

From the President

Happy New Year!

January is a month of new beginnings and I hope 2024 is off to a good start.

As we head into the new year many elections will be taking place that will impact our PTA's, schools, communities, and the nation. It is important to remember that although we may have different backgrounds, experiences, or political parties we are all on the same side, we want the best for our children. Remember as a non-profit organization we do not endorse candidates. As an individual you may give an endorsement, but you are not able to use PTA or your title.

As you enter your PTA election season, remember to reach out to the council or district if you have questions or if you need assistance in conducting your elections.

All the best in 2024!

Kimberly Amado



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Flat Kimberly

Every term the district presidents need to do a presentation for the State Board of Managers. The report is to give a snap shot of your district and what is happening.

I need your help,

Flat Kimberly will be sent via email to the unit presidents (or you can pick up a copy at the district office). Please take her to your events or meetings and send us a picture of her travels (and let us know the details).

Thank you for your assistance!

Nominating Committee

Now is the time to think about electing a nominating committee. The committee must be elected at an association meeting. Your bylaws state how many are on the nominating committee. Once elected, your parliamentarian convenes the meeting, attends the first meeting to elect the chair of the committee and give instructions. If not elected to the committee, the parliamentarian leaves at that time.

The committee must find the most qualified individuals for each elected position and contact them for their approval to hold that position. When the positions are filled, the slate must be posted where everyone has an opportunity to see it at least 28 days before the election meeting. Refer to your bylaws to determine when your election association meeting is. For most units, it is in March. At that meeting, others may wish to run from the floor for a particular position. If that happens and there are 2 or more running for a position, then a secret ballot must be used. Otherwise, a hand vote is fine.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 818 800-0846 or dancernana @hotmail.com.

Linda Ross 31st District PTSA Parliamentarian

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It's time to file your PTA's 2023 - 2024 Workers' Compensation Annual Payroll Report!

It's fast and easy, especially if your PTA didn't pay any individuals directly.

Please complete your PTA's **Workers' Compensation Annual Payroll Report** for the policy year ending January 4, 2024. This form and any related surcharge that might be due must be submitted to **Association Insurance Management (AIM)**, California State PTA's Insurance Broker, **no later than January 31, 2024.**

All PTAs must complete the Workers' Compensation Annual Payroll Report every year, even if they did not pay any individuals.

More information is available on the <u>California State PTA Insurance webpage</u>. (https://capta.org/pta-leaders/run-your-pta/insurance/)

If you have questions, contact the 31st District PTA treasurer (<u>ira@fosterparents.com</u>), or AIM at 800-876-4044 or email at <u>capta@aim-companies.com</u>.

The <u>Workers' Compensation Annual Payroll Report</u> is due <u>January 31, 2024</u>. Don't delay! File today! Thank you!

AG ASSISTANCE DAY

CAN'T GET YOUR RFA'S APPROVED BY LAUSD BECAUSE YOU ARE DELINQUENT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE?

We will help you get back on track. Come to the 31st District Office on:

Friday, February 2nd at 11 a.m.

Bring all of your bookkeeping records and/or bank statements for the periods that need to be filed.



DONUTS WITH THE DISTRICT

2024



CRAFTS AND Q&A

9-11am

31st District Office 17445 Cantlay St., Lake Balboa

RSVP to

SECRETARY.31STDISTRICT@GMAIL.COM 818.344.3581

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MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES

WAY TO GO!

CONGRATULATIONS

Stagg Street Elementary for winning the November Membership Incentive Drive for a PTA tablecloth! **San Jose Elementary** for winning December Membership Incentive Drive for two cakes for their front office!



SAN JOSE: Cynthia Navarro (Hospitality), Juan Reynosa (Treasurer) and Desiree Arevalo (President) STAGG ST.: Krishawn Jones (Treasurer), Carmen Ponce (Member), Liz Long (Membership Committee), Ashley Vilches (Social Media), Norma Sigala (Yearbook Chair), Kyndra Mack (Member), Denise Dinson (Secretary), Neda Motamedi (VP), Loni Betterton (Fundraising Chair) and Danica Middleton (President)

JANUARY

Membership doesn't stop at back-to-school night. **Challenge:** Kick off the new year by holding a second membership drive. **Prize:** Entry for a chance at a Fidget Box.

FEBRUARY

Challenge: Share the history of PTA at your association meeting and add five new members. Prize: Entry for a chance to win a \$50 certificate from the PTA Store. meeting.

*Extra chance to win if you invite 31st District to attend.

To enter, send an email to danica212@gmail.com.

Mention the Membership Challenge in the subject.

COME SEE THE STARS AT CSUN

FREE SHOWS IN FEBRUARY! ADVANCE TICKETS STARTING IN MARCH!

CSUN's Department of Physics & Astronomy is thrilled to announce the reopening of the Bianchi Planetarium! Our very own North West Valley Council treasurer, Alby Luchko is the new star show host.

To celebrate, they are hosting FREE Friday night shows on February 9, 16, and 23 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Doors open 15 minutes before the show. Seats are first come first served in February. The Bianchi Planetarium seats 100. See the flyer on the next page.

Advance tickets will be available for purchase soon for March-May star shows. If your school is interested in visiting the planetarium, email physics@csun.edu. Schools should be receiving the flyer this week. Make sure to share the news! Scan the QR code on the flyer for more details.



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FOUNDER'S DAY & ASSOCIATION MEETING

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
19414 VENTURA BLVD, TARZANA 91356 - CROSS STREET TAMPA

MARCH 4, 2024 CHECK IN/VENDOR VISITS 5:30-6:30PM MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30PM

Tickets are \$25 per person. Includes light supper.

RSVP and Payment due by Friday, February 23, 2024.

Send checks payable to 31st District PTSA, 17445 Cantlay St., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Contact: _____ School: ____

Phone: _____ Email: ____

Number Attending: ____ Amount Enclosed: ____

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JOIN US FOR THE

CALIFORNIA STATE PTA 125TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

MAY 3 - 5, 2024 | ONTARIO, CA

Did you know...

every pta can send at least 2 <u>voting</u> members to convention, so along with training and networking opportunities, your unit has a voice in how the california state pta operates.

What will we have at convention?

- 50 Workshops training for leaders, programs for members, educational updates
- Voting on Resolutions 4 Resolutions were Adopted in 2023 & provide a foundation of advocacy
- Exhibit Hall Meet vendors to bring to your school from fundraising to assemblies and more
- Reflections Gallery Enjoy the beautiful art that is created across the state
- Network and meet fellow leaders to collaborate and share ideas

Planning for Convention

REGISTRATION FEES

While registration has not been officially set, for budgeting purposes, you can plan on \$250 early bird price per delegate or \$350 for regular registration. Registration will open in March.

HOTEL COSTS

The Doubletree by Hilton is our Convention Hotel for planning purposes, the rooms base rate will be around \$180 a night.

PER DIEM (for food) for each delegate (The State's per diem is \$ 16 - Breakfast, \$ 18 - Lunch and \$ 33 - Dinner, your units per diem may be found in your unit Bylaws)

> 6 1 had no idea how big PTA is. Or what the function of PTA is beyond the local unit. My eyes were opened to what we do.

What can you do now?

You can use the following template below to help inform your Unit, Council, or District PTA to estimate what you need to add to your budget. Convention is a PTA worthy expense!

How do you go about getting this approved to attend Convention?

- Bring this to your Executive Board and mention the benefits of attending California State PTA Convention.
- Identify if any other members of the board would like to attend.
- Make a motion to the Executive Board to recommend to the General Association that they add this budget line item.
- 4. Bring this to the next General Association Meeting for approval
- 5. Check the capta.org website in March so that you can sign up with the early bird registration and book your hotel room!

Convention Expense	Cost Per Person (estimated to approve in your budget)	# of Delegates	Total Cost
Full-Time Delegate(s)	~ \$250 Early Bird ~ \$350 Regular Registration		
One-Day Delegates	~ \$150/\$200		
Student Delegates	~ \$150		
Mileage (~.65 cents) / Airfare			
Hotel Cost	~ \$180 + taxes		
Per Diem			
Total Convention			

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CALIFORNIA SAFE SCHOOLS CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY HONORING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HEROES!

On Monday, December 4, 2023 at the California Endowment in historic downtown Los Angeles, California Safe Schools, a celebrated children's environmental health and environmental justice non-profit celebrated its 25th Anniversary with an event called "Your Life is Now", 31st District PTSA and 10th District PTSA were among the seven honorees.

About California Safe Schools:

Founded by Robina Suwol in 1998, California Safe Schools (CSS) is a children's environmental health and environmental justice coalition. CSS achieved national prominence by spearheading the Los Angeles Unified Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy, the most stringent pesticide policy in the nation for K-12 public schools and the first to embrace the "Precautionary Principle" and "Right to Know". The success of the policy led to California's Healthy Schools Act. Today the LA Unified IPM policy serves as an international model for school districts and communities.

On October 6, 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 405 (Montanez) sponsored by California Safe Schools. The bill bans experimental pesticides, whose health effects are unknown, from California k-12 public schools. As a result, more than 6 million California children and hundreds of thousands of school children are protected from experimental chemicals, whose health effects are unknown.

LEARN MORE

https://www.calisafe.org/





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District Awards 2023 - 2024

Each year, the 31st District awards units, who submit applications for:

- Unit of the Year
- Newsletter
- Teacher of the Year
- Diana Dixon Davis Health & Safety

Our units need to be given recognition for their hard work, amazing events and projects. All units should consider filling out the applications for one or more of the above awards. **The applications are on the District website at** www.31stdisptsa.org. Instructions are on each application.

Completed applications can be dropped off at the 31st District Office or emailed to <u>31stdistawards@gmail.com</u>.

DEADLINE 4:00 PM on Friday, APRIL 19, 2024.

Applications received after that date/time will not be considered

Anna Measles, Awards Committee Chair





WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
12040 BALBOA BLVD., GRANADA HILLS 91344

REGISTRATION/SOCIAL HOUR 5:30-6:30PM MEETING BEGINS AT 6:30PM

"Tropical dreams are the reminders that life is full of possibilities and endless adventures." — Unknown

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