

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

RIDE THE "WAVE OF EDUCATION" IN THE PTSA!



Welcome Diegueño Families! We invite you to become a member of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). By doing so, you are helping to support the teachers, staff and students at DÑO. We extend this invitation to ALL parents, staff and students to Ride the "Wave of Education"! We are looking forward to an exciting new school year and to meeting when school starts in August. The most common questions asked about Middle School PTSA are below:

Q. HOW DOES PTSA SUPPORT THE TEACHERS, STAFF AND STUDENTS AT DIEGUEÑO?

A. The PTSA supports DÑO through mini-grants, scholarships, volunteering at events, hospitality, financial gifts to the school for programs such as GEO-Bee, donations for new equipment, and much more!

Q. HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

A. PTSA Membership is easy, mail in your donation directly to the school. PTSA Membership is one more way you can support your children and the staff that spends a good percentage of the day with them.

Q. HOW MANY FUNDRAISERS DOES PTSA SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

A. The PTSA has only ONE fundraiser for the entire year — the Membership Drive. This fundraiser facilitates the entire budget for the year provided that we have a high percentage of support from Diegueño families.

Watch for the Rainbow PTSA Packet mailer in August for membership and volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions I can be reached atcarenmcdonald@yahoo.com

Caren McDonald, PTSA President 2008-2009

DÑO PARENTS WORKING TOGETHER MAKING FRIENDS

Your help is needed for the success of the many of the student activities you. Contact Hong Van at hongvan_le@yahoo.com or 760-436-8032 with any questions. Thank you for working together with the PTSA and for your support!

MEMBERS BUILDING TOGETHER

Help us build a partnership of parents working together for our children. Our PTSA builds together in the following areas: Mini Grants — funding individual educational programs for teachers not covered by our district budget, Geo-Bee — National Geography Bee where every DÑO student participates, Spirit Day — school-wide athletic and academic event for all students, Student Scholarships, Staff appreciation, ASB, Band Support, Media Center Purchases, 8th Grade Promotion, Cougar Camp, and much more.

MORE ABOUT OUR PTSA MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

Our Mini-Grant Fund provides grants of \$300 to teachers to purchase enrichment materials and equipment for use in the classroom. In many cases, these Mini-Grants provide the funding for the add-on curriculum materials that the District cannot provide due to lack of funding.

ALL FUNDING FOR OUR MINI-GRANT PROGRAM COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE PTSA MEMBERSHIP

Some examples of how the Mini-Grants have been used are:

- **Social Studies** teachers purchased power point slide presentations (with over 200 images/slides of maps, charts, historical photos).
- **The Math Department** purchased supplies, whiteboards and overhead calculators.
- **The Science Department** was able to purchase equipment for their multimedia cart, (LCD projector, VCR/DVD player, speakers, computer) to enhance their new textbooks with visuals. This newly purchase equipment allows them to show laboratory demonstrations, stream video from the Prentice Hall website and show active images of processes in the human body.
- **The Special Education Department** was able to purchase portable keyboards (Alpha Smart) to aid those students with visual and fine motor skills difficulties.
- **Journalism students** now have the use of Adobe InDesign software. This enables them to learn about publishing and produce professional publications
- **Books, books and more books!** English teachers and the Media Center were able to purchase current book titles that the students requested.

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- MINI-GRANTS
- HEALTH AND SAFETY
- BAND LIAISON
- GEO BEE
- CAREER DAY
- ELEMENTARY LIAISON
- 8TH GRADE PROMOTION

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