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VALLEY VIEWS

Official Newsletter of the 31st District PTSA

From the President

KIMBERLY AMADO

Welcome to the 2023-2024 term. This is an exciting time as we get ready to start another school year. Just like you, we are all volunteers. We serve at the District level because we believe in the mission of PTA and we are here to support you, our unit leaders. The work you do makes an impact everyday at your school sites; advocating for students, supporting school staff and building communities.

While you are working hard to support the children and families at your schools in the San Fernando Valley, Sunland and Tujunga, our District Board of Directors and Board of Managers are working hard to support you along with our terrific office manager who can also provide assistance.

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JOIN US FOR THE
CALIFORNIA STATE PTA
125TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 3 - 5, 2024 | ONTARIO, CA

Save the Date

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Convention is an investment in your PTA leadership. From the classes, networking, and exhibit hall you will learn a lot and your PTA will benefit from all the ideas you bring back with you. Vote out funds to send someone to convention at your next meeting.

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Here are some things you can do to set yourself and your PTA unit up for success this year:

Attend Council Meetings

This is a great place to network with local leaders and get questions answered. Share the information with your board.

Attend District Trainings/Events

There is always something new to learn. We look forward to meeting you at district events and seeing you have fun

Explore PTA Websites

National - pta.org – Membership Marketing Tools, School of Excellence, Grant Opportunities, Online Training

State - capta.org - Toolkit, Reflections, Advocacy, Scholarships and Grants

District - 31stdistptsa.org - District Awards and Updates, District Calendar, Music Scholarship Information

Let's make it a great year!

Kimberly Amado 31st District PTSA President



I am Hopeful Because...

Explore the arts and express yourself!

2023-2024



Reflections Program

COLLEEN ROSS
VP OF MEMBERSHIP & ORGANIZATION

"I am Hopeful Because..." what an inspiring theme for this year's National PTA Reflection program. The Reflections program has been around since 1969 and has been bringing art to millions of students. The six categories are: Dance Choreography, Literature, Photography, Film Production, Music Composition and Visual Arts. There are different levels of judging at the school level, including the Special Artist Division, then the artwork goes to the district level to be judged and those winners go on to State and then hopefully National.

Art work is due to the 31st District on December 1st, digitally. There will be a Reflections showcase in the early spring. Date to be determined. Please invite the 31st District to your showcase. We love to see all of your schools amazing artwork.

Music Scholarships

Thirty-First District PTSA has been awarding Music Scholarships to talented secondary (6th-12th grades) students in the San Fernando Valley and the Sunland/Tujunga area for over fifty years. After auditioning before expert judges who volunteer their time, **each scholarship recipient receives \$500.00 for private music lessons with qualified teachers.**

Applications have been sent to the school principals and music teachers and secondary unit PTA presidents. Applications are also available at the 31st District office and can be found on the 31st District website at www.31stdistpts.org. **Deadline for the 31st District is 4:00 p.m. on January 12, 2024.**

Auditions are Saturday, February 17, 2024 and the concert will be Tuesday, March 5, 2024 both at Granada Hills Charter High School.

The Music Scholarship Program is financed solely by donations from our units, councils and individuals. Please help us to sustain this very worthwhile program by sending any donations to 31st District PTSA: 17445 Cantlay St., Van Nuys, CA. 91406.

We appreciate your support!



MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES

DID YOU KNOW THE 31ST DISTRICT HAS
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES?

NOVEMBER FALLING FOR PTA

Have at least one elected community official (school board, city council, neighborhood council, etc) join your PTA. Prize: Entry for a chance to win a PTA tablecloth for your unit.

Send an email to danica212@gmail.com using the subject line – November Membership Challenge. Send the member's name and affiliation along with your unit's name.

DECEMBER MERRY MEMBERSHIP

Have at least five teachers or staff members join your PTA this month. Prize: Enter to win two cakes for your school's front office.

Send an email to danica212@gmail.com using the subject line – December Membership Challenge. Send the members' names along with your unit's name.

JANUARY NEW YEAR, NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Kick off the new year by holding a second membership drive. Prize: Enter to win a chance at a fidget box.

Send an email to danica212@gmail.com with a picture of your membership drive or a copy of the flyer used. Use the subject line – January Membership Challenge

CALIFORNIA STATE PTA MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES

100% TEACHERS

All PTA units that achieve 100% teacher membership forwarded by the deadline will receive a digital badge and will be recognized on California State PTA social media platforms. Apply at: https://castatepta.formstack.com/forms/100_teacher_challenge

Due Date: 11/30/23

HALFWAY THERE

This award is given to local PTAs that have forwarded membership totals equal to or greater than their entire membership total for the 2022-23 year based on the December 2023 CAPTA Membership Report. Unit PTAs will receive a digital badge and be recognized on California State PTA social media platforms.

No application is required.

10% OF STUDENTS

This award is given to local PTAs that have forwarded student memberships totaling at least 10% of their total student enrollment. Units will receive a digital badge, be entered into a prize drawing, and will be recognized on California State PTA social media platforms.

Application is required.
Due Date: 1/31/24

District Dinner

The District Membership Dinner/Association Meeting was held on October 12th at the Porter Valley Country Club. Each year the district holds a membership poster contest and one elementary and one secondary school wins a ticket to the awards dinner in May.

The poster contest winners were:
Elementary: Stagg Street Elementary
Secondary: Nobel Middle School.
Congratulations!

In addition to conducting our district business there was a costume contest, raffle, and a photo booth. Hope you will join us for the Awards Dinner in May.



31st District Board of Directors



San Jose Elementary
as the PTA police
(my favorite costumes)

(best group costume)



Stagg Street PTA
as the Ghostbusters!



The Emojis from Topeka Drive PTA

WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

CELEBRATE THE
HOLIDAY SEASON WITH US!

31st District PTSA

Holiday Bunco Night

DECEMBER 12, 2023 | 6 PM
\$20 PER PERSON
17445 CANTLAY, LAKE BALBOA

Plan a night out with your friends
to play Bunco.

Win prizes playing an easy to
learn game.

Snacks and refreshments will be
served.

RSVP BY 12/8 *
SECRETARY.31STDIST@GMAIL.COM
818.344.3581

JOIN US FOR BUNCO

- At the district office
- December 12th
- Fun and easy to learn

HOPE TO
SEE YOU
THERE!



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