

# APPTA NEWSLETTER



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## **Purchase items to Raise Autism Awareness**

You can purchase the following items from the PTA: Autism Awareness car magnets, bracelets and keychains. Each item is \$5. They will be available at each PTA meeting.

## **What does the puzzle piece mean?**

The puzzle pattern is used to represent autism. A little explanation about why the puzzle piece was chosen is because the puzzle pattern reflects the mystery and complexity of autism. The different colors and shapes represent the diversity of people and families living with this disorder. The brightness signals hope. Hope through research and in the increasing awareness of people like you.

## **Giving Campaign**

Do you work for a corporation or company who participates in the United Way giving campaign? If you do, your company can add the Autism Project PTA as a non-profit, charitable organization. Employees often have the choice to donate through a payroll deduction and companies often match those funds. Please consider the APPTA when selecting a charity.

## **Message from President**

This year is off to a great start! Thank you for joining the PTA, we hope to see you at our future meetings and events. On Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, we had Janet Nunez, an assistive technology specialist, join us for an excellent presentation focused on ideas, tools and technology we can use with our children. We have also received many of your children's ID bracelet requests, which should be available for pick up in November. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you throughout the school year! - Roseanne

## **Parent training from the SCCOE**

Dear Parents,

I would like to take a minute to welcome you to the 2006-2007 school year! The Autism Project continues to grow and we have increased from 48 classes in the 2005-2006 school year to 56 classes for the 2006-2007 school year! One of the goals for the Special Education Department is to put on a series of four Parent Trainings this school year, two in the Fall and two in the Spring. For the Fall Semester, **please save the following dates!** All of the trainings will be held at the Santa Clara County Office of Education and a flyer will be sent home with your child giving the times and room assignments.

### **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

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Breakout sessions will be offered on the following topics:

- **New IEP Forms and IDEA**
- **Preparing for Adult Life**
- **Communication**
- **Behavior**

### **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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**Barbara Bloomfield** – nationally renowned speaker on Autism, will provide family members and other caregivers with practical, easy to implement intervention strategies for the home and community settings.

### **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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**Make and Take** - Parents will be provided with all the materials needed to make the materials that can be used for classroom or home programs (printed pattern, laminating film and Velcro). Staff will be available to assist.

**More information to follow – stay tuned!!!**

Sincerely,

**Mary-Anne Bosward**

SCCOE - Director of Special Education

### Did you know?

Amazon will donate 5% of all sales from our website to the Autism Project PTA. We are a member of the Amazon Association program. If you have gifts, textbooks or anything you need to buy from Amazon you can use the link from our website and 5% of your sales will be donated to the APPT. Just go to <http://www.orgsites.com/ca/autismprojectpta> and click the "donate" button. You will then click the Amazon button and shop normally.



### Get involved in the PTA, join a committee

The Autism Project PTA has a number of committees in place this year. If you are interested in joining a committee please contact us and we will notify the committee chairperson.

Committees include:

- Goals
- Fundraising
- Bylaws
- Budget
- Membership
- Community Awareness
- Nominating

For more information, please call us at: 408-371-8709 ext. 2

Or email us at: [autismprojectpta@hotmail.com](mailto:autismprojectpta@hotmail.com)

### Membership contest ends on October 3rd!



This is just a reminder: We are having a classroom membership contest, "Have a SWEET time with the APPTA!"

The classroom with the most memberships by Oct 3rd will be treated to a classroom party of their choice. When you join the PTA your child's class will receive credit. Membership is not limited! Anyone can become a member, you can ask family members, friends and neighbors to join as well. Membership is only \$10 per member.

If you haven't become a member yet, be sure and turn in your membership envelope by Oct 3rd so your child's class can receive credit. The winner will be announced at our Nov 2nd APPTA meeting.

### ID Bracelets

The APPTA has received all returned ID bracelet requests from your teacher. We will order the bracelets and they will be available for pick up at our upcoming APPTA meeting in November.

### Do you know our goals?

1. Provide relevant topics and guest speakers at meetings
2. Provide family support funding through a grant
3. Plan and sponsor various fundraising events
4. Participate and support the CAN - Cure Autism Now Walk
5. Sponsor a SCCOE Autism Project Meet and Greet
6. Host a family movie night
7. Raise community awareness

### Join us Nov 2nd for our next APPTA General Meeting

### TRANSITIONS PRESENTATION

### Nancy Guerrero & Autism Project Teacher Panel

Please join us on Thursday, 11/2 for an evening focused on the different transitions our children will experience during their Autism Project academic path. Nancy will focus on the effects of transitions and tips on what we can do to help our children. The panel will represent teachers from each Autism Project segment: Preschool, Primary, Elementary, Middle School and High School.

Meeting details:

6:00-8:00pm  
Latimer Elementary School  
4250 Latimer Ave – San Jose  
FREE childcare  
FREE dinner

\*\*Be looking for a meeting reminder in the coming weeks

We hope to see you there!

### Concert for Autism Speaks Featuring Jay Leno

Jay Leno, the host *Tonight Show* will headline a special night of comedy on Friday, October 20 to benefit Autism Speaks.

The concert will take place in Las Vegas, at the Mandalay Bay Theatre. NBC News' Tom Brokaw will serve as the evening's master of ceremonies.

For more information visit [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)