

DIEGUEÑO PTSA **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME** 2009-2010



RIDE THE "WAVE OF EDUCATION" IN THE PTSA!

Welcome Diegueño Families! We hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. 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 you at one or all of our events this year. **Please mark your calendars with the following important events: Cougar Camp is August 18th and 19th from 8:30am-12:00pm, Back to School Night is September 24th at 5:30pm and our first PTSA General Meeting is on Thursday, October 22, at 5pm.**

The most common questions asked about Middle School PTSA are below.

Q. Why should I join the PTSA?

A. The PTSA supports DÑO through mini-grants, performing arts, ASB spirit day, talent show, career day, parent education, band liaison, cougar camp, student scholarships, student directory, art reflections, academic competitions including geo-bee, elementary liaison, staff appreciation, 8th grade promotion, media center purchases, technology equipment purchases, legislation updates, SDUHSD parent curriculum advisory and other support as needed. These programs are important and can not run without our PTSA membership.

Q. How do I become a member?

A. PTSA Membership is easy. Fill out the form included in this mailing, select your level of membership, and mail it directly to the school. PTSA Membership is a great way to support your children and their teachers.

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 provides the entire budget for the year so we need to have a high percentage of support from Diegueño families. All other fundraisers are for other organizations (i.e.; ASB, Journalism, Band, etc.) at Diegueño and fund their separate budgets for the year.

Please complete the membership form today! Remember all donations are tax deductible. Once again, welcome to another exciting year at Diegueño Middle School!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kevin Barrett, PTSA President
krbarrett@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORMS AND SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES BY SEPTEMBER 21ST

PTSA MEMBERS **STAY INVOLVED** AT DÑO

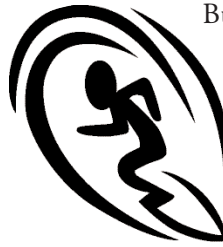
MORE ABOUT OUR PTSA MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

Our Mini-Grant Fund provides grants of \$300 to teachers to purchase enrichment materials and equipment for use in the classroom. Teachers use their Mini-Grants to purchase items that are not covered in the district budget.

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

Last year we funded in excess of \$10,000 — this program really makes a difference for your student. Some examples of how the Mini-Grants were used last year are:

- **Social Studies Department** purchased power point slide presentations covering Renaissance, Enlightenment and Africa, Junior Scholastic Magazine, books and supplies.
- **English Department** teachers pooled their grants to purchase a Docucam for presentations and books and materials for the classrooms.
- **Math Department** purchased much needed supplies such as paper, markers and toner cartridges.
- **Science Department** purchased equipment for the multimedia carts shared by the department.
- **Spanish Department** purchased a DVD/VHS player and Spanish heritage and culture tapes.
- **Special Education Department** purchased specialized curriculum materials and a portable Alpha Smart keyboard.
- **The Media Center** saw the district cut its budget by 50% this year. Thanks to PTSA the media center was able to purchase current book titles that students have requested to keep them interested in reading.
- **PE Department** purchased basketballs, basketball training tapes and microphone headset for aerobics instruction.
- **Drama Department** purchased scripts.



But wait there's more...in addition to mini-grants

The PTSA purchased blackout curtains for Cougar Hall (\$2,500), improvements to the stage for productions such as Aladdin Jr. (\$2,300) and funded the hardware

for the new Diegueno Digital Arts Elective since the district could only fund the software (\$4,000).

PTSA – WHAT WE SUPPORT

- **MINI-GRANTS**
- **PERFORMING ARTS**
- **ASB SPIRIT DAY**
- **TALENT SHOW**
- **CAREER DAY**
- **PARENT EDUCATION**
- **BAND LIAISON**
- **COUGAR CAMP**
- **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **STUDENT DIRECTORY**
- **ART REFLECTIONS**
- **ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS INCLUDING GEO-BEE**
- **ELEMENTARY LIAISON**
- **STAFF APPRECIATION**
- **8TH GRADE PROMOTION**
- **MEDIA CENTER PURCHASES**
- **TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**
- **LEGISLATION UPDATES**
- **SDUHS PARENT CURRICULUM ADVISORY**

TOGETHER WE CAN **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** FOR OUR CHILDREN



RIDE THE "WAVE OF EDUCATION"

with your membership in the PTSA at Diegueño Middle School where Parents, Teachers, and Students partner together to make a difference in our students' educational careers. Your membership does make a difference.

With our State's recent budget cuts in education your contribution is more important now than ever.

Please complete the form below and send in your membership dues by **September 21st. Your membership of \$35 or MORE includes a 2009-2010 DÑO Directory! This is an improved directory with ALL students listed.**

PTSA Membership Levels – Please check one (*levels above \$35 will be acknowledged in our newsletter*):

- PTSA Membership \$35
- Wave Rider \$50
- Ripper \$100
- Shredder \$200
- Big Kahuna \$500 or more

Make membership checks payable to: Diegueno Middle School PTSA. Please complete this form and include it with your check in an envelope and drop it off at the school office or mail it to: PTSA Diegueno M.S., 2150 Village Park Way, Encinitas, CA 92024. Thank you for your membership!

GRADE (*circle*)

STUDENT NAME

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MEMBER NAME: MOTHER

FATHER

STREET ADDRESS

ZIP

TELEPHONE

Check here if you would prefer NOT to have your child listed in the student directory.

PARENT SIGNATURE *All information is held in the strictest confidence.*

If you have questions please contact: Karen Ozorio, Membership (760) 635-7976 or ozorio@roadrunner.com



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your help is needed for the success of the many activities listed below. Please check the activities that interest you.

Contact Michele Andrew at 760-632-8381 or michele.andrew@roadrunner.com with any questions. Thank you for working together with the PTSA and for your support! Please send in this form by September 21.

ONE TIME HELP

Schedule Distribution

Tue., September 1

7:00am-8:30am

Wed., February 3

7:00am-8:30am

Spirit Day

October 27

We need 100 volunteers

8th Grade Promotion

June 18

7th grade parents only

Talent Show and/or Play

April 21 (tentative)

DROP IN AS YOU CAN

Power in Pairs

Student tutoring program with adult supervision

Wed., Thurs. 12:00pm-12:30pm

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Short Notice Help

You will be contacted on an as needed basis

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

First Week of May

PLEASE PRINT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS*

ZIP

TELEPHONE

EMAIL**

Please drop off this form at the Front Office or mail it to:

PTSA Diegueno M.S., 2150 Village Park Way, Encinitas, CA 92024

* Address needed for Appreciation Invite.

** Needed to contact you regarding volunteer information throughout the year. This will ONLY be used for volunteer contact purposes.