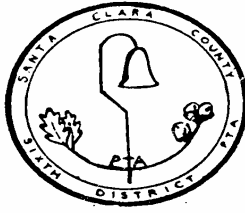


# THE



# BELL

Volume 10, Issue 2

**"Working Together for All Children"**

Sept/Oct 2006

## **6<sup>th</sup> District PTA Fall Leadership Training For New Officers**

Saturday Morning  
October 14, 2006

Miller Middle School  
6151 Rainbow Drive  
Cupertino

*Please see page 5 for  
more details.*

## **Bylaws – Time to Update Yours?**

Bylaws are the guidelines for how your PTA operates. Every member of the executive board should have a copy of your bylaws. Bylaws should be formally reviewed every year and updated to the newest format every two years. They need to be current so you're following the most up to date PTA and IRS guidelines and they need to reflect how your PTA really operates. For example: if your bylaws call for 3 vice-presidents and you only have one – your bylaws need to be updated; if you've changed your dues or meeting dates – your bylaws need to be updated. This applies to councils as well as units.

**There will be bylaws training at the 6<sup>th</sup> District PTA Leadership Training on October 14. Bring your 2006 bylaws form with you and we'll go through them section by section.**

As of November 1, only the new 2006 bylaws format will be accepted.

If you have any questions, contact  
Susan Cassens,  
6<sup>th</sup> District PTA Parliamentarian  
scassensemail-pta@yahoo.com

*California State PTA  
offers*

## **Scholarships and Grants**

Scholarships for  
Volunteers, Teachers, and School  
Nurses

Grants at the Unit/Council/District  
Level for Parent Ed, Cultural Arts,  
and Outreach/Translation

Deadline is November 15

Applications can be found in the  
Toolkit or at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)

## **Did You Know?**

Sixth District was organized on February 9, 1916 at a meeting held at San Jose High School. Originally Sixth District was composed of five counties: Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo. In 1927 it was divided into 3 Districts with Santa Clara and San Benito remaining in the Sixth. Later, San Benito was moved to 20th District and only Santa Clara stayed in the Sixth.

Mrs. M.D. Simonds was the first Sixth District President.

The first units were Berryessa, Burbank, Campbell, Grant, Lincoln, Lincoln-Cupertino, Los Altos, Franklin, Hawthorn, Horace Mann, San Jose High, Hester, Lowell, Meridian, Normal Training, Mountain View, Oak Grove, Willow Glen and Saratoga.

Letter from Colleen B. Wilcox, Ph.D.  
Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools

**“Teaching to the Test — and More”**



Recent research leaves no doubt: the most important factor in the classroom is the quality of the teacher. And teachers are under greater pressure than ever before to prove that their students can master required subject matter and score well on standardized tests.

Among the perils of our high stakes testing environment is the temptation to “teach to the tests.”

The RAND think tank and other research groups report that while intense test preparation may boost scores, it does not necessarily produce real gains in understanding that show up on other tests or performance measures or in non-testing situations.

In a national survey, the Center on Education Policy (CEP) found that 79% of teachers said they spend a great deal or a considerable amount of their time instructing students in test-taking skills. Two-thirds felt their teaching had become “too focused on state tests.”

Teachers already dedicated to helping their students succeed can find the pressure to show uniform achievement at precise levels to be overwhelming. The CEP pins the blame for excessive test preparation “not so much on teachers, but on state and national policymakers...who created accountability systems centered on higher scores, with little regard for how they are attained.”

While policymakers and the general public may have a narrow focus, I find that our best teachers keep standardized testing and reporting in perspective – knowing that test scores are a tool to improve teaching and learning, and not the other way around. That fact was confirmed recently when I read statements made by our Santa Clara County Teachers of the Year. We honored them last month on Teacher Recognition Day, and, as always, their views reflected enormous wisdom and a keen understanding of what educators can accomplish.

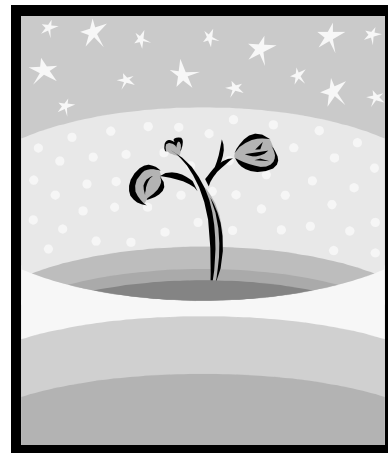
While they wanted their students to succeed in meeting curriculum standards and perform well on tests, they also aspired to creating lifelong learners and critical thinkers in the broadest sense. They wanted to “inspire students to embrace and enjoy school” and (most often) “to reach their individual potential.”

Test questions and formats might be uniform, but these top teachers had no patience for one-size-fits-all teaching. They prided themselves on using “a variety of teaching strategies” and “different approaches to address the needs of children with different learning styles.”

After 39 years in the classroom, Linda Nanez of Los Gatos Union School District insisted that “a good teacher must teach beyond the curriculum -- becoming connected to students and their families. This allows us to provide a blueprint for all children to pursue their passions, love learning, and succeed in their lives.” Dee Dee Pearce of Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District talked of “inspiring free thinking, while motivating students to challenge themselves.” Cambrian School District’s Pameleynn Greenwood said one of her top priorities was to “encourage an awareness of other places and culture...to guide my students in becoming educated and responsible global citizens.”

In naming Kathleen Erikson as their Teacher of the Year, Cupertino Union School District said she “provides a rigorous and dynamic standards-based program that gives students rich opportunities for learning and growing. At the same time, she finds creative, hands-on, experiential ways to teach, and offers an atmosphere where students feel free to explore, question, take risks, and celebrate each other’s unique gifts.”

Educators could not do more in an age when preparing students for the future is more challenging and important than ever before.



# President's Letter

Diane Foote, 6th District President

September has been a busy month. Welcome to our newest PTA Council and units. North Valley Council has been split, with the schools in the Berryessa School District remaining in the North Valley Council with President Donna Glanville at the helm. Dan Bobay is the President of the new Milpitas Unified PTA Council. In addition, Chaboya Middle School, of the Evergreen Council chartered with 85 members which may be the largest PTA charter in 6<sup>th</sup> District history and they are still getting more members. Last but not least is Santa Clara Valley PTA which is a county-wide PTA chartered out of the Santa Clara County Office of Education. The target member for SCVPTA is a supporter of public education, who is not affiliated with a local unit but believes that all children need an advocate, in other words all of those people who do not have children at a PTA school. The goal of SCVPTA is to raise funds so that grants can be awarded to low wealth PTA schools. Membership information is available at [www.capta6.org](http://www.capta6.org). Thanks to the 6<sup>th</sup> District Board members led by Marcie Brown who stepped up to be the officers of this new PTA.

Congratulations are in order since you have survived the opening of the school year. I know many of you have been heavily involved in planning programs, finalizing the budget and getting membership approval of the budget and the all important membership drive. Please remember that you have many resources, at all levels of PTA, to help you and your officers. There are years and years of experience and we are here to help guide and train you so that your unit will be successful in reaching your goals.

As you continue your journey:

- **Plan** to attend and send other PTA leaders to the Fall Leadership on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Develop** leadership. Reach out and ask your members to help achieve the goals of the school. Becoming involved is the first step in becoming an emerging leaders of the school. Share the responsibility and the work. One of my greatest joys in being involved in PTA is seeing others as they blossom into great leaders in PTA—I know you will be rewarded as well when you allow others to take on responsibilities.
- **Remember** to use the district, state and national PTA websites as a resource.
- **Plan** to attend the state convention in Sacramento May 3-6, 2007. The expenses related to attending PTA convention are a valid and valuable PTA expense. CSPTA and 6<sup>th</sup> District will have grant money available for emerging leaders to attend the state

convention. Information will be on the website in November.

- **Be** an advocate for all children. Remind your members that they are members of the oldest and largest child advocacy organization in the country. The district will be passing on the latest state and national information so that all PTA members can be advocates. PTA advocacy was very successful when all the letters, faxes, and e-mails were sent to the legislators and the governor to bring back arts education funding to the schools.
- **Partner.** Make sure the PTA leaders, Principal and Teachers are linked together in the best interest of the children. Make sure you leaders are communicating with your members, councils, out of council team, and the district.
- **Meet** deadlines. Whether it is a deadline to pass on membership and insurance or a deadline to apply for grant from CSPTA or the annual reports —PTA is inflexible. Mark the calendars now and send things in early.
- **Send** in your financial reports. Last years audit and final Financial report as well as your new year budget should be sent to you council or to the district office if the unit is an Out of Council unit.
- **Ask** for help. We are all working for the same goals. Every unit is in a council or has an Out of Council team advisor. If you do not know who to call please contact me and I will get you to the right person.

On behalf of the entire 6<sup>th</sup> District Board we wish you a successful and fun year.

*Diane Foote*  
6<sup>th</sup> District PTA President  
650-722-1863  
[president@capta6.org](mailto:president@capta6.org)

## Start the Art Week 2006

**October 9-13**

Join us October 9-13, 2006,  
to celebrate, embrace and  
advocate for the arts.  
PTA believes that all children  
deserve a quality arts education.

# **IF YOU MISSED SPRING TRAINING, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

## **6<sup>th</sup> District PTA Fall Leadership Training For New Officers**

**Saturday Morning October 14, 2006\***  
**Miller Middle School, 6151 Rainbow Dr, Cupertino**

check the 6<sup>th</sup> District PTA website  
for registration and descriptions:  
<http://www.capta6.org>

**Unit Presidents, Treasurers, Auditors,  
Secretaries, Membership Chairs  
and Parliamentarians  
(nominating committee help, too)**

**Please arrive for registration: 8:30 –9:00  
Workshops: 9:00 – 12:30**

8:30- 9:00	Registration, Continental Breakfast
9:00- 9:15	Introductions
9:20-10:50	Session 1
11:00-12:30	Session 2

Presidents, Treasurers and Parliamentarians will meet for both sessions.

**Registration form can be found at [capta6.org](http://capta6.org)  
Email completed registration form to  
[kate@katehill.org](mailto:kate@katehill.org) by October 1, 2006**

\*If this date is impossible for you and you need training, PLEASE contact me at [kate@katehill.org](mailto:kate@katehill.org) to arrange another time – don't go through the year without help.  
Your 6<sup>th</sup> District Board is committed to making sure you have the tools and information you need to have a successful and fun PTA experience!

# Course Descriptions

**Session 1 & 2:**  
9:20 am to 12:30 pm

## **Leadership Tools for New Presidents \***

A must for the unit president elect! Learn and review the basics of PTA policies, procedures and regulations. Learn new ideas for unit management, with an emphasis on goal setting. PTA timelines, job descriptions, resources, and meeting preparation information will be covered.

## **Money Matter\$ \***

This conference will provide a walk through of basic financial procedures for new treasurers and financial secretaries. You will be guided through an entire financial year. Topics include banking, budgets, fundraising, contracts, money handling and financial reports.

## **Parliamentary Procedures, By-laws and Nomination/ Election Help \***

Basic parliamentary procedures including meeting rules, nominating committee and elections.

Are your bylaws more than 2 years old? We will have sample bylaws, English/Spanish bylaws available. Lets fill out the latest version and get it ready for approval by CAPTA Parliamentarian. Start this year with an updated set of bylaws.

*\* Will meet for Session One  
and Two*

**Session 1**  
9:20 am to 10:50 am

## **Secretary's Guide**

It takes more than pen and paper to compose the legal record for your PTA. Learn the proper procedures for taking minutes to ensure an accurate, concise, and a true record of the PTA organization.

## **Advanced President Workshop**

This workshop is designed to help current presidents who basically know what they're doing, but have experienced some issues not covered in the training last spring. Please come and ask questions, seek advice and share your experiences with other presidents. You'd be surprised at how many problems are NOT yours alone!

## **Auditors**

Make sure you know exactly what is expected from your auditor's report, when to prepare and present it, and to whom copies should be sent.

## **Communications 101**

How can we keep our school communities informed and engaged? Learn about ways to make your communications more effective, using newsletters, e-mail, web sites, and of course meetings, schoolyard conversations, and the telephone. Remember -- what matters isn't what you say, it's what they hear and respond to! Come learn, and share your ideas with other PTA Communications folks.

**Session 2**  
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

## **Every Officer is a Financial Officer**

This isn't just for treasurers! PTA has certain financial requirements of every Unit. Come hear what they are!

Suggested attendees: Advanced Presidents, advanced treasurers, and other PTA officers.

## **Membership Goes Online!**

Learn how to conduct a successful membership campaign, step by step -- phenomenal theme ideas, and how to recruit and retain members. Interactive exchanges of ideas will energize your campaign and enhance the success of your PTA membership drive. **Also** -- learn how to work with National PTA's new Online Membership Database, which we will all be required to use this year. **Every council and unit should try to send one person to this session.**

## **Surf Through the Bylaws**

Over 90 Units in our District need to update their bylaws to the latest set. Are your bylaws more than 2 years old? We will have sample bylaws, English/Spanish bylaws available. Get hints on filling out those bylaws so that they will be ready for approval by CAPTA Parliamentarian. Start this year with an updated set of bylaws.

## Santa Clara Valley PTA

Dear Friend of PTA,

The PTA is committed to helping parents understand the importance of supporting their children in school activities. We encourage parents and community members to be informed about education issues in order to understand and support our schools.

We are in the process of chartering a new PTA in Santa Clara County—**Santa Clara Valley PTA**. Many of you have seen the articles in the Mercury News pointing out the inequitable funding at schools around the county. The schools with high populations of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch are unable to raise the needed funds for services from their own school parents. We have more than 30 PTAs in Santa Clara County where more than 80% of the students qualify for free/reduced lunch. Over the last year several of us on the Sixth District (Santa Clara countywide) PTA Board have been struggling to provide the monetary gifts and grants to help those PTAs. The Sixth District PTA just does not have a sustainable source of income that can be used for Grants to low wealth PTAs.

Last year the District provided 17 grants, and we will do so again, but we need your help as well. By becoming a member of the Santa Clara Valley PTA, you are meeting several needs in the county:

- You are becoming an advocate for all the children in Santa Clara County, California, and the Nation, for as you become a member of Santa Clara Valley PTA you also become a member of California State PTA and the National PTA.
- The amounts raised above the pass-through dues of \$3.50 (less than the cost of a latte) will be used to provide grants to low wealth schools.
- You are telling the parents and teachers of low wealth schools that we the public believe all children deserve the same education and educational services.

We need your support, and we are asking you to become a member of the Santa Clara Valley PTA. California PTA President Brenda Davis stated, "Because there is a PTA, the voices of parents, teachers, students and community members have a deeper, richer, greater meaning. As an organization, we have often been referred to as the "Sleeping Giant." Well, it is time to poke that sleeper and Roar!" Please join our ROAR and become a member of the Santa Clara Valley PTA. **We need you.** The membership form is available at <http://www.capta6.org>.

Please feel free to invite family members, friends and neighbors to join as well. You don't have to have a child in school to join the PTA; you don't even have to be a parent. You just have to care about children and public education. Membership is only \$10 per person, and it's tax deductible. The membership form is available to download at <http://www.capta6.org>.

Thank you,

*Diane Foote*  
6<sup>th</sup> District PTA President

*Marcie Brown*  
Santa Clara Valley PTA President

## Health & Community Concerns

### **Bill Wilson Center: Counseling, Housing, Education and Advocacy**

An hour tour of the Bill Wilson Center in Santa Clara broadened the picture of what can be done for the runaway, the homeless, the youth without the support needed to be successful. Sparky Harlan, executive director whose creativity I have known for 30 years, has been the visionary and pusher for programs for these youth in need. At the present time she is working on "California Connected by 25 Initiative", a program to help foster children complete their education, achieve financial literacy and gain lasting employment --all by the age of 25. Unfortunately, youth in foster care age out of the system, whether they are ready or not, at age 18. Most of them need more education, independent living and work skills. Housing and employment of these young people who have had stormy lives will make a difference in community problems. These young people need mentors. If you can give time to them, contact me or Bill Wilson Center at [www.billwilsoncenter.org](http://www.billwilsoncenter.org)

### **Juvenile Justice System**

Later this month I shall be attending the Santa Clara Council LWV meeting to request having a countywide meeting in the spring of 2007 to discuss the juvenile justice system in our County, how it has changed and how it can be improved. I am trying to set up meetings with some of the juvenile justice people to learn the effect of

changes which have been made. Also, efforts are being made to set up tours of Juvenile Hall and the Ranches. If you are interested in participating, please let me know and let me know what dates are best for you.

### **Coordinated School Health Institute**

*From the "Bay Area School Health Leadership Institute Draft Vision Statement"*

The American Cancer Society has spearheaded a series of School Health Institutes. I have been privileged to represent 6th District PTA on the Planning Committee, which has been meeting for several months. This two-day Institute involves school district leaders from 5 counties and is scheduled for October 4th and 5th at Stanford University. The focus is to develop a "coordinated school health model" which includes the following components:

- Health Education
- Physical Education
- Nutrition Services
- Health Services
- Psychological and Counseling Services
- Healthy and Safe Environment
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Health Promotion for Staff

*"The Bay Area School Health Leadership Institute is based on the belief that academic achievement is inextricably linked with student health."*

### **Two items of concern:**

- I attended a meeting where the topic was **children being run over by cars being backed out of the driveway**. A surprising number of children are killed each year because the driver is not aware of a child being in the driveway. Be sure you know where your children and other people's children are when you back out of your driveway!!
- **Whooping cough (pertussis) is on the RISE!** Outbreaks of whooping cough among preteens and teenagers has increased dramatically. In 2004, the number of reported cases reached an all time high. In 2005, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved booster vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis for use in adolescents. Experts from around the country appointed by the CDC recommend that persons between 11 and 18 years old should receive the whooping cough booster shot.

*Barbara Emerich  
Vice President for Health &  
Community Concerns  
650/948-3666  
e-mail: [careevol@aol.com](mailto:careevol@aol.com)*

## News

### Reflections News, Theme and Deadline



A warm welcome to all new and continuing units and councils!

The theme for 2006-07 is "My Favorite Place".

This year, in addition to **visual arts, photography, literature** and **music composition**, we debut two exciting new categories: **Dance Choreography** and **film/video production**.

**The Sixth District deadline is Friday, December 8th, 2006.**

Drop-off entries at Suman Ganapathy's residence:  
10125, Parkwood Dr, #7,  
Cupertino, CA-95014,  
(408) 863-0549,  
sumanmitraganapathy@gmail.com,

or the 6th District PTA office at the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

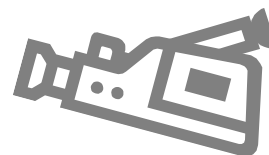
The top five entries per category per age group will be accepted for councils, or top two entries per age group per unit if you are out-of-council, or haven't a Council Reflections chair. Your PTA president should have handed over Reflections packets to you by now. Do log on to [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) for rules and entry forms if needed.



A handy set of spreadsheets and "Pointers for the harried Reflections Chairperson" is posted on to the 6<sup>th</sup> district website to make life much easier for all you hardworking Reflections chairs! Please log on to [www.capta6.org](http://www.capta6.org).

Do contact Suman Ganapathy for training requests or any questions.

Good luck everyone,  
Suman Ganapathy and Jessica Traynor  
(Reflections Team)



## News

### PTA Legislative Update

#### **PTA statewide effort to increase art/music education funding is successful.**

California for decades has decreased funding in the state general budget for arts and music. In fact, in the last two years there have been no budget dollars allocated. Great news! This year PTA was instrumental in the budget allocation of \$105 million in ongoing funding for arts and music education and \$500 million in a one time block grant for arts/music and physical education equipment and supplies.

Thank you PTA community for all your emails, faxes and communications to our elected representatives in Sacramento . Funding arts and music was a high priority for PTA and you made it happen.

#### **Parent consent prior to on campus student interrogation is not successful.**

Not successful was SB 660, requirement of school administration to obtain parent consent prior to student being interrogated by peace officer on school grounds. This bill was strongly opposed by law enforcement and The California School Boards Association. Requirement to inform parents was considered an administrative burden.

#### **PTA request for letters of support for two bills on the Governor's desk.**

- AB 1778, author Assemblymember Sally Lieber, prevents the school from releasing student's personal information to military recruiters unless a parent opts in. Now information released unless parents opt out.
- SB 1614, author Sen. Joe Simitian. Development of a Teacher Date System to provide a means to study the effectiveness of professional development, including mobility, retention and attrition.

#### **PTA Position Propositions in the November 7th election:**

- Support Proposition 1D: "Kindergarten - University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006" to repair older schools and improve earthquake safety.
- Support Proposition 86: "Tobacco Tax Act of 2006" (13 cents a cigarette) Revenue allocated to specific programs in research, prevention and treatment of various medical conditions including cancers, heart disease and stroke
- Oppose 88 - Classroom Learning and Accountability Act imposes a \$50 parcel tax on each real property.

More information on why PTA has taken a position on the above propositions at our next PTA District meeting.

There is much more to legislation but these are the PTA highlights.

Again, congratulations on making arts and music education funding become a reality in our schools.

*Laura Casas Frier*  
Director of Legislation, Sixth District PTA  
650-917-8382  
lauracasasfrier@aol.com

### County Office Offers Low-Cost Printing Services

Need to have a newsletter, flyer or invitation printed at the lowest possible cost? Print Services at the Santa Clara County Office of Education offers comprehensive printing and copying services to schools and school organizations like the PTA. Colorful brochures, newsletters, invitations, programs, flyers, posters, and banners can be printed on the shop's high-speed presses -- at considerably less cost than other vendors. Located at the SCCOE's Ridder Park office, Print Services offers black-and-white and color copies, as well as spiral and fast binding, folding, cutting and sorting.

Orders can be placed at [www.sccoe.org/depts/printservices/](http://www.sccoe.org/depts/printservices/) <<http://www.sccoe.org/depts/printservices/>> or by calling (408) 453-6988 or by visiting the facility at 1290 Ridder Park Drive, corner of Brokaw Rd., in San Jose.

One of our best services to schools...

## Treasurer's Calendar

### For Councils and Out-of-Council Units

The following items are due to 6th District from councils and out-of-council units by the date indicated.

If your unit is in a council, please check with your council treasurer for their due date. Usually it will be due at the council level at least two weeks before the due date listed below.

#### September 2006

- Annual Financial Reports for 2005-06
- Audit Report Forms for 2005-06
- Budget for 2006-07

#### October 15, 2006

- Early Bird Membership\*  
Minimum 15 members
- Out of Council Units-  
\$50 annual Out of Council fee
- Councils - \$50 Newsletter Collation Fee

#### November 1, 2006

- First Mandatory Memberships Remittance Due
- Chairman's Club Membership\*  
Minimum 50 members

#### December 21, 2006

- Forward Workers Comp reports (for all units with no wages subject to WC premium).
- Membership Dues and Report
- Unit Insurance Premiums

#### January 10, 2007

- Forward Workers Comp reports (for all units owing Workers Comp)

#### January 2007

- Audit Report Forms (Councils and Out-of-Council units)

#### March 10, 2007

- Final Membership Dues and Report need to be remitted in order to qualify for awards for 2006-07.

#### Remittance Information:

- Remittances are to be received in the Sixth District PTA office on or before the due date.
- Out-of-council units and Councils need to submit ONE CHECK (payable to Sixth District PTA) for membership and need to be submit it with the Sixth District Remittance Form. The form is available at the Sixth District Office or online at [capta6.org](http://capta6.org)
- Out-of-council units have the deadlines listed to the left.
- Units (in councils) need to observe their council deadlines.
- All payments submitted after due date must be accompanied by late fees (\$25.00)

**All money must be remitted through channels.  
All checks must have two (2) signatures.**

Send remittances in duplicate and payment to:

Sixth District PTA  
Attention Treasurer  
1290 Ridder Park Drive, M/C 214  
San Jose CA 95131-2398

#### Fees:

- **Out-of-Council Units:**  
\$50 annual Out-of-Council fee due by October 15
- **Councils:**  
\$50 Newsletter Collation Fee due by October 15
- **Membership:**  
ALL Units — \$3.50 per **member**  
(\$.50 District, \$1.25 State, \$1.75 National)
- **Insurance:**  
Unit and Council Insurance costs should be known in October.

#### Membership Remittances \*: Award Certificates awarded to units who qualify

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early Bird</b> - Certificates from California State PTA will be awarded to each unit that remits at least 15 members via PTA channels (unit to council, to district, to state) to the State PTA. No application is required.</li> </ul> | <p>PTA. To be eligible for Creative Membership Awards a unit must be a member of Chairman's Club in the year that they apply for the award. No application is required.</p>  | <p>members of Chairman's Club. (Get the application at the state PTA web site <a href="http://www.capta.org">www.capta.org</a>)</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chairman's Club</b> - Certificates from California State PTA will be distributed to each unit that remits for 50 or more members through PTA channels (unit to council, to district, to state) to the State</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Creative Membership</b> - Applications due February 1. Awards will be presented by the California State PTA to up to 10 units at the annual convention. An application must be completed and submitted to State PTA office by February 1. Units must be</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All memberships received in the California State PTA office on or after April 1, 2007 will be counted in determining membership total and awards for 2007-2008</li> </ul> |

## Information

### SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICE

All local PTAs and councils of PTAs in Santa Clara County are served by the Sixth District PTA office. The office is here for your benefit, whether it be for materials, video loans or inquiries on PTA matters, such as obtaining information about past Honorary Service recipients. Many of the California State PTA publications are available in the office. These items may be requested over the phone, or you can stop by to see what materials are on hand.

If you are planning to come down to the office, please call first to make sure that our office manager, Paula Traynor, will be there to assist you.

For information on ordering supplies or obtaining videos please contact Paula Traynor at the Sixth District PTA Office number listed below.

The office is located in the Santa Clara County Office of Education, 1290 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose 95131-2304. The phone number is (408) 453-6536. Email for Paula is paula\_traynor@sccoe.org The office is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The office is closed on all school and county holidays.

### BELL Information

The "Bell" is the 6<sup>th</sup> District PTA newsletter, full of valuable information on what is happening in 6<sup>th</sup> District/Santa Clara County. However, it does not take the place of attending District Meetings. We welcome your feedback about the "Bell" and look forward to receiving some. Please take time to read the entire "Bell".

During the 2006-2007 school year in order to maximize efficiency and lower costs, we will offer an option to receive the "Bell" by email. More information in next month's Bell.

Article authors: please keep the deadline dates below in mind and submit your articles (by email, please) and other information on time. If time sensitive, special information must get out, arrangements will be made to do that. If problems arise regarding deadlines, please contact Wendy Akers-Ghose.

#### 2006-2007 Bell Deadline Dates

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
November	October 13

Please send article submissions to:  
Wendy Akers-Ghose at  
wendyghose@yahoo.com,  
phone 650-813-0192

THE BELL  
September/October 2006  
Published Sept-June  
SIXTH DISTRICT PTA  
California Congress of Parents and Teachers

SIXTH DISTRICT PTA/S.C.C.O.E.  
1290 Ridder Park Dr. M/C 214  
San Jose, CA 95131-2304  
(408) 453-6536  
VOLUME 10 ISSUE #2

**THE BELL**  
Sixth District  
PTA newsletter

President Diane Foote  
Editor Wendy Akers-Ghose

**SC COUNTY OFFICE OF  
EDUCATION PRINTING**

Official publication of  
Sixth District PTA  
Santa Clara Office  
of Education  
M/C 214,  
1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, CA 95131-2304

Phone: (408) 453-6536



“The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.”

- Alvin Toffler

***Don't Miss a Single Issue***

Subscribe to the one and  
only 6th District  
“BELL”

The “Bell” is published seven times  
during the year.  
A subscription is only \$8.00 per year.

Make check payable to 6th District PTA:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Council \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and a check to:

6th District PTA  
S.C.C.O.E.  
M/C 214  
1290 Ridder Park Dr.  
San Jose, CA 95131-2304