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VALLEY VIEWS

Official Newsletter of the 31st District PTSA

From the President

“Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects.” – The Dalai Lama

I am sure by this time in the school year as a parent and a PTA leader you are tired and you may be wondering why you got involved, but you are the pebble. In today's school environment where parents must drop their child off at the gate in the morning the restaurant nights, movie nights and fall festivals you put on are providing the avenue to build community. The field trips, literacy nights, classroom volunteer hours and assemblies provide educational enrichments to your students. The staff appreciation you provide boosts morale and makes others feel appreciated. All the things that you do for your school community in turn provides economic benefits to your surrounding community. And for the volunteers, it connects us to others and is good for our body and soul. So, take a deep breath and think about the difference you make by volunteering and the ripple you create does have far reaching effects.

Kimberly Amado



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Darlene Panfill Music Scholarships



Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our Music Scholarship program this year. We are very happy to report that we were able to give ten \$400 scholarships this year.

This program, which has been around since 1953, has afforded students the opportunity to participate in private music lessons. This program is solely funded by the units, councils, and members of the 31st District PTSA. Without your support the program will cease to exist. Any sized donation is appreciated; you do not have to donate a whole scholarship. Thank you to the committee (Linda Ross, Anna Measles, Bernadette Friedman, Arleen Titner, Kimberly Amado and Colleen Ross) for their love of music and their dedication to the program.

And the winners are...

Alexander Fox - Walter Reed MS
Alina Laaly - North Hollywood HS
Michael Madrid - Olive View MS
Alina Laaly - North Hollywood HS
Esmeralda Medina - PolyTechnic HS
Kevin Torres - North Hollywood HS
Carina Cornejo - Champs Charter HS
Jake Thomas - Cleveland HS
Aleisha Cruz - PolyTechnic HS
Liana Mouradian - Robert Frost MS



Honorable Mentions

Anastasia Koliesnik - Robert Frost MS
Varvana Koliesnik – Kennedy HS
Walter Barkley - Walter Reed MS
Dylan Lee – Robert Frost MS
Rachael Borachina - Portola MS
Tesa Lynch - North Hollywood HS
Andrea Vincente – Poly Technic HS





Darlene Pantill Music Scholarship Supporters

Thank you to the following unit and council PTA's for supporting this program. All of the donations go towards providing music lessons to talented secondary students.

- Anna Measels
- Los Amigos Council
- Northwest Valley Council
- Beckford Elementary
- Frost Middle School
- Granada Hills Charter High School
- Nobel Middle School
- Porter Ranch Community School
- Superior Elementary

HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE THAT HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR YOUR PTA?

Consider recognizing them with an honorary service award, there are awards for individuals, teachers, and administrators. The net proceeds from these awards goes to support the scholarships and grants program at State PTA. To learn more visit [Honorary Service Awards - California State PTA \(capta.org\)](https://www.calptpta.org/honorary-service-awards).

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

Our Annual State PTA Convention is the ultimate PTA leadership experience and an excellent PTA investment.

Join us in Ontario to celebrate 127 years of changing children's lives – you are an important voice for all children and families! You will be inspired by other PTA leaders and understand the connection to the larger PTA picture. You'll return home with fresh ideas, improved skills, new friends, and inspiration for the work ahead.

Did you know...

every PTA can send at least 2 voting 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

(Keep reading on the next page!)

PER DIEM
 (FOR FOOD)

For each delegate,
 the State's per diem is:

\$ 16 – Breakfast

\$ 18 – Lunch

\$ 33 – Dinner

Your unit's per diem
 may be found in your
 unit Bylaws

**OUR CONVENTION
 HOTEL**

**Doubletree by Hilton Ontario
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 91764-4431

Group Code: PTA

3 letter code should you need to
 call in for reservations at
 1-800-222-8733

Rate: \$179 + tax

PLAN FOR...

District Dinner on Friday Night

Cask & Cleaver

8689 E 9th St, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

7:00 PM - \$50

(would be part of your daily per diem)

31st District Convention Exclusive Event

Turtles and Brooms

Saturday night during the State Even Dinner
– details will be given at convention.

**Don't Miss
These
Convention
Exclusives!**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration has been officially set. You can plan on:

- **\$249 pre-registration delegate**
- **\$349 at the door for full-time registration**
- **\$199 for one day registration**

[HTTPS://CAPTA.ORG/PROGRAMS-EVENTS/CONVENTION/](https://capta.org/programs-events/convention/)

COME SEE THE STARS AT CSUN

**ALL PLANETARIUM SHOWS ARE FREE THIS SEMESTER!
EVERY OTHER FRIDAY AT 7 PM.
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR DATES AND DETAILS**



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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)

“I 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?

1. Bring this to your Executive Board and mention the benefits of attending California State PTA Convention.
2. Identify if any other members of the board would like to attend.
3. 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			



Spring Into Action! April Challenge - Gain five new members to your PTA and share how you support your unit (community service, student aid, beautification, etc) for a **chance to win a razor scooter**. Remember to send an email to be entered to win.

Thanks,
Danica Middleton - Membership Chair

Reflections Showcase

Please join us as we honor our talented students on **Saturday, April 20 at Devonshire Pals, 8721 Wilbur** in Northridge. Come see all of our Reflections entries during our **Gallery Hour from 11 am -12 pm** and then join us for our **awards ceremony at 12 pm**. A big shout out to all of the Reflections chairs from all the units.

If you have original Reflections artwork you would like us to showcase, please drop it off at the 31st District office.

Hope to see you there.

Colleen Ross
VP of Membership & Organization



Founder's Day Vendors

Thank you to the vendors that were at our Founder's Day Meeting!
Please continue to support them!!



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Our mission at California MusicBox is to train, educate and develop our students to excel not only in music but in everything they do. Developing the musicianship of our students is only the foundation. We believe that being part of our family, you learn self discipline, build confidence and you create the empathy, openness and curiosity which is essential to creativity. Music is just a powerful force for the kind of personal growth that any of our students should go through in order to develop the necessary physical, intellectual and social skills, which are fundamental life skills.

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District Awards 2023 - 2024

Time is creeping along. Before you know it will be April 19th, when applications for the 31st District Award applications are due. You must know an outstanding teacher at your school that needs to be recognized. Maybe toot your own horn and be recognized for the great work your unit is doing, the really fabulous safety program that you have at your unit, or the tremendously news-worthy PTSA newsletter that is published at your school.

You can't possibly win any of these awards, if you don't apply, we and your unit will never know. Also, members of the Board of Managers, please nominate a person who you think is doing great work for our District.

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 31stdistawards@gmail.com.

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

Applications received after that date/time will not be considered.

Anna Measles, Awards Committee Chair

