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Sac Safari, Founder's Day and CAPTA Convention Kick-off!



I am delighted to report that our first after-general-meeting clinic was a success—not only did we have our crackerjack VP of Membership, Carolyn Beckwith, leading the way, but we also enjoyed a visit from VP of Leadership Services from Ninth District PTA, Darlene Harris! Darlene and Carolyn facilitated a much-needed discussion on all things PTA membership for the continuing school year, while Yvonne Savoji, our 1st Executive VP of Leadership at Council, also led the Middle and High School presidents and membership chairs through a chat on how to improve at their campuses. THANK YOU to all of you who could stay behind and get some strategizing done!

Our Council VP of Legislation, Kimberley Beatty, has been heading up some great conversations and doing the legwork for the Sacramento Safari and CAPTA Legislation Conference coming up February 6th and 7th. This is a great opportunity to meet your state congresspeople as well as them them know how important improving the quality of education in California is to PTA leaders like you. Please send a delegate on this very integral and meaningful experience. See www.capta.org for details.

Lastly, February 1st is a very auspicious day: it's the first day to sign up for the annual CAPTA convention held this year in Anaheim, California, and it's the LAST day to RSVP for Ninth District PTA's Founder's Day at the discounted price of \$25/person. Our Founder's Day celebration is on Wednesday, February 8th, starting at 8:30 am, and the Keynote Speaker is Darin Curtis, the 2011 CA State Teacher of the Year. I hope to see you all there.

Don't forget to turn in your Honorary Service Award applications and your newsletters, student handbooks and websites to our VP of Programs, Shirley Williams, at each General meeting! Judging begins soon!

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Ninth District PTA e-Bylaws Training

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Target audience: presidents and parliamentarians
however all board members welcome

10:00 am to 7 pm

San Diego Office of Education, Rooms 401-402

6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego

\$2/person to cover lab use cost

To RSVP call 858-268-8077 or email
ninthdistrictpta@sdcoe.net

Call Ninth District to schedule your time. Classroom space is limited to 15 people per time frame. Each class session is scheduled for 1 hour.

Request a password from CA State PTA before the training day. Bring your current bylaws with you to training

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 1st. (Go to www.ninthdistrictpta.org for details.)

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113th Annual CAPTA Convention 2012 in Anaheim, CA—

WOW! PTA!

May 9-12, 2012

Anaheim Convention Center and
Anaheim Hilton

First day to register February 1st. Go to www.capta.org for details, and download your copy of the registration booklet if you didn't receive one in the mail:

<http://www.capta.org/assets/downloads/ConventionRegistrationBook2012.pdf>

Top 10 Reasons to Come to Convention:

10: Invest in the Future: for California's children and families.

9: Advocate for more than 9 million children: If you are a PTA member, you are already an advocate. Here's a chance to learn more.

8: It's the Happiest Convention on Earth!

7: Make a Difference: You are making a difference every day. Engage in opportunities to further help your unit, council and district.

6: Arts Luncheon: Meet some of the Reflections Program winners.

5: Talk to State Board Members: Ordinary people, doing extraordinary things.

4: Hearings for Bylaws, Legislation & Resolutions: Help build a better PTA.

3: Speakers to Inspire, motivate and energize.

2: We have a great history: Past, present and into the future.

1: Now More Than Ever, We Need PTA



***REMINDER: Palomar Council
PTA and PUSD Middle School
College Fair in March***

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 or Laura Kishaba
pusdmscollegereadiness@cox.net



**Palomar Council PTA Needs
Your Help!**

**Palomar Council PTA
Honorary Service Award**

A special time is coming up in the PTA calendar, the nomination of candidates for the Honorary Service Award.

Please send in your nominations as soon as possible. We would love to hear about the special people in the service of your schools. The form is on the Council website for you to download—go to www.palomarcouncil.com

**Palomar Council and Ninth District
PTA Communication Awards**

Don't forget to submit your 3 copies of directories and newsletters for consideration for the Council and Ninth District Communication Awards. If your newsletter is on-line, please make sure to update your links with Council. If there is a particular issue you would like to have submitted, make a note of it. Please contact Shirley Williams to update all your unit information, including your unit website address. Applications for communication awards will be on the Ninth District website soon.

Shirley Williams, VP of Programs,
shirlw1@cox.net

PUSD and SWACC Community Concerns Collaboration: Parent Awareness Forums How to Protect Our Kids from the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs

Three forums have been scheduled for parents to learn about the dangers of synthetic drug use. Student Support Services Department, Safety Wellness Advocacy Community Coalition (SWACC), PTSAs, law enforcement and other community agencies have partnered to make this information available (alcohol abuse, binge drinking, marijuana and other drugs). Come learn about the new and dangerous synthetic drugs: Bath Salts, Spice, and K2 that are available to your students in our own communities.

January 25th at the Rancho Bernardo High School

Performing Arts Center 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

February 1st at the Del Norte High School Theatre

6:00 -7:30 p.m.

February 15th at the Poway High Performing Arts Center

in partnership with the Poway High PTSA
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Parents, students and all community members are invited to attend. Resources and handouts regarding substance abuse will be available.



Ninth District PTA Reflections Art Reception

MARCH 2, 2012 Art Reception 6-8pm

Invite your friends, relatives, and teachers to see your PTA Reflections entry. There is plenty of parking on a Friday evening at the San Diego County Office of Education.

The reception will be held near the back of the campus. Photography, Visual Arts and Literature pieces will be displayed in rooms 401/402 as well as Dance Choreography films on the big screen.

Outdoors we will have refreshments, Musical Compositions (possibly some live performances) and Film Production pieces on another big screen

Spring Food Drive Underway Soon!

This year's Palomar Council PTA Spring Food Drive Chair, Kim Chevalier, needs your unit's food drive chairs to get in touch with her soon. You can hold your unit's food drive any time between now and mid-March, as March 19th looks to be the earliest possible delivery date. As always, our goal is to provide food for families of children who depend on free or reduced price lunches at PUSD schools, in order to help to tide them over during the April break when they won't be fed at school. This means that the focus is on non-perishables, particularly food that would be easy for children to prepare for themselves. Details to be disseminated to the chairs as they contact Kim.

Email Kim at KandCDC@aol.com.



A List of Important Dates for You to Note and Share

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— Last day to RSVP for Founder's Day, first day for CAPTA Conference in Anaheim registration; Del Norte HS SWACC Parent Forum 6pm

February 2—eBylaws training at Ninth District PTA—RSVP for a time slot

February 6-7—Sacramento Safari and CAPTA Legislation Conference

February 7—**NEXT PALOMAR COUNCIL PTA GENERAL MEETING**

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

February 15—SWACC Parent Forum at Poway High Performing Arts Center 6:30 pm

February 20-24—PUSD recess, NO SCHOOL

March 2—Ninth District PTA Art Reception at SDCOE Rooms 401/402

Have you...?

- Turned in your newsletters for the communications awards?
- Saved the date for the Palomar Council & PUSD MS College Readiness Fair?
- RSVP'd for Founder's Day?
- Registered for the 2012 Legislation Conference?
- **Turned in your unit president report at every general meeting?**

IMPORTANT INFO AND LINKS:

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Calendar info at a glance:

February 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 PUSD Recognition Dinner	31	1 Parent Forum at DNHS/1 st Day CAPTA Convention Registration	2 eBylaws Training by Ninth District	3	4
5	6 Sac Safari/Leg Conference	7 Sac Safari/Leg Conference/ PC Meeting	8 Founder's Day	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 SWACC Parent Forum PHS/ PPAC	16	17	18
19	20 PUSD Recess, no school	21 Ninth District Board Mtg	22	23	24 End of PUSD Recess	25
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