

APPTA NEWSLETTER



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New Autism Awareness Items – makes for great Holiday gifts

You can purchase the following items from the PTA: Autism Awareness charms, ribbon magnets, car magnets & license plate frames, bracelets and keychains. Each item is \$5. They will be available at each PTA meeting or you can contact us to purchase.

Family mini-grants

The Autism Project PTA has provided ten, \$100 family mini-grants for families on a first come, first serve basis. The mini-grant funds can be used for any hardship or necessity that would alleviate financial burden on a family.

Thank You to the City of Sunnyvale

A Big THANK YOU goes to the employees of the City of Sunnyvale. This generous group of community members has continued to support our organization over the years and again this year. They invited us to give a presentation about the APPTA during their giving campaign as well as held a BBQ fundraiser with the APPTA as the beneficiary. We are grateful for their support and generosity. The funds raised will go towards our goals this year.

Message from the President



I hope this time of year finds you enjoying cherished time with your family and friends. As we approach the upcoming holidays, please know the APPTA is wishing you peace and happiness. We look forward to 2007 and all of the exciting things coming our way! We hope to see you in January at our upcoming PTA meeting. Please enjoy whatever plans you have this holiday season and may your days be merry and bright! - Roseanne



Attend parent training from the SCCOE

The SCCOE will provide parent training, presenting Barbara Bloomfield!

Barbara Bloomfield is looking ahead to what counts for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. This day workshop is for parents and caregivers of children with Autism. We hope you can attend!

Friday, 12/8/06

8:30 - 3:00

This workshop will focus on home-based strategies for meeting the social communication, organizational and behavioral challenges of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Sunday, 12/10/06

8:30 - 3:30

In this workshop you will make and take a system of social communication teaching tools.

Professionals are also invited and welcome!

Location for both workshops:

Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131-2398

Please RSVP via email or phone:

Email sherry_duran@sccoe.org or cindy_burns@sccoe.org
or Call 408 392-3901

Information Needed:

- Name
- School Site or District
- Contact Number
- Name of Workshop

Donate a portion of your purchase on Amazon for your holiday shopping

If you shop Amazon during the holidays, 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, books 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.



ID Bracelet Update

The APPTA has received all of the returned ID bracelet requests from your teacher. We placed the orders and they were backorder, causing a delay. We apologize for this inconvenience. The orders are currently being processed and we expect to distribute them at the upcoming January 4th meeting. We will notify your teacher once the ID bracelets have arrived. Again, we are sorry we had such a delay in the order.

Join us January 4th for our next APPTA General Meeting

**MEET AND GREET THE AUTISM PROJECT
Mary-Anne Bosward, SCCOE Special Education Director & Autism Project Principals will present.**

Please join us on Thursday, 1/4 for an evening where you can meet the administration of the Autism Project. This evening will focus on the history of the Autism Project, current IEP and County information. You will learn what the role of your administrators are in your child's education. Come meet this panel and gain a better understanding of how to engage and work with principals and the director.

Meeting details:
6:00-8:00pm
Latimer Elementary School
4250 Latimer Ave – San Jose

FREE childcare – RSVP by email: autismprojectpta@hotmail.com or by phone 408-371-8709 ext. 2
FREE dinner will be provided
We hope to see you there!

Membership contest winner

Congratulations to Cynthia Armon of Lietz Elementary School. She is the winner of the APPTA membership contest. Her classroom will receive a party and she will receive a \$50 gift certificate to a teacher supply of her choice.

Her class had a total of 16 memberships. Great Job!

Thanks to each and every class that participated in the contest. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the teacher panel who presented 11/2

THANK YOU to Leslie Wilcox, Kathy Russell, Cynthia Armon, Rea Freedom, Riju Krishna and Nancy Guerrero for joining us last month and presenting various information on the Autism Project transitions!

Look for the APPTA tree at Christmas in the Park



The APPTA has a tree at San Jose's annual Christmas in the Park event (Cesar Chavez Park) is located on the left at the corner of Market Street and San Carlos Street

The tree number is #104. Thank you to each and every teacher and student who participated in making the beautiful ornaments that adorn our tree!

Need translated IEP information?

The Individualized Education Program (IEP) related forms, notices and the Parents' Rights Brochure have been translated into sixteen (16) languages.

You can download them at: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/iep/tforms.html>