



Portola Springs Elementary PTA

**WELCOME PACKET
2016 – 2017**

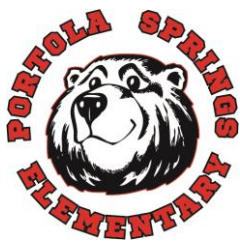
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August 24, 2016

Dear Portola Springs Families,

On behalf of the entire Portola Springs PTA Board, I am very excited to welcome you to the 2nd year at our new school and PTA! I hope all of you have had a fun and relaxing summer.

We are striving to make this year fun and memorable for our students and their families. Come join us as we build the Portola Springs Elementary community. I am thrilled about what lies ahead for our children and invite all of you to come along with me on this wondrous journey!

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my warm wishes to you, your children and your family, as you join me, my children and my family in kicking off a new school year! School pride, school spirit, school traditions and school community; You, me, **WE** decide. We decide and establish pride in our school, support of our teachers and Principal Phillips, the spirit that we have, the traditions that our children will begin and the community in which our families will thrive. In this day of competitive education and global economies, the foundation we provide our children is perhaps the most important gift we can give them. I present to you the opportunity to join me and the PTA Board as we partner with Principal Phillips and her staff to shape the Portola Springs Elementary School community.

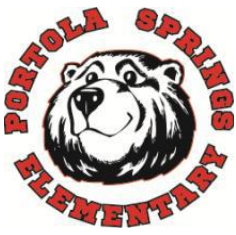
Please, step forward and be a part of the Portola Springs community. All voices are welcomed, none will be ignored. I am so excited to be part of the Portola Springs PTA as we help establish an open, caring, supportive and thriving community we all desire at our state of the art school.

I wish you and your family a successful school year and look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you.

Welcome to the Grizzlies Family!

Warmly,

Heidi Paynter
President, Portola Springs PTA



Portola Springs PTA Calendar of Events For School Year 2016 - 2017



DATE	DAY	EVENT
2016		
August 18	Th	Back to School Orientation
August 24	W	First Day of School
August 31	W	Fall Family Dine Out
September 1	Th	Back to School Night
September (TBD)	M-F	Reflections Entry Submissions
September 16	F	Back to School Breakfast
September 20	T	Bingo Night
September 30	F	Family Movie Night
October 3-7	M-F	Fall Book Fair/Conference Week
October 17-21	M-F	Red Ribbon Week
October 21	F	"Just Say No" Assembly presented by Brock Edwards
October 30	F	Membership/Pledge Drive Ends
November 1-7	M-F	Candy Drive
November 18	F	Brock Edwards' Magic Show
November 30	M	Fall Spiritwear Ends
December 5	M	Family Dine Out
December 13	T	Bingo Night
December 12-16	M-F	Jacket Drive
2017		
January 13	F	Winter Family Fun Night (possible Father/Daughter Event)
January 17	T	Bingo Night
February 9-21		Online Silent Auction
February 13-16	M-Th	Book Fair
February 16	Th	Open House
February 17	F	Winter Spiritwear Sales End
March 6	M	Family Dine Out
March 10	F	Grizzly Fun Run (Jog-A-Thon) -possible rain back up Fri March 24
March 21	T	Bingo Night
April 21	F	Spring Family Fun Night (possible Mother/Son event)
May 19	F	End of Year Celebration
May (TBD)		Teacher Appreciation Week

PTA General Meetings

September 16	F	PTA General Meeting 8:30am
November 17	Th	PTA General Meeting 6pm
January 20	F	PTA General Meeting 8:30am
March 16	Th	PTA General Meeting 6pm
May 19	F	PTA General Meeting 8:30am

Dates subject to change

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BETTER TOGETHER!

With your PTA membership:

- **You show** your children that school matters, and that you are invested in their success.
- **You demonstrate** to your child that success in school is the pathway to college, a career and a productive life!
- **You partner** with the principal, teachers and staff to make your child's school safe, welcoming, a hub of learning, and a fun place to be.
- **You share** in campus events and experiences that make your child's school days more memorable!
- **You connect** with other parents, and become part of the California State PTA and National PTA, the largest and most powerful children's advocacy organization in the country.
- **You help** make sure parents and family members voices are heard when important decisions that affect your school are made.



"We invite every parent, teacher and neighbor to join with PTA, as we work to make PORTOLA SPRINGS ELEMENTARY the best it can be for our students...our most precious resource."

-Heather Phillips, Principal

Individual Membership \$15

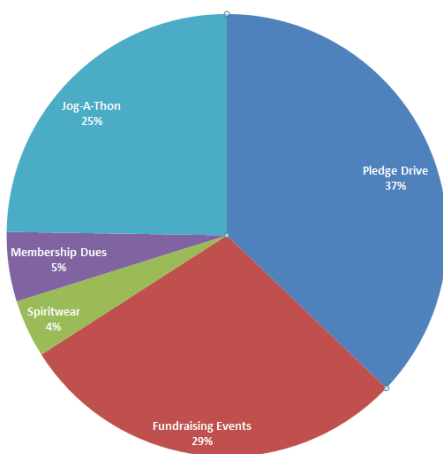
**Recommended Pledge Donations:
\$150 Per Child**

Donations are tax deductible!

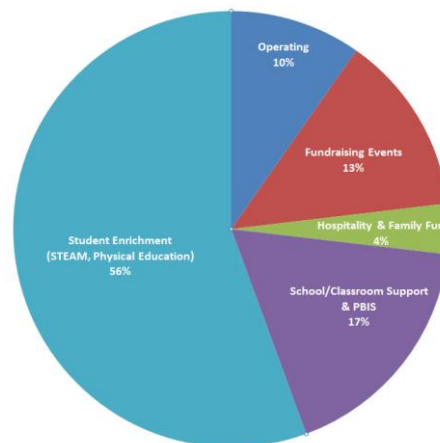
**Employers may match your contributions.
Please check with your employer!**

2016-2017 Projected Budget*

Income



Expense



**Budget subject to change*

FAQ

- **Who can join?** Anyone can join the PTA! Parents, teachers, neighbors, relative and anyone interested in participating in our children's elementary school experience.
- **Why are contributions to a public school needed?** Our state is in a budget crisis. Funds once made available for education are being used elsewhere or simply no longer exist.
- **Is volunteering mandatory?** No, volunteering is completely optional. Any help you can give is much appreciated.
- **When and Where will the funds raised be spent?** Funds raised will be spent on programs and events for the current school year.
- **Is there a minimum amount to donate?** We appreciate any amount. The recommended amount is \$150 per child. All donations are tax deductible!

OUR PTA EVENTS & PROGRAMS:

- Physical Education and Yoga
- Lunch Time Activities
- Music Programs
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Programs
- Family Fun Events
- Community Outreach
- Red Ribbon Week
- Jog-A-Thon
- Community Building Events
- School and Classroom Supplies
- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)



We are striving for 100% Student and Staff Membership Participation!

Membership and Pledge Drive Incentives:

Water Balloon Fight with Principal Phillips

**Classroom Parties, Free Homework Pass, Video Game Time with the Principal
...just to name a few!**

Other PTA Perks for YOU!

LEGOLAND ~ teenSMART ~ Aquarium of the Pacific ~ California Academy of Sciences ~ VolunteerSpot ~ Baskin Robbins
TRUECar ~ Sylvan Learning ~ Enterprise Car Rental ~ VIA Foundation ~ Staples ~ Comcast ~ TeenSafe ~ Discovery Science Center
Learn more online at www.capta.org

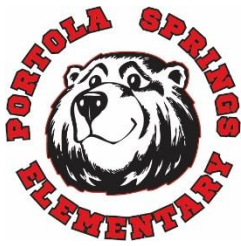
Here's how to join PTA:

**STEP 1: Go to www.portolaspringspta.org and click on JOIN
Or Scan the QR Code**



STEP 2: Create an account, enter the requested information and you're done!

Questions? Please email us at info@portolaspringspta.org



4 Ways to Get Involved

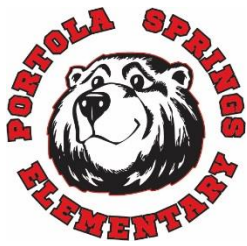
1. Become a PTA Member
2. Volunteer - It's easy, it's fun, it's free!
3. Attend PTA meetings
4. Community events are for YOU!







Please consider some of the following ways to get involved - WE NEED YOU!!!

Program	Description
ACE Program (IPSF)	Help coordinate the after school enrichment opportunities offered by IPSF. Each semester, students participate through ACE in science, math, language, fine arts, technology, and much more. By offering classes in areas not available during school hours, IPSF's ACE Program helps to greatly enrich the diversity of educational experiences available to our kids.
Assemblies	Work with staff to identify and coordinate fun student assemblies throughout the year. Work with school staff and assembly vendor to set up calendar and notify teachers.
Community Outreach	Help plan and organize community outreach events (Grizzly Gratitude) such as various drives (candy, food, jacket).
Family Fun Nights	Plan and coordinate various evening family activities on a regular basis throughout the school year. Events may include Movie Night, Game Night, Year End Celebration, Father/Daughter dance, Mother/Son event, to name a few.
Hospitality/Bakers	Provide baked goods and other hospitality services for PTA meetings, Back-to-School breakfast, bake sales, teacher treats, and other special occasion. This committee is instrumental in making all families feel welcome at Portola Springs Elementary!
Jog-A-Thon	Help plan, organize and prepare for the annual Grizzly Fun Run, which is our biggest fundraiser in the Spring.
Guys Stuff	Help organize, publicize and prepare annual 6 th grade boys' events as part of the health education program. Volunteers are generally parents of 6 th grade boys, but not required.
Membership & Pledge Donation Drive	This committee handles the PTA membership and pledge donation drive at the beginning of the year. We are striving for 100% membership!
Mother Daughter Tea	Help organize, publicize and prepare annual 5 th grade girls' event as part of the health education program. Volunteers are generally parents of 5 th grade girls, but not required.
Newsletter, Social Media & Website	Work with the PTA Board to send periodic updates of school events, notices and announcements via email blasts, Facebook page, and website.
Red Ribbon Week	Organize and plan daily activities and events around annual theme.
Reflections Program	Distribute flyers, collect and categorize art, coordinate judging. Help set up display of art work submitted.
Shop & Earn & Dining-Outs	Help grow our "free money" donations from parent shopping through parent communications and school contests and promotions (Box Tops, Ralphs, Amazon, Communities for Cause, etc...). Help plan, organize, and publicize fun dining out nights at various restaurants as a fundraiser.
Pacers Running Club	The Portola Pacers is a training and racing program for students who attend Portola Springs Elementary (1 st – 6 th). The club meets once a week to train 10 weeks prior to the Kids Run OC Race generally held at the end of April or early May.
Silent Auction	Help plan, organize, and execute silent auction.
Spirit Wear	Help take and distribute orders for Portola Springs logo items for school spirit occasions. We sell high quality t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other apparel with our school colors and logo.
Staff Appreciation	Help plan and organize activities through the week to show our appreciation for our teachers and staff members.

Visit www.portolaspringspta.org/Packet/Volunteer for more info and to sign-up!







4 Simple Ways to Earn Money for Portola Springs Elementary all Year-Round



	Amazon.com	<p>Earn up to 8% back for Portola Springs Elementary by shopping at Amazon through the link posted on our PTA website. Visit www.portolaspringspta.org to bookmark our special Amazon URL and just remember to use your bookmark each time you shop at Amazon – it's that easy!</p>
	Ralphs	<p>Earn up to 4% for our school each time you use your Ralphs Card (School ID #94959). After creating an online account at www.ralphs.com, go to My Account, then Community Rewards to enroll or renew (must renew your support beginning Sept 1st each year).</p>
	Box Tops for Education	<p>Earn cash for our school by cutting out Box Tops from your regular household products. Save your Box Tops to submit during class competitions to be announced soon! For a list of products and details visit BoxTops4Education or our PTA website.</p>
	Communities for Cause (CFC)	<p>Communities for Cause is a fantastic FREE smartphone app that makes it easy to support our school while you are shopping or dining with local and online merchants. Every time you shop or dine at participating merchants, register your purchase on the app and our school automatically earns 5% - 20%.</p>



GRIZZLY WEAR



Item	Color	Size	Price
Adjustable 6 panel cap: 	Red Charcoal	Adult Youth	Adult: \$15 Youth: \$15
Adult Tee and Ladies V-Neck: 	Red Black White	Tee: S – 3XL V-Neck: XS-4XL	Tee: \$15 V-Neck: \$18
Men's & Ladies Polo Shirt 	Black	Men's: XS – 4XL Ladies: XS – 4XL	Men's: \$32 Ladies: \$32
Adult and Youth Zip Up 	Red Grey	Adult: S – 4XL Youth: XS - XL	Adult: \$37 Youth: \$30

<p>Youth Performance Long Sleeve Tee</p> 	<p>Red</p>	<p>Youth: XS - XL</p>	<p>\$22</p>
<p>Youth Performance Tee</p> 	<p>Red Grey</p>	<p>Youth: XS - XL</p>	<p>\$19</p>
<p>Youth Cotton Tee:</p> 	<p>Red Grey</p>	<p>Youth: XS - XL</p>	<p>\$14</p>
<p>Ladies Cardigan:</p> 	<p>Grey</p>	<p>Ladies: XS – 4XL</p>	<p>\$40</p>

ORDER ONLINE: <http://portolaspringspta.org/Packet/Spiritwear>