

# Palomar Council PTA

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## Fall Harvest: Trainings, Fairs, and Volunteers...



Well, we've had a terribly exciting month so far—power outages, extreme weather changes, fabulous local parades...I'm hoping all of us have had a bit of fun with all the excitement brewing round town.

As we launch full-throttle into our fall membership drives and in-services, I just want to remind everyone to **PASS ALONG THE INFORMATION** you receive as board members **TO THE UNITS YOU SERVE**. It does no good to keep all the goodies to yourselves!

With that in mind, I would like to simply restate the times and dates that you and your board members can get some training, so that we can all step off into the new school year with confidence. The Palomar Council Fall In-Services at Del Norte High School on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, and specifics are in this newsletter for class titles, times and room numbers. **PLEASE RSVP** to Yvonne Savoji at [yvonesavoji@yahoo.com](mailto:yvonesavoji@yahoo.com), and state who is coming for which classes and unit.

Ninth District PTA is also hosting trainings on September 22d, please go to [www.ninthdistrictpta.org](http://www.ninthdistrictpta.org) for specifics. They are also located further on in this newsletter. You can RSVP to Ninth District as well.

We are asking local media to come and talk to us at October's meeting, so please don't miss out on meeting the folks who can help you advertise your events.

Lastly, our Facilities Use Training was unceremoniously canceled due to the power outage, but it has been rescheduled—details in the pages to follow. We are also asking for volunteers for our High School College Fair next month as well. **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

~Jennifer Zaheer, Palomar Council PTA President

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## **Fall In-Services for Palomar Council—TELL YOUR BOARD!!!**

Kindly *RSVP* by Monday, September 26th to *Yvonne Savoji* via email at [yvonesavoji@yahoo.com](mailto:yvonesavoji@yahoo.com) with the requested information (*name, unit, session attending*).

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Del Norte High School**

**President (6:30-7:30 PM)** – A “temperature check” which will provide an opportunity to discuss any current issues within your unit, exchange ideas and create a network of contemporaries to help you as the “fearless leader” of your unit. Room D111

**Treasurer/Financial Secretary (6:30-7:30 PM)**  
– Everything you need to know to keep track of every last penny so that your unit is always running “in the black.” Room D112

**Recording Secretary (6:30-7:30 PM)** – Review responsibilities and discuss ideas that will be helpful as you perform your duties as the custodian of the legal record of your PTA/PTSA. After this session you will be able to capture every last word (OK so maybe every other word) that is spoken in your meetings so you can keep accurate and concise minutes... guaranteed! Room D114

**Membership Chairperson (6:30-7:30 PM)** - Membership is the heart of PTA! This session is an opportunity to network with others who guide and direct their units in successful membership campaigns throughout the entire year, not just in the fall. Room D116

**Legislation Representative (6:30-7:30 PM)** – A wealth of important information about educating PTA members, community members

and elected officials about PTA's issues of concern and legislative priorities and goals. This is especially pertinent now because fall is, after all, “Election Season”. Room D117

**Auditor (7:30-8:30 PM)** - Learn how to investigate your unit's financial books so you can file your reports accurately. What to look for when reading your books so your unit remains in good standing. Room D112

**Programs/Ways & Means (7:30-8:30 PM)** – An overview of how to implement existing and new programs at your site (i.e. Red Ribbon Week, Character Counts!) as well as the “ways and means” to run successful programs. Room D115

**Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Del Norte High School**

**Adopt-A-Family (6:30-7:30 PM)** - A wealth of information about how this event is organized at the council level, what is required of your unit, and what you can do to make certain that every needy child or family within our community benefits from this drive. Room D111

**Volunteer & Room Parent Coordinator (6:30-7:30 PM)** – How to get the cat, the goose and the dog to help so you don't end up feeling like the “Little Red Hen”! Ideas for managing school volunteers and encouraging participation so you don't have to make the bread all by yourself. Room D112

**Historian (7:30-8:30 PM)**- How to assemble and preserve the record of activities and achievements of your unit for future generations. You want these records to be top notch because, like the minutes, they are kept *FOREVER!* Room D114

**Parliamentarian (7:30-8:30 PM)** – Learn how to use eBylaws, a new CAPTA online program, which streamlines your bylaws updates. This process is easy to learn--come see how Ninth District PTA can show you the tricks of the trade. \*\*Remember to update them *YEARLY* and submit new revisions every 2 years\*\* Room D116

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## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2011 PUSD COLLEGE FAIR !!!!!***

The PUSD College Fair, hosted at Del Norte HS, is about 4 weeks away. It will be held Oct 18 from 6:00 - 8:30. If you haven't been to this before, it is an informative event to introduce students to a variety of college options. The representatives are enthusiastic, helpful, and friendly.

In order to have it run smoothly for all those that attend, we would like to ask for parent volunteers. Given that this is a district-wide event, it would be so appreciated if parents from all the high schools could contribute. The type of tasks we would ask of parents are as follows:

1) Reception (catered meal 4:00 - 5:30 for college reps)

2:00 to 4:00 - 2 volunteers for set-up

4:00 to 5:30 - 2 volunteers to cater and clean-up

2) Main Hall (college booth displays 6:00 - 8:30)

6:00 to 7:00 - 3 volunteers to pass out water and assist Reps

7:00 to 8:30 - 3 volunteers to pass out water and assist Reps

3) Check-in table (near entrance 5:30 - 8:30)

5:30 to 7:00 - 2 volunteers to check in parent (and maybe student) volunteers, distribute instructions and name tags

4) We'll have all volunteers wear blue (if possible- no purchase necessary), and

lanyards for their name tag which I will provide.

If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions please contact this year's CF Volunteer Coordinator, Rebecca De Long, at [rdelong@san.rr.com](mailto:rdelong@san.rr.com).



## ***RESCHEDULED: Facilities Use Training at PUSD***

Please take note of the [NEW PC Facilities Use Training date](#), rescheduled from earlier this month:

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

**When:** *Thursday, November 3rd,*  
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.

***RSVP TODAY!***

# Time for everyone, including the Governor, to stand up against bullying

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SACRAMENTO - California State PTA released the following statement urging the Governor to sign an important anti-bullying bill, AB 1156 by Assembly Member Mike Eng.

California State PTA sponsored this legislation, which takes concrete measures to reduce bullying and keep students safe. PTA leaders throughout California overwhelmingly support this legislation, which is also supported by teachers. The bill passed out of the Assembly on a 45-18 vote and awaits the Governor's signature.

"Bullying is a serious issue at home and in school, and parents and teachers need to address it together," said Carol Kocivar, president of the California State PTA. "This legislation will help to keep children in school and safe."

The bill requires training of school site personnel in the prevention of bullying, and gives victims of bullying priority for transferring out of a school, if requested.

Physical and emotional safety at school is crucial for student success. Students who are bullied are more likely to be depressed, to think about and attempt suicide, have behavior problems and difficulty learning and succeeding in school. The problem can be compounded by social and other electronic media.

Bullying contributes to poor school attendance, which is a barrier to improving student achievement for all, and particularly to efforts to close the achievement gap, a longstanding priority for the PTA.

It is not a rare problem: Nearly 30 percent of boys and girls in the seventh grade reported that they had been afraid of being beaten up once or more while at school in 2008. The cost to schools and to society is great: Each school day, an estimated 160,000 students throughout the U.S. skip school in order to avoid bullying.

"Every child is entitled to a safe and peaceful school environment," Kocivar said. "This bill gives students, their families and their teachers, effective tools to ensure school is a place where everyone is free to learn and teach without the threat of harm."

As part of PTA's commitment to taking a stand against bullying, the association of nearly 1 million members throughout California, has partnered with Common Sense Media for a new education campaign to combat cyberbullying. Called "Stand up, Don't Stand By," the campaign has launched with a new "Cyberbullying Toolkit" online that includes a parent education video, parent tip sheets and more at [www.common sense.org/pta](http://www.common sense.org/pta). Common Sense Media is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children thrive in a digital world.

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## **Great News: Membership Cards Are IN!**

Please contact PC VP of Membership Carolyn Beckwith at [beckwith@san.rr.com](mailto:beckwith@san.rr.com) if you need more cards! Remember to turn in your remittance to council when you get the remainder of what's coming to your unit. See PC Treasurer Pilar Gross at [pgptal@yahoo.com](mailto:pgptal@yahoo.com) for details.



## **Get the Latest Tips from PTA Connects:**

### **Make the most of your board meetings**

Here are some ideas on how to make the most of your monthly board meetings.

- Stick to the dates and times for the meetings that are in your bylaws and yearly calendar.
- Start and end meetings on time.
- Write up an agenda ahead of time and share it so members can prepare.
- Create a list for everyone attending to sign and note their volunteer hours.
- Follow parliamentary rules so business moves forward, and everyone has a chance to speak.

- Committee reports are most helpful when they're brief, and include clear recommendations.
- Take minutes so there will be a record of decisions made.
- Share your first writeup of the minutes - within a week if you can - so board members can give feedback and remember what they agreed to do

### **Membership ... it's not just a fall drive!**

Did you know that PTAs that run more than one membership campaign a year have 20 percent more members? So, kick off the new school year with a plan to market your PTA all year long.

- Choose a theme and plan several membership campaigns around that theme.
- Start with a big membership push in the fall when back-to-school enthusiasm is high. Use competitions between classrooms or grade levels, incentives and celebrations.
- As we move into the new year, create a midyear membership campaign.
- Close the school year with March-to-May "Membership Madness."
- Just as any commercial product or service is advertised regularly and in many different ways, PTA should be marketed throughout the school year.
- Remember: The California State PTA membership year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.

*If you are interested in receiving PTA Connects and other electronic newsletters from CA PTA, please visit [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org), select the "publications" tab, and sign up today!*



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

**September 22**—Financial Reports from end-of-year 2010-11 due to Ninth District. Ninth District training at SDCOE—see [www.ninthdistrictpta.org](http://www.ninthdistrictpta.org) for details

**September 26**—NO SCHOOL!

**September 27-28**—In-services for Palomar Council Units at Del Norte High School, see above for details

**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.

**October 17-21**—Red Ribbon and CHARACTER COUNTS! Week

**October 18**—PUSD and Palomar Council High School College Fair at Del Norte High School 6pm

**October 25**—Adopt-A-Family wishlists due to council

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

- Picked up your membership cards after submitting your dues?
- Qualified with 30 paid memberships for the *Ready, Set, Remit!* Award?
- **RSVP'd for the Palomar Council PTA Fall In-Services?**
- Volunteered for the PUSD High School College Fair?
- Called, faxed or written the governor to take a stand on bullying?



## **IMPORTANT INFO AND LINKS:**

### **Poway Unified School District**

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**Calendar info at a glance:**

September/October 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 NO SCHOOL!	27 PC In- Services at Del Norte HS	28 PC In- Services at Del Norte HS	29	30	1 last day to submit 2010 bylaws
2	3	4 Palomar Council meeting 6:30 pm PUSD Offices, DUES /Reports	5	6	7	8
9	10 Bd of Ed mtg, 6 pm PUSD offices	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 RRW & CC! starts	18 9 <sup>th</sup> D Board mtg 9:30 am SDCOE	19	20	21 End of RR/CC! Week	22
23/30	24/31	25 Adopt-A- Family wishlists due to Council	26	27	28	29

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