

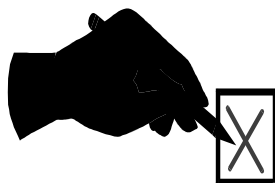
Tour Juvenile Hall and The Ranches

Anyone interested in touring Juvenile Hall and the Ranches? We are scheduled for a tour of Juvenile Hall on October 23rd and a visit to the Ranches will occur on the morning of October 30th at 10:00 am.

If you are interested in participating, please let me know so we can carpool. Call me at 650/948-3666 or e-mail me prior to October 19th: careervol@aol.com.

See more information on page 6.

Vote on November 6



As the November 6 election approaches, PTA's can do their part to encourage community members to participate in the most fundamental of political activities—VOTING.

Encourage parents to be informed voters, let them know how to register to vote and sponsor candidates' forums.

Check Section 4.3 of the California State PTA Tool Kit for policies and additional ideas regarding Election Campaigns and the Role of the PTA

California State PTA Scholarship and Grant Program

The California State PTA Scholarship and Grant program offers scholarships and grants to PTA members and to unit, council and district PTA's. Below is the list of the available scholarships and grants and the due dates by which they must be received in the State PTA office.

Grants*

- **Parent Education for Unit, Council and District PTA's**
Use funds to develop and implement parent education programs and projects in such areas as health, child development, child abuse prevention or parenting skills.
- **Cultural Arts for Unit, Council and District PTA's**
Use funds to develop and implement student-centered cultural arts programs. The programs and projects should focus on expanding the students' awareness and appreciation of the field of cultural arts and/or enriching and enhancing arts education programs.
- **Outreach and Translation for Unit, Council and District PTA's**
Use funds to translate PTA written materials and oral presentations in an effort to involve every member of the school community.

Scholarships

- **Continuing Education for PTA Volunteers**
- **Continuing Education for Credentialed Teachers**
(includes librarians) **and Counselors**
- **Continuing Education for School Nurse**
- **Graduating High School Seniors**

Additional information and details and all applications may be found in the California State PTA *Toolkit* and Website, www.capta.org

Most of the grants and scholarships have a due date of November 15 by which applications must be received in the State PTA office via mail. Postmarks and Facsimiles will NOT be accepted.

* Grant applications must include a copy of the 2006-2007 year-end audit and a copy of the current 2007-2008 budget.

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

Vouchers Undermine “The Great Equalizer”



It is nothing new for the public education system to be under scrutiny. The school system takes the largest share of the California state budget and plays a profound role in the future of our children.

So it's entirely fitting that our schools be subject to examination and deliberation over how to make them better.

But today, as perhaps never before, our public schools are being subjected to undermining forces. Lawmakers currently are in the process of reauthorizing the federal “No Child Left Behind” Act. Under the guise of reform, some want to make school vouchers a part of the reauthorized act.

As president of the Horace Mann League of America this year, I am more conscious than ever of efforts to blur the lines of separation in our schools between church and state. I worry that these efforts will adversely affect not only the public schools, but also the democratic sensibilities on which our nation was built.

Earlier this year, President Bush announced a plan to give students at certain struggling schools vouchers worth about \$4,000 each to attend private schools. At the same time, proposals for state voucher programs have been springing up across the country, from New Jersey to Arizona. Utah will hold a referendum on a voucher program next month.

These trends run counter to the spirit of public education in the United States – and counter to the spirit of Horace Mann, the 19th-century educator known as “the father of American education.” Mann viewed access to good public schools as the birthright of all American children, no matter what their social status. He also gained renown as a strong advocate of nonsectarian education. Public schools, he believed, should help prepare students for lives of civic responsibility and financial opportunity. He was instrumental in creating a national school system that is egalitarian in design and democratic in scope.

It's true that the history of our public schools has seen its share of disappointments. At certain times, in certain places, the system failed its students. But on the whole, Horace Mann's model has served us well. Some of the greatest careers our nation has seen – in politics, business, the arts and religion – started in our public schools.

My objection to the notion of vouchers is two-fold. First, to channel taxpayers' money to private, religious schools is contrary to our fundamental belief in the separation of church and state. Second, where a school system's funding is based on attendance (as in California), diverting students into private schools would drain precious dollars away from public schools. We should strive to improve -- not abandon -- schools that are not adequately serving students.

Almost 160 years ago Horace Mann said: “Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men.” If we update the word “men” to “all people,” Mann's pronouncement is as pertinent today as it ever was.

The key phrase is that education is “the great equalizer.” A public school can and should take any child from any corner of this diverse country, and equip him or her with the tools necessary to become an active, thriving member of society.

Public education IS the great equalizer. Movements towards its privatization will fracture and ultimately break apart the great American ideal of equalization through a public education.

In late September, Superintendent Wilcox announced her plans to retire in November. The Sixth District PTA extends thanks for her many years of service to the children of Santa Clara County. We appreciate her constant support and wish Dr. Wilcox all the best in her future endeavors.

President's Letter

Barbara Spreng, 6th District President

The work of PTA is serious business. I believe that all our volunteers, from once-a-year field trip chaperones, to perennial officers and chairmen, are committed to their PTA work, take their responsibilities seriously and carry out their duties with professionalism.

However, hardworking volunteers have many different motivations that keep them coming back for more, and one of them is the opportunity to HAVE FUN!

Every other year, at the beginning of District PTA officers' two-year terms, the California State PTA presents "PTA University," providing advanced leadership training specific to District PTA responsibilities. Demonstrating the importance of blending work and play, every District group and the State Board of Directors debuted their award-winning skits in an after-dinner variety show.

Sixth District PTA was honored with the "Bob Dylan Award for the Most Original Lyrics" and received accolades from the audience. In the spirit of "leading by example," we presented an encore performance at the September 15th Leadership Training Day for Santa Clara County Unit and Council PTAs.

Once again, the audience was wowed by our performance and several requested a copy of the "PTA Anthem." I am happy to share it with you. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Lynn Magill (VP Communications) and her daughter for their clever lyrical composition.

I hope you enjoy the song and encourage you to always remember that FUN does not compete with productivity. Rather, I believe, it enhances people's interest, willingness to serve and sense of satisfaction....resulting in a larger corps of happy, hardworking volunteers.

Barbara Spreng, President

Imagine a pre-baseball game setting.....players warming up on the field, fans eating peanuts and waving pennants. The loudspeakers crackle with the voice of the announcer.....

*Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to CAPTA Park for this thrilling season opener. Before the games begin, please rise for the PTA anthem, performed this evening by the **Sixth District PTA Team Chorus.***

(Sung to the tune of the "Star Spangled Banner")

Oh please join our team
We need members and dues
Got positions to fill
In our vast unpaid workforce

We'll attract you with food
Coffee, tea, even wine
And when you say yes
We will work you like a horse

And we'll know where you are
Thanks to OMDR
So if you try quit
You won't get very far

Oh say does the P T A
Help all the little children
Every child one voice!
Can you please bring a friend?

Let's play ball!



Lynn "Diva" Magill, VP Communications, stole the show with her dramatic solo, "Every child, one voice!," hitting the high notes the rest of us couldn't.

How is the Secretary Involved in Financial Transactions?

Information That Can Be Used Immediately For Smooth Financial Transactions: The Authorization Procedure

As PTA Units/Councils sail through the year, financial issues may present some choppy waters. Read below to clarify what you need to do and how & when you need to do it!

The standard Unit bylaws require that the Expense Authorization Form be signed by the association president and secretary. Unless the bylaws have been amended, the Secretary prepares the authorization form. A separate authorization form may be found in the Toolkit in the Forms Section.

As a practical procedure, most units have added the president and secretary signature lines to the bottom of the expense reimbursement form (see sample on the side or at www.capta6.org/forms/6thReimbursementForm.doc). In addition, at www.capta.org, in the Toolkit (under Forms) is another version.

Many units have also added a standing rule to their bylaws that allows the person requesting reimbursement to initiate the Reimbursement/Authorization Form.

After approval by the association, the Payment Authorization Form permits the treasurer to write checks. A payment authorization, with bill, receipt, invoice, or expense statement attached, must be prepared for EACH CHECK WRITTEN. The Authorization may be signed by the president and secretary, once the funds have been released by the association. When the treasurer is presented with expense reimbursement form, the secretary and president sign the authorization form and a check may be written immediately.

If the association voted to authorize an expenditure in advance, it is not necessary to wait until the next association meeting to reimburse monies. Make sure to have the president and secretary sign the authorization form once the checks have been ratified.

The secretary's signature is necessary because it shows that the expense has been authorized or ratified in the minutes. Given that the president usually signs most checks it may be more practical to sign the check and the authorization form at the same time.



Remember do not sign blank checks and everyone signing a check should review the supporting documents for a check. And, of course all other requirements of check signers (like not being related) must also be followed.

Request for Reimbursement SAMPLE

Make Payable To: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

Phone # _____

Total Requested \$ _____

\$ Amount	Account Credited	Reason
_____	_____	_____

Comments: _____

Mail to: Treasurer

President's Approval: _____	Check Date _____
_____	Check # _____
Secretary's Approval: _____	Check \$ _____

Communications Corner

On Saturday, September 15, over 100 PTA leaders met for training at Miller Middle School in San Jose. 6th District President Barbara Spreng asked attendees to raise their hands if they knew what the reason was for the existence of the 6th District. Very few hands went up.

My first thought was, "That's a communications problem," because everyone should be aware that we are here to help members of our 11 Councils and 112 Out of Council units do their jobs as effectively as possible.

I then co-led a communications training session in which only two or three of those present actually had the word "communications" in their title. Others who attended were coordinating membership, parent education, fundraising, the Reflections program, family events, public relations, e-news and websites.

Attendees were looking for help with issues as diverse as improving multicultural outreach and inclusion, increasing diversity, setting up parent networks, creating email lists websites, taking donations online, and increasing membership.

This experience made me realize that communications is at the heart of much of what we do in the PTA, and how a single training session entitled "Communications" is inadequate to address everyone's needs. My job, therefore, is to find ways to help PTA leaders achieve their communications goals.

I have a few ideas:

1. I've talked to our 6th District webmaster, Erwin Morton, about creating a communications webpage. This page will have links to resources and information about the myriad communications concerns I listed above. For example, how many of you knew that the California State

PTA provides grants to unit, council and district PTA's to pay for translation services? (See PTA Toolkit, Section 7.17.2)

2. Create online discussion groups around various communications issues, so people can exchange their ideas, questions and concerns.

3. Set up a system of mentors who have experience in addressing a communications concern. Have you set up a website for your unit or council, or created a successful outreach program? Are you willing to help and advise others in our district? If so, let me know and I will pair you with someone who needs help in the same area.

4. Revamp communications training so that in the future it is broken into multiple sessions targeted towards different issues. There might be one session on electronic communications, and another on reaching out to families without easy access to computers, for example.

Please watch for more information in the next issue of "The Bell." Meanwhile, if you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me at communications@capta6.org, or (650) 565-9214.

Thank you!

Lynn Magill,
VP of Communications, 6th District

Wanted: Bell Editor

I'm seeking a new member of the 6th District Communications team to prepare this newsletter approximately once a month during the school year. This publication is the primary means by which the 6th District PTA communicates with its units and councils. The Bell editor:

- Solicits input and send out notices of deadlines.
- Formats and places articles using any page layout software he/she is comfortable with. The newsletter is currently produced using Publisher.
- Submits for proofreading to Communications VP and 6th District PTA President.
- Sends to the 6th District Office at Santa Clara County Office of Education for printing
- In addition, the Bell editor would be strongly encouraged to attend 6th District Board meetings, held on the third Monday of each month from 11:30-1:30 at the county education office (See exact schedule at <http://capta6.org/calendar.html>)
- The approximate number of hours per month required varies between 10 and 20 hours per month.

If you know someone who would be interested in this important job, please contact 6th District VP of Communications, Lynn Magill, at communications@capta6.org or (650) 565-9214.

News

Reflections News, Theme and Deadline



Dear Council and Unit Reflections Chairs,

Thank you in advance for all the hard work you will put in, and for supporting the arts. I hope you have received the Reflections packet from your PTA President, or have visited the **State PTA Reflections web site**. I'd like to offer you some pointers and some forms that might help you considerably.

Deadlines:

Mon Oct 15: *suggested* deadline* for students to submit entries to Units.

Thu Nov 1: *suggested* deadline* for Units to submit winners to Councils.

Fri Dec 7: deadline for Councils to submit winners to Sixth District.

Fri Dec 7: deadline for Out-of-Council Units (and units whose Councils don't have a Reflections Chair) to submit winners to Sixth District.

*Units and Councils set their own deadlines.

Maximum number of entries to be submitted to Sixth District:

- **Councils** may submit the top 5 entries per category per age group.
- **Out-of-Council Units** may submit the top 2 entries per category per age group.

Please make sure that all participants from your unit and council **abide by all the rules** and submit **completed entry forms** to avoid being disqualified!

Please **visit www.capta6.org** for pointers and forms, and please feel free to contact me with any questions. Good luck, everyone!

Suman Ganapathy
Reflections Chair, Sixth District PTA
408-863-0549
sumanmitraganapathy@gmail.com

Health and Community Concerns

TOUR JUVENILE HALL AND THE RANCHES

Anyone interested in touring Juvenile Hall and the Ranches? We are scheduled for a tour of Juvenile Hall on October 23rd and a visit to the Ranches will occur on the morning of October 30th at 10:00 am. If you are interested in participating, please let me know so we can carpool. Call me at 650/948-3666 or e-mail me prior to October 19th: careevol@aol.com.

In a LWV interview of the executive of the former California Youth Authority, now the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ), it was learned that the most important standards today deal with where and how the kids are housed, the relationship between kids and staff, how the kids are treated and where they go when they leave the facility. These are all issues we shall be looking at as we look at what our County is doing.

CURRENT DRUG TRENDS

On Thursday, October 11th at 3:30 P.M. at Covington School (Multipurpose Room) JOHN VIGALLON, president of the Northern Calif. Juvenile Officers Association and internationally known presenter on Adolescent Substance Abuse, will be speaking on CURRENT DRUG TRENDS. (Covington School is at 205 Covington Road, Los Altos.)

CHILD ADVOCATES OF SILICON VALLEY

Kelly Takahashi, president of Garden Gate Elementary School PTA has been a Child Advocate for eight years. She attests to the fact that this organization is working very hard to prevent and combat the problems faced by foster children. The agency trains volunteer Advocates to befriend a foster child, to understand the child as an individual, to come to know the child's particular needs, and to make those needs known to the court, teacher, care givers and other people with the power to help the child.

More volunteers are always needed to advocate for kids. If you are interested, learn more about Child Advocates of Silicon Valley by visiting the website: www.bemyadvocate.org.

Barbara Emerich
Community Concerns

News



I was inspired to write this after reading Barbara Emerich's article in the September Bell in which she alerted us to the challenges faced by foster children. Barbara asked "As PTA leaders, what can we do about this?" As a volunteer Advocate for Child Advocates of Silicon Valley for over eight years, I can attest that this organization is working very hard to prevent and combat the problems faced by these vulnerable children in Santa Clara County. How do they make a difference with this overwhelming issue? The agency trains volunteer Advocates to befriend a foster child, to understand the child as an individual, to come to know the child's particular needs, and to make those needs known to the court, teachers, care givers, social workers, psychologists, and other people with the power to help the child.

A foster child's life is often unstable and traumatic. My advocate child, Steven (name changed for confidentiality), was taken to the Children's Shelter after enduring and witnessing abuse to himself and his siblings by his mentally-ill mother. In the eight years that he spent in the foster care system, he was moved to seven different foster homes, each time requiring a change of schools. The social worker assigned to his case changed four times. Unfortunately, for foster children, these statistics are common. This instability took its toll on Steven's education, his ability to make friends, and his ability to form healthy attachments with his caregivers. Today Steven is in a permanent home with a legal guardian who loves him. His guardian gives him a sense of belonging and is helping him to 'catch up' in school and make friendships. But the last eight years were very stressful for him, and he relied on the consistency of my involvement with him as his Advocate to make it through. Advocates offer a positive, stable adult relationship to a child for whom nothing else may be going right or making sense.

In the last year, Child Advocates supported 456 Advocates in their work with 592 children placed in our community's foster care system. Although Child Advocates is one of the largest CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) organizations in the United States, over 360 children in Santa Clara County are on the waiting list for an Advocate. Increasing the number of available trained Advocates is critical to these children as well as to our community!

The mission of Child Advocates is to provide stability and hope to abused and neglected children by being a powerful voice in their lives. Its vision is that every child has a safe, loving home and is given the opportunity to become a strong, healthy adult. Child Advocates provides one more way for PTA leaders to advocate for children and families. You can learn more about Child Advocates of Silicon Valley by visiting the website www.bemyadvocate.org.

Please consider making a difference in a child's life by becoming a volunteer Advocate or by donating to this worthwhile organization! I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions, or if your PTA unit (or other community group) might be interested in having Child Advocates make a short presentation at your next meeting.

Thank you!

Kelly Takahashi
Garden Gate Elementary School PTA President
(408)253-7979
at-kt@sbcglobal.net

Sixth District



everychild.onevoice

October 1, 2007

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 have chartered a new PTA in Santa Clara County—Santa Clara Valley PTA. Many of you have seen 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 parent population. 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 just does not have a sustainable source of income that can be used for grants to low wealth PTAs.

Last year the Sixth District provided 17 grants, and we will do so again, but we need your help as well. By becoming a member in 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 the public believes all children deserve a high-quality education and high-quality educational services. And, that you are willing to help make that happen.

We need your support, and we are asking you to become a member of the Santa Clara Valley PTA. Past State 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 attached.

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. Use the membership form on page 9 or download a membership form at <http://www.capta6.org/scvpta/>.

Thank you!

Barbara Spreng
President
Sixth District PTA

Marcie Brown
President
Santa Clara Valley PTA

Yes! I'd like to join the Santa Clara Valley PTA! 2007-2008 Membership Year

Member Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Additional Members at address above:

Name	Phone	E-Mail
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Amount enclosed: **Checks should be made out to Santa Clara Valley PTA**

Membership: No. of Members _____ x \$10 = _____

Donation: _____

Total enclosed: _____

Please mail this form to: Santa Clara Valley PTA
1290 Ridder Park Drive M/C 214
San Jose, CA 95131

Please tell us your preferences in receiving communications from us: **(all are opt-in)**

Preferred method (chose one): e-mail postal mail phone

Please send me

information from National PTA

information from California State PTA

information from Sixth District PTA -- your choices -- () meeting notices

() advocacy actions/positions () legislative information () everything

Please consider the following:

_____ I'd like to become a mentor to an emerging PTA leader at a low wealth school.

_____ I speak Spanish and would like to become a mentor to an emerging PTA leader at a low wealth school.

You will be sent a SCV PTA membership annual renewal notice in the Summer/Fall for the next PTA year. We hope you'll stay with us for many years!

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 2007

- Annual Financial Reports for 2006-07
- Audit Report Forms for 2006-07
- Budget for 2007-08

October 15, 2007 (a really good thing to do!)

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

November 1, 2007

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

December 21, 2007

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

January 8, 2008

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

January 8, 2008

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

March 7, 2008

- Final Membership Dues and Report need to be remitted in order to qualify for awards for 2007-08.

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
- 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Bird - 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. • Chairman's Club - 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 | <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Membership - 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 | <p>members of Chairman's Club. (Get the application at the state PTA web site www.capta.org)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All memberships received in the California State PTA office on or after April 1, 2008 will be counted in determining membership total and awards for 2008-2009 |
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Information

6th District PTA Board 2007-2009

Elected Positions

President	Barbara Spreng
Executive VP	open
Recording Secretary	Anne Westbrook
Treasurer	Susan Canty
Auditor	Ernie Cortes
VP Convention	Cynthia Gutierrez
VP Leadership	Katie Matice
VP Communications	Lynn Magill
VP Organizational Services	Suman Ganapathy
VP Education	Laura Casas Frier
VP Health/Community Concerns	open
Historian	Diane Straetker

Appointed Positions

Out of Council Team	Julia Rosenberg Dinah Showman Chris Gray open open
Leadership Team	Diane Foote Margot Harrigan
Directory Newsletter Editor (<i>The Bell</i>) Webmaster	Wendy Akers-Ghose open Erwin Morton
Membership Reflections Reflections Team Annual Luncheon	Richard Velasquez Suman Ganapathy Joanne Hagmann open
Special Ed Community Concerns Fit for Learning Emergency Preparedness	Stacey Ashlund Barbara Emerich Andrea Wheeler Catherine Vonnegut
Director of Legislative Action	Erwin Morton
Parliamentarian	Suzanne Montgomery
Community Svc Scholarship	Barbara Emerich

If you'd like to volunteer for an open position, please contact Barbara Spreng at president@capta6.org

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 **Sixth District PTA 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 6th District PTA newsletter, full of valuable information on what is happening in 6th 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".

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.

2007-2008 Bell Deadline Dates

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Nov/Dec	tba

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

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the time. The
tombstone will be
my diploma."**

-Eartha Kitt

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