



Newsletter



Keeping the lines of communication open between parents, teachers, administrators and the community strengthens our school and benefits our children.

A Monthly Newsletter

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Your hard work paid off! Check out the results of the Silent Auction.

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A chance for your child to purchase gifts for the family with the help of volunteers

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PTA Membership Benefits Your School

Working together, parents and teachers give kids the best chance to learn.

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Fun Things to do on the Web

With the rainy season almost upon us, here are some fun web links that you'll enjoy!

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With the moderate weather of the Central Coast, there are many activities planned for Lompoc and surrounding communities.

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President's Corner

Your PTA President is Laurie Carter, who can be reached at no.wonder@verizon.net

Dear Friends of the PTA,

Ahh... the holiday season! People seem a little kinder and families gather together. It is a season of hope and often of miracles. It is a time when we look back at the events of the year and realize the value and the lessons in our experiences.

Part of what has made the year so great is the friendships we've made along the way. PTA has been a large part of that! Members of the Board has gotten to know each other better. We've met spouses and kids shared many a story amongst us! We are a family!

We've met so many new parents this year! What a thrill it has been to learn from their experiences, whether from prior years here or at other schools. A little perspective can be a great thing! Their fresh ideas are a large part of all the successes we have experienced this year! We invite all parents to join



PTA Vision: Making every child's potential a reality.

PTA Mission: To be a powerful voice for all children,

A relevant resource for families and communities, and

A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

us as we support our children and school through PTA! You'll find a welcoming family waiting for you!

So as we say goodbye to 2008 and cheer in 2009, I wish for each of you health, prosperity and much joy in the new year! Enjoy the holidays!

Respectfully,

Laurie Carter



Silent Auction at Fall Festival Brings in Classroom Dollars!

Thank you, parents, for collecting all the wonderful items that went into each great Silent Auction Basket! This money goes into a fund where each teacher can be reimbursed for approved purchases for his/her classroom.



Silent Auction Results!

Lacey	260.00
Schroeder	330.00
McConnell	50.00
Sherry	355.00
Smith	100.00
Herrera	140.00
Dierkens	90.00
Barthel	70.00
Kovach	100.00
N. Brown	65.00
Campbell	95.00
Anton	140.00
Gordon	255.00
Lopez	95.00
Aguilar	145.00
Wildhagen	80.00
Phillips	65.00
Mather	40.00
Wall	130.00

Reflections Art Program 2008-2009 "WoW!"

The Reflections program provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education.

There were 31 entries in four categories. Certificates of participation were presented to all participating students. Trophies were awarded to the students whose work was selected to compete at the next level (Lompoc Council PTA). Congratulations to all our budding artists and good luck to the following as they compete at Council!

Visual Arts

K-2

Ethan Martin, *My Body's Uniform*
Hunter Barthel, *Cheetah in Jungle*
Adriana Ramos, *Park*

3-5

Jessica Phelps, *Doodle Lines*
Ainsley Carter, *Parachuting Animals*
Caitlyn Petterson, *A Hippy Teaching Animals Yoga*

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Tori Wilson, *Bee Cute*

Film

K-2

Adam Wilson, *Wow! It Finally Worked*

Photography

K-2

Diego Alvarez, *Sailing Leaf on Colorful Water*

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Amanda Liberotti, *Baby Cat Jumps Special*

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Tori Wilson, *My Dog Howie*

Musical Composition

K-2

Christian McLemore, *Go Tell Aunt Rhody*

Holiday Shop at Buena Vista School!

Student can buy gifts for the family with help from PTA volunteers! Kids will preview the "store" on Dec 9th, and come back on Dec 10th or 11th to make their purchase. More info to come in your child's backpack!



Winter Break!
Dec 22 - Jan 2



See you back at school on Jan 5th!

What's in it for SCHOOLS?

Benefits of PTA Membership affect each child in the classroom, the individual members and the school community.

The following are PTA benefits for schools.

PTAs promote the building of a broad base of parent and community involvement. In both urban and rural areas, when parents and community members work as equal partners to improve schools, it is shown that positive results include:

- ♥ Upgraded school facilities;
- ♥ Improved school leadership and staffing;
- ♥ Resources to improve teaching and the curriculum;
- ♥ Funding for after-school programs and family supports; and
- ♥ Higher-quality learning programs. *

PTAs are effective in improving achievement when they are welcoming, honor members' strengths and contributions, and connect members to what their children are learning and doing in school. To sustain powerful family involvement, reports show that parents and school staff work together to:

- ♥ Focus on building personal relationships;
- ♥ Recognize and remove barriers to involvement, such as transportation and child care;
- ♥ Embrace partnership and share power, giving parents a voice in important decisions; and
- ♥ Address class and cultural differences. **

* From "Organizing for School Reform: How Communities are Finding Their Voices and Reclaiming Their Public Schools". Institute for Education and Social Policy, October 2002.

** From "Having Their Say: Parents Describe Why and How They are Engaged in Their Children's Education." Karen L. Mapp, *The School Community Journal*, Spring/Summer 2003

Resource: **Threshold**, *Beyond Bake Sales*; produced by Cable in the Classroom in partnership with PTA, Summer 2006

Download the brochure **Membership Benefits...You, Students, Your School** at the California State PTA website, www.capta.org. To order free brochures (pay only postage) e-mail info@capta.org or call (916) 440-1985.

Fun Things to Do on the Web

<http://www.northpole.com/>

<http://akidsheart.com/holidays/christms/chgames.htm>

<http://www.merry-christmas.com/games/>

<http://www.ipl.org/kidspace/browse/rzn0000>

<http://www.ipl.org/kidspace/browse/>

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Who's in the Lead So Far?

Ms. Wildhagen (383)

Mr. Gordon (319)

Mrs. Aguilar (196)

Keep collecting! Next collection is in January! Winners announced in May!
Thank you, Karen Deming, for heading our Box Tops for Education program!

Around and About

*With weather as moderate as that of the Central Coast, you can enjoy year around outdoor fun!
And for the few days that it rains, you'll find plenty of indoor distractions, too!*

Lompoc Children's Holiday

Parade 6 p.m. Dec. 5, beginning at intersection of Pine Avenue and H St. After parade, meet at Centennial Park, for announcement of parade winner, refreshments and lighting of community Christmas tree. Info: 875-8100 or www.cityoflompoc.com.

The Lompoc Valley Master

Chorale "A Christmas Festival" 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5 and 6. at the First United Methodist Church, 925 North F St. Cost: \$15 general and \$12 students. Info: 733-1071 or www.lvmasterchorale.org.

The Lompoc Pops Orchestra

"Magical Holidays," 4:30 and 7 p.m. Dec. 7, at First United Methodist Church. Cost: \$15 general admission, \$5 students and children under 12. Info: 735-6463

Annual Holiday Home Tour and Candlelight Tea

The Lompoc Hospital Foundation will hold its Annual Holiday Home Tour and Candlelight Tea, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Hickory Street Cafe, 506 E. Hickory St. Cost: \$25. Info: 736-4005.

Holiday in the Plaza Art & Craft Fair

December 6, 2008 - December 7, 2008, Mission Plaza. Hosted by City of San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department, over 40 local craftspeople will display handmade items for sale in this outdoor Holiday in the Plaza event. Enjoy musical entertainment while shopping for holiday gifts.

The Oxnard Tamale Festival

December 6, 2008 9:00am to 4:00pm Plaza Park 500 North 5th Street Oxnard, CA 93030 805-483-1750
Link: <http://www.kc750.com>
Child Price: free
Adult Price: free
Features authentic home-style Tamales, Tamale making

demo, eating contest, live mariachi music from our own Oxnard High School and local group Inlekech, raffle with \$3,000 worth of prizes including Dodger Tickets & Dallas Cowboy autographed memorabilia, Arts & Crafts for the kids, visit by Santa Claus and other surprise celebrities, and much more. For more information call 805-483-1750.

Drive-Thru Nativity

Start Date: December 6, 2008
- End Date: December 7, 2008
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: 386 N Oak Park Blvd Grover Beach, CA
Phone: 805-481-7091
Child Price: free
Adult Price: free
For 2 nights only, this annual Christmas event involves close to 100 people in presenting this very special "Christmas present" to the community. "Drive-Thru" a candlelit path in the comfort and warmth of your car as the complete story of Christmas

comes to life. In addition, a canned food drive for the South County Food Bank will take place - bring a donation for our barrel!

Winter FUNderland

December 13, 2008 10 AM to 4 PM Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History 2559 Puesta del Sol Santa Barbara, CA 93105 805-682-4711 ext. 170
Link: <http://www.sbnature.org>
Child Price: Museum members free; non-members \$7/teen, \$6/child. Adult Price: Museum members free; non-members \$10/adult & \$7/senior. Sit on Santa's lap, give Frosty the Snowman a hug or see a real live reindeer up close (between 2-4 PM). Enjoy winter crafts, go on a winter bird walk, and of course play in tons of SNOW! if you are so inclined, go on Santa's Starry Ride in the Gladwin Planetarium. Bring your jackets, gloves, cameras and make your own memories at Winter FUNderland™. All

activities are included with Museum general admission except planetarium tickets and photo opportunities with Santa and Frosty. For more information visit www.sbnature.org.

Santa at the Sea Center

December 14, 2008 1 PM and 4 PM Ty Warner Sea Center Santa Barbara, CA (805) 962-2526 ext. 110 <http://www.sbnature.org>
Child Price: Members free; non-members \$7/teen, \$5/child. Adult Price: Members free; non-members \$8/adult & \$7/senior. Santa is making a special stop at the Sea Center on Sunday, December 14 between 1 PM and 4 PM. Plus, Santa's special Sea Center Workshop will be open and full of stocking stuffers perfect for the young marine biologist or the seasoned ocean enthusiast in your family. So remember, be good, bring your wish list, and bring a camera.

*We love our parents, teachers,
staff and community members!
General Membership Meeting
coming in January 2009!*



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