

34TH DISTRICT PTA NEWSLETTER
JANUARY, 2012

thirty-fourth OUTLOOK



Happy New Year !

I hope everyone enjoyed their time off. It is time to gear up for a new year. We have a new State PTA membership challenge. I hope all of you take the new challenge and win that membership award.

Although we have canceled our Leadership Conference, I am hoping that we can bring you an event in the Spring that you would enjoy. So keep checking the newsletter for upcoming events and information.

Please note all units need to turn in their workers compensation forms to your Councils. Please check with your Council for the deadline.

Great news the State Scholarship and Grant Committee has awarded 34th District \$1000 in Leadership Development Grants. These grants are used for Convention. So get those applications into Marrie our Scholarship Chairperson right away. Don't forget about State PTA graduation High School Senior Scholarships. Applications are available on the CAPTA.org web site.

The State PTA is sponsoring a Legislation Conference February 6-7th in Sacramento. Please check out their web site at CAPTA.org for more information.

Brenda Kealing
President

As of January 1, 2012

INFANTS AND SMALL CHILDREN

27360 (a) VC- Cite parent/guardian or driver (only if the parent/guardian is not in the vehicle) for each child who is under age 8 years old not properly secured in a car seat or booster in the back seat.

EXEMPTIONS

Child is over 40 lbs. and no shoulder belts in back seat, child is 4'9" or taller, medically unfit, riding in an emergency vehicle, life-threatening emergency; however, the child must be properly secured in a vehicle belt. A rear facing car seat may NOT be installed in front of an active front air bag.

A child or ward under the age of 8 may ride in the front seat of a motor vehicle, if properly secured in a child passenger restraint system, under the following circumstances:

- There is no rear seat.
- The rear seats are side-facing jump seats.
- The rear seats are rear-facing seats.
- The child passenger restraint system cannot be installed properly in the rear seat.
- All rear seats are already occupied by children under the age of 8.
- Medical reasons necessitate that the child or ward not ride in the rear seat. The court may require satisfactory proof of the child's medical condition.

CHILDREN 8 YEARS BUT LESS THAN 16 YEARS

27360.5 (a) VC- Cite parent/guardian or driver (only if the parent/guardian is not in the vehicle) for each child who is not properly secured and is 8 years of age or older but less than 16.

OCCUPANTS 16 YEARS OR OLDER

27315 (d) VC- Cite driver for self and all passengers 16 or older not properly secured in a safety belt.



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34th DISTRICT 2011-2012 Board Members

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South Antelope Valley	
Stacy Fournier	
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Audit Information

It's time for the year-end audit. An audit determines the accuracy of the books, detects inconsistencies or errors, provides recommendations for corrective action, protects the financial officers, verifies that funds were sent through channels as appropriate, and assures the membership that the association's resources were managed in a businesslike manner within the regulations established for their use.

The person conducting the audit should always be impartial and not related by blood or marriage nor reside in the same household as the president or other financial

officers or any chairmen handling funds. The auditor is often a member of the budget, programs, or fundraising committees, but is never the one authorized to sign the PTA's checks. It is permissible for the PTA to hire a professional to conduct the audit. The auditor may be an elected officer, appointed individual or committee, or a professional hired by the PTA in accordance with the procedures listed in the Bylaws. The president, treasurer, financial



secretary, secretary, or committee chairmen handling funds may not audit the finances.

All year-end audits must be presented to the executive board in January and adopted by the Association at the following Association meeting. Please refer to your bylaws for the exact dates of adoption. After the audit is complete, please ensure that two copies are passed along to your Council PTA.

If your unit is having problem completing your audit, please contact your Council Auditor.

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Thirty-Fourth District PTA

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Jump into January with a Mid Year PTA Membership Campaign

2 New Challenges from the California State PTA

The California State PTA has issued two new membership challenges, "Teacher's Matter—Now More than Ever & Jump into January". To qualify for the Teacher's Matter—Now More than Ever 100% teacher recruitment challenge. Units need to have all fulltime teacher's join their PTA. They can win a free registration to this year's PTA Convention in Anaheim.

To qualify for the Jump into January challenge units need to run a mid-year membership campaign in January. A

"membership coupon" will be sent out in January from state. Units can send in through channels to be recognized with a certificate as well at convention!

Did you know?

PTAs that run more than one campaign a year have, on average, 20 percent more members.

Nationwide, approximately 18 percent of PTA members join in January and February.

Running membership campaigns more frequently reminds your members that membership is everyone's business, especially if you weave membership into

34th District PTA Emerging Leaders 2012 Convention Scholarship Application

The California State PTA works to build leadership skills of it's members to provide effective leadership within the organization. Each year, the California State PTA makes scholarship funds available to the Districts for distribution to those members who are identified as future leaders.

The Thirty-Fourth District PTA is offering its units the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to support the attendance at the 2012 California State PTA Convention. Scholarships will be given to full time delegates who will be selected by a District Board Committee. First time attendees will be given first consideration.

The Funds will be used to offset the delegate expenses including registration, transportation, hotel and meals related to their attendance at the Annual State PTA Convention. All applicants must meet the District requirements listed, complete the application, sign, date and answer on a separate sheet the questionnaire below. Please have your application mailed or emailed no later than February 13, 2012 to: *Marri Sarmiento 23327 8th Street, Newhall CA 91321* or scan and email your application to *msarmiento7@sbcglobal.net*.

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Council: SCV NAV SAV PTA

Unit: _____

I attest that I am a member in good standing of my unit and agree to use the scholarship money awarded to me for the intended purpose of expanding my leadership skills. If selected, I agree to submit a report to the Scholarship Chair as required.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

34th District Questionnaire

When Did you Join PTA & why?

When and in what positions have you served your unit or council?

What do you find most rewarding about your involvement in the PTA?

Do you plan to continue next year in your current position or in a new position?

What do you hope to achieve with your unit or council in the coming year?

Have you attended the Annual State Convention in the past?

How many are attending from your unit?

How will this scholarship enable you to improve you skills and benefit your unit or council?

34th District Requirements

Copy of your Units Budget

Current Treasurers Report

Recipients must be on the incoming board for 2012-2013 School Year

Recipients will be required to prepare and submit a brief report after attending Convention



JOIN US
MAY 9-12
ANAHEIM, CA



27315 (e) VC- Also cite each passenger 16 or older not properly secured in safety belt.

27315 (f) VC- Cite registered owner if safety belts have been removed or not working.

***Exemptions: Taxi driver on city street w/fare-paying passenger, back seat of limousine and taxi cabs for hire, sleeper berth, newspaper delivery, rural mail carriers, solid waste/recycled collections, bus drivers, physically disabling or medical condition: duly certified by physician, surgeon or chiropractor, must state condition and reason.

Definition of a proper seat belt fit (for 27360.5, 27315)

A properly fitted seat belt is now defined as the following: The lap portion of the seat belt crosses the hips or upper thighs and the shoulder belt crosses the chest in front of the occupant.

OTHER OCCUPANTS PICKUP LAW

23116 VC- Cite driver (a) and/or persons (b) riding unrestrained in or on the back of pickup truck or flatbed.

NON-DESIGNATED AREAS TO RIDE

21712 VC- Cite driver (a) and/or persons (b) riding on/upon a vehicle or a portion that is not designated for passengers.

21712 VC- Cite driver (c) and/or persons (d) riding in the trunk of a motor vehicle.

UNATTENDED CHILD IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

15620 (a) VC- A person responsible for a child age 6 or under may not leave the child inside a vehicle without a person who is at least 12 years of age if there are conditions that present a significant risk to child's health or safety or engine is running and/or keys are in the ignition.

SMOKING IN VEHICLE WITH MINORS *Secondary law**

118948 (a) H&S- It is unlawful to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette in a motor vehicle with minor present.



programs, activities, and general PTA work, too.

January is not too late for parents to make a real impact on their children's education.

PTA Election Nominations and Membership!

Officers for the upcoming year might be identified from a group that is not yet part of the PTA. For example, it is excellent practice for the nominating committee of a PTA to seek candidates for office from feeder schools. If the PTA is recruiting officers from the incoming parent or student group, Article V, Section 6 of Bylaws for Local PTA/PTSA Units reads:

The privilege of nomination and election to office for the ensuing year in this association may be extended to individuals who are already members in any PTA or PTSA unit in

good standing and who, upon nomination to office, pay dues to this association in order to qualify as a member at the time of assuming office.

As a result, the candidate is required to join the PTA that is proposing the candidate for office. The per capita would be forwarded immediately through channels to the council, district, state and national associations. The candidate becomes a voting member of the association 30 days after joining the PTA and should be issued a card immediately.

34 for 34 District Campaign Updates & Congratulation's

I would like to congratulate the following schools for achieving 34+ members over last year's totals as of 11/30/11. They received additional

raffle tickets at our 34th District Winter Bruch.

- SCVC:** 1. Oak Hills +139
2. Saugus High Sch. +130
- NAVC:** 1. Esperanza +129
2. Rancho Vista +37
- SAVC:** 1. Buena Vista +42
2. Mesquite +192
3. Ocotillo +107

Our Council Membership Totals as of 11-30-11:

	Current Year	Previous Year
SCVC	17,216	21,846
NAVC	2,957	4,955
SAVC	1,909	2,105

Congratulation's to all 3 Councils and all of our units for a great job so far this year. Our 34 for 34th District Campaign is not over yet! Remember that every membership we sell is one more voice speaking out for our children in the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the U.S. with more than 6 million members.

Health Commission

The Benefits of School Breakfast

Hunger and obesity are unfortunate but not inevitable realities for children in California. Our kids need nutritious meals to learn, grow, and achieve. The School Breakfast Program can help ensure that students start each day ready to reach their full potential. At the same time, the program brings much-needed federal dollars to our schools through per-meal reimbursements.



Breakfast at a Better Time and Place

Over 90 percent of non-charter, public schools in California offer the School Breakfast Program. But we fail to reach 70 percent (or 2.3 million) of our low-income, public school students with the program each day. What accounts for this participation gap?

Most schools that offer breakfast only do so at one time and place – in the cafeteria before the school day begins. But school breakfast works best if the “when” and “where” of meal service meets students’ needs. For effective solutions, let’s start thinking after the bell and outside of the cafeteria.

Classroom Breakfast

With the Classroom Breakfast model, all students are offered breakfast at the start of the school day. Breakfast is served, eaten, and cleared during the first 10-15 minutes of class while teachers conduct administrative activities or begin the day’s lessons. In July 2010, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Controller confirmed that time spent eating and serving Classroom Breakfast can count towards instructional minutes. Classroom Breakfast is most common in elementary schools, but can work at other grade levels. Classroom Breakfast is particularly well suited to schools with high percentages of low-income students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Second Chance Breakfast

With the Second Chance Breakfast (2CB) model, a school breakfast is offered during morning recess or snack break. 2CB is effective for serving students who, due to family schedules or transportation issues, are not able to eat in the morning before school begins. 2CB is also effective for students who are not hungry before school, but do get hungry before lunch. Second Chance Breakfast can work well at all grade levels and regardless of a school’s percentage of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.



Grab n’ Go Breakfast

Grab n’ Go Breakfast can be served before school, during the mid-morning, or even on the bus. Grab n’ Go Breakfast typically consists of bagged meals or meal items that are laid out on carts. These carts are located in high-traffic areas like school entrances. Student pick up a meal as they walk by the cart and eat on the way to class, in designated dining areas, or during the first few minutes of class. Grab n’ Go is common in secondary schools but can work at all grade levels. The model is particularly well suited to campuses with relatively small cafeterias. Grab n’ Go Breakfast can be successful


regardless of a school’s percentage of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.



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DUE DATES
DISTRICT

Founder's Day	February 17 th
Convention Registration on Line	February 1 st to March 31 st
Convention Mail in Registration.....	February 1 st to April 15 th
Convention Fees increase	April 1 st
Annual Historian's Reports due to District	May 1 st
Rosters for Units and Councils due to District	May 1 st
California State PTA Convention Anaheim	MAY 9 th - 12 th
Final Installment of per capita dues due to District	June 5 th
Freewill Offering Due to District.....	June 5 th
State Membership Challenge Award Due to District.....	June 5 th
National PTA Convention San Jose	JUNE 21 st - 24 th



POPPY'S FAVORITE QUOTE:

I ALWAYS TRY TO BELIEVE THE BEST IN EVERYBODY – IT SAVES SO MUCH TIME.

RUDYARD KIPLING