mountain MS, Meadowbrook MS, Mesa Verde MS, Oak Valley MS, and Twin Peaks MS

**SAVE THE DATE, SPREAD THE WORD**

### Middle School College Readiness Fair

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 6 pm – 8 pm  
Twin Peaks Middle School  
or

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6 pm – 8 pm  
Black Mountain Middle School

(Similar program at both locations)

Sponsored by PUSD and Palomar Council PTA

**Contact: Lorna Reese, 858-705-4310 or  
Laura Kishaba  
[pusdmscollegereadiness@cox.net](mailto:pusdmscollegereadiness@cox.net)**



## Membership Clinic at Next PC General Meeting

Just a note to say we will be holding a membership drive clinic from 8:00 to 8:30 pm at our next Palomar Council PTA meeting. ALL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS are welcome to attend. Please plan to be there and bring your questions and best ideas to share.

## Palomar Council Thanks Its Program Volunteers!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to those unit members, chairs and officers who helped out in our committees this fall. Our Reflections, High School College Fair and Adopt-A-Family programs could not have been successful without you!

*THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR  
OUR CHILDREN!*

## Need Leadership Training at Your Unit?

Palomar Council's Leadership team will come to your board meeting and do an all-board training for your unit, tailor-made for your executive board. Contact Jen Zaheer at [jen.zaheer@gmail.com](mailto:jen.zaheer@gmail.com) for details.



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

**December 16**—Adopt-A-Family Program concludes

**December 19-30**—PUSD Winter Break, *no school*

**January 2**—January 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day observed, *no school*

**January 3—7 pm NEXT PALOMAR COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING: Membership Clinic—all membership chairs invited!**

**January 5**—Brown Bag Training at Ninth District for nominations and elections

**January 16**—Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed, *no school*

**January 17**—Ninth District PTA District Board meeting

**January 27**—PUSD non-student day, NO SCHOOL

**February 1**—Anaheim CAPTA convention registration open, last day to RSVP for Ninth District PTA Founder's Day and Annual Meeting for \$25 registration price

**February 6-7**—CAPTA 2012 Legislation Conference and Ninth District Sac Safari

**February 1**— 8:30 am Ninth District PTA Founder's Day and Annual Meeting at Scottish Rite Center

## ***Have you...?***

- Invited your membership chair to the next Palomar Council meeting?
- Saved the date for the Palomar Council & PUSD MS College Readiness Fair?
- Invited your Parliamentarian to the next Brown Bag Training at Ninth District?
- Registered for the 2012 Legislation Conference?
- ***Had a restful and joyous Winter Break?***

## **IMPORTANT INFO AND LINKS:**

### **Poway Unified School District**

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(858)521-2800 [www.powayusd.com](http://www.powayusd.com)

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**Calendar info at a glance:**

December 2011/January 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13	14	15	16 AAF Concludes	17
18	19 PUSD Winter Break Begins	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 End of Winter Break	31
1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2 New Year's Day Observed, NO SCHOOL	3 PALOMAR COUNCIL MTG	4	5 Parliamentarian Training from Ninth District PTA	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14



**December-January Newsletter**

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