



BV PTA Newsletter

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

A Monthly Newsletter

<http://www.orgsites.com/ca/buenavistapta/>

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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,

Another school year has come and gone! Do you ever feel like you've learned as much as the students? Helping with homework will probably provide a parent with an idea or two that we haven't thought about before. But I am thinking more from the perspective of life lessons.

The big lesson of this year is that we can't count on our state government to do the right thing by our children when it comes to funding education at respectable levels. There is too much demand on state money and the squeaky wheel gets the grease. We need to make sure that we advocate for education - become the squeaky wheel! This doesn't mean that we need to know everything about the education system or need to become politicians. But it does mean that we can no longer be silent.



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.

Write letters and emails to the governor and legislators and tell them that education is much too important to be felled by the budget-balancing axe. Let them know that you will be persistent in your drive to restore California's education system, and cognizant of which legislators support you in this.

We can no longer be quiet and hope that wisdom and integrity will prevail. We need to provide

wisdom and integrity to the process and make things happen.

As I complete my term as President of Buena Vista PTA, I commit to be vocal with our government leaders to rebuild our education system. I've enjoyed working with all of you and especially appreciate the dedicated efforts of the Executive Board. I hope you will join me in my commitment to be a voice for our children! Thank you!

Respectfully,

Laurie Carter



Piano Lessons!

Want to try your hand at piano? Call Lori Fredrich at 805-729-7168. First lesson is free!



Happy New Year!

1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010

The new fiscal year for PTA starts on 1 July! Your new leaders are listed below:

President: Susan Dickson

1st Vice President/Programs: Alison Prochazka

2nd Vice President/Membership: Christy Kearsley

3rd Vice President/Ways & Means: Kathy Bleak

Secretary: Tiffany Coleman

Treasurer: Vicki Blackstone

Historian: Melissa Ross

Auditor: Lynette Martin



What a great group of people! 2009-2010 is going to be a great year! Let's all get involved and help as much as we can when asked. And don't forget to sign up for PTA membership when the new school year begins!

Summer Camps & Other Activities

<http://www.ciympca.org/lompoc/index.html>

<http://www.lcbiblecamp.org/>

<http://summercamp.ucsbtrack.com/>

http://www.ci.lompoc.ca.us/parks_rec/ActivityGuideSummer.htm

http://fsasb.webinform211.net/WebInform/ResourceDatabase/SearchEngine/Focus/FocusTopicResults.asp?1=1&FocusTopicID=1&i_page=7

<http://www.footballcamp125.com/>

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

http://www.kcoy.com/Global/story.asp?S=766088&nav=menu1587_10_2

<http://www.sbparks.org/docs/cachuma.html>

<http://www.northsbcounty.com/Resources/index.html?category=48&subcategory=89>

<http://www.independent.com/news/2009/apr/09/summer-camp-guide-2009/>

<http://www.campwhittier.org/images/Summer%20Camp%20Application%20Email%20Complete%20English.pdf>



Save Education! Write Your Elected Officials!

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<http://gov.ca.gov/>

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Senator Tony Strickland

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<http://cssrc.us/web/19/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

Assembly (Dist. 33 - Rep)

Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee

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San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 549-3381



<http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/33/>

Environmental Tip of the Day

Run your dishwasher only when it's full; use the rinse-and-hold dishwasher feature until you're ready to run a full load.

[Using water wisely](#)
[More tips you can use](#)
[Play audio podcast](#)

PRESS RELEASE * June 1, 2009 * For Immediate Release

California State PTA urges legislature to reject a cuts-only budget

SACRAMENTO - The following letter from California State PTA President Pam Brady was presented to the June 1 meeting of the California legislature's Conference Committee on the Budget and delivered to all of the state's legislators.

The conference committee session, dedicated to the Governor's May Revision proposals for education and child care, drew dozens of people to speak, including PTA leaders and students from throughout the state.

June 1, 2009

The Honorable Noreen Evans, Chair
Legislative Conference Committee on the Budget
State Capitol Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Chairwoman Evans,

The state's current fiscal crisis has led the Governor to propose additional, drastic cuts to education and children's services. But how deep those cuts are, and how permanent, is up to you and members of the Legislature.

On behalf of our nearly 1 million volunteer members - and on behalf of every child in the state - the California State PTA urges you to reject the Governor's proposed "cuts only" state budget solution and to adopt a budget plan that includes additional revenues to mitigate the severity of cuts that will be made.

Our state's economic future depends on a healthy, well-educated workforce. And the California dream - a dream we all share and that built this state - calls for every child to have true opportunities to succeed in school, at work and in life. That dream is in grave danger. Already more than \$11 billion have been cut from schools in this past year. Approximately \$6 billion in additional cuts have been proposed by the Governor. These cuts will impact our children in very real ways: Students will have fewer teachers, counselors and courses to choose from; students will be in larger classes and have less up-to-date materials and technology to help them learn; and they will have few or no programs like summer school to support them if they are struggling.

At a time when we need to prepare every student for the challenges of the 21st century global economy, the Governor's proposal would slash school funding to the point where an entire generation of students will be dramatically shortchanged. Cuts of this magnitude will restrict opportunities and reverse the slow and steady progress being made in many of our schools and communities. Equally alarming, the Governor has proposed to completely wipe out critical programs like Healthy Families and CalWORKs, which help keep more children healthy and prepared to succeed.

We understand the magnitude of the state's current fiscal crisis. It is unprecedented. And we recognize that legislators and the Governor crafted an agreement in February that attempted to balance some of the deepest cuts with additional, temporary revenues. However, in the aftermath of the May 19 election, our state's leaders must work even harder to come up with a responsible, compromise plan. Every creative way possible must be examined to close loopholes or generate revenues that reduce the damage of cuts to children.

We urge you and the Legislative Conference Committee to reject the notion of a cuts-only budget as one that is irresponsible, and one that will do irreparable harm to this generation of children.

We cannot compromise the future of our state or our core values without doing everything in our power to prevent it.

Sincerely,

Pam Brady, President
California State PTA

Cc: All members of the Legislative Conference Committee on the Budget

All members of the Legislature

OMDR Plus with Just Between Friends - Coming in Fall 2009

Online Membership Data Reporting (OMDR) PTA is in the process of transforming OMDR into OMDRplus, powered by Just Between Friends. The capabilities of OMDRplus address the challenges of running a PTA unit on a daily basis and growing it into a strong, meaningful organization. But it also takes the perspective of the individual PTA members, who are trying to manage very busy lives. OMDRplus provides tools to help run your PTA more effectively but also offers personal tools to help you manage your day-to-day tasks and stay organized, saving time and headaches. Functions that are already available include:

A communication system for delivering critical information to parents in the school, both via email and on the web. Parents can use the system to communicate with each other.

Directory capabilities that automate the creation of print directories. There are also online directories that are private and very secure, with powerful search capabilities.

A method to designate which PTA leaders and volunteers can use which parts of the system - to make sure that you can share the tasks while restricting volunteers to their own area.

Personal tools for busy parents, including:

- 1) a central place for information from all of the groups to which they belong (both school and non-school related),
- 2) a central place for membership directories and rosters for those groups,
- 3) reminders of events, deadlines, etc., for all groups,
- 4) email reminders of important personal events - birthdays, anniversaries, etc., and
- 5) a tool to track cards and gifts they give and receive.

There is no charge to anyone for all of this capability. The cost of development and ongoing support will be borne by the national PTA organization, Proud National Sponsors of PTA, and other family friendly companies that support PTA's mission. In fact, the system is set up to deliver revenue shares to local, state and national PTA units. States and units can begin using the communications, directory and membership management capabilities immediately.

Buena Vista PTA is building its site, has a few members signed up and receiving messages, and hopes to go full-blown with this social network site next year.

Stay tuned...



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!*

The Sleeping Beauty

Jun 6 – 7

A faraway kingdom, magical fairies, and a beautiful princess come to life in the Santa Maria Civic Ballet's vibrant new production of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, *The Sleeping Beauty*. A stunning presentation appropriate for all ages, the story follows Princess Aurora as she falls under the spell of the evil Carabosse and awaits the arrival of the handsome Prince Desiree. Alexei Badrak, formerly of the Bolshoi Ballet of Russia, directs a talented cast in what is considered one of the most technically difficult and physically demanding ballets to perform. The challenging role of Princess Aurora is shared by Juliet Peck and Kaila Holford opposite renowned Russian dancer Sayat Asatryan as

Prince Desiree. Rounding out the cast is Jordi Ribera, a dancer who has garnered international acclaim for his charismatic and rich style. *The Sleeping Beauty* premiers on Sat at 7 p.m. and Sun at 3 p.m. at the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande. Admission is \$10 - \$17. For tickets or for more information, call (805) 489-9444 or visit www.clarkcenter.org.

Pismo Car Show

Jun 19 – 21

Prepare for automobile heaven with over 800 classic cars and street rods in downtown Pismo Beach. 1(866) 450-7469; www.thepismoeachclassic.com

57th Annual Lompoc Valley Flower Festival

This Festival will be held in Ryon Park on June 24 - 28. Come to this festival and enjoy the Arts and Crafts Show, at our delicious Food Booths visit Commercial Center and listen to all the great musical talent this festival has to offer and best of all there's Free Entertainment! Carnival presented by BUTLER AMUSEMENTS www.butleramusements.com One Day Unlimited Ride Wristbands are \$20.00 each (pre-sale) Pre-sale is from June 1st until June 24th, 2009 Tickets available at: Local Grocery Stores, Local Banks & Credit Unions, Lompoc Parks & Recreation, Longs Drug Store. Pre-Sale Tickets available at the Flower Festival Office 414 West

Ocean Avenue June 1st until the Carnival Opens At the Park. The Carnival will sell One Day Unlimited Ride Wrist Bands for \$25.00, 24 Coupons for \$20.00 or Single Tickets for \$1.00 Please call (805) 735-8511 for more Information.

Avila Valley Barn

560 Avila Beach Road, San Luis Obispo, CA (805) 595-2810

[map](#)
[website](#)

The Avila Barns a great place to bring kids of all ages. They are open 7 days a week from mid May until Christmas. Buy a picnic of baked goods and fresh produce from their store and ask for a free bag of "goat food" to feed the animals

(goats, sheep, donkeys, ponies, a cow, geese, chickens, rabbits, peacocks, and ducks).

Quicksilver Ranch

1555 Alamo Pintado Rd. Solvang, CA (805) 686-4002.

[map](#)
[website](#)

Quicksilver ranch is an impressive facility and you are guaranteed to fall in love with their beautiful miniature horses. During the months of April and May there will most likely be many babies to see. The ranch is open from 10am to 3pm. Please call to schedule a group or guided tour.

Thank You!

It has been a glorious school year! I'd like to thank my wonderful Board for all their time, energy and willingness to try new things! You are the reason for our success!

Thank you to Dr Burton for being the most incredible principal ever! You bring wisdom and a light-heartedness to every discussion and it has been absolutely fabulous to work with you!

Thank you to Leslie for taking care of our needs so well and for always having a friendly smile.

Thank you to Cheri, Rosemary, and Carol for fielding all the PTA phone calls, answering our questions and being so helpful whenever we needed you.

Thank you to the teachers and staff for coordinating so many things with parents through students backpacks and being involved in PTA activities! And thanks for making learning so much fun for our kids!

My term as PTA President has been fun, exciting and quite a learning experience. Thank you, everyone, for putting up with me! :-)

Laurie

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