



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has been selected to nominate next year's PTA Executive Board. We are looking for next year's leaders. Are you interested in helping make the Casillas PTA a success? No experience is necessary. Currently we are looking for the following officers: President, Executive Vice President, Executive Vice President of Ways and Means (fundraising), Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Historian.

We are also looking for Chairpersons for many of our committees, especially Beach Day Read-A-Thon, Scholastic Book Fair and Fall Festival. All of these committees can be co-chaired by two people.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please see or email **Mike Peter** at info@casillaspta.org as soon as possible.

One great thing you should know is that we budget every year to send up to four people to the State PTA Convention. The trip is completely paid for by PTA (flight or mileage, hotel, classes, food). This is a great way to induct yourself into the PTA and learn how to be an officer or committee chairperson from amazingly enthusiastic, kid-oriented people who attend from all over California. You are guaranteed to have a blast!

We are always looking for new, enthusiastic members so we would like to encourage Kindergarten, First Grade, and new-to-Casillas parents to be on our leadership team as an officer or chairperson. Get Involved! It makes a HUGE difference in the lives of our children here at Casillas.

PTA Board Meeting

Our monthly board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 8th** at 2:30 PM in the teachers' lounge. All PTA members are welcome. See what it's all about!

Yearbook Sales Yearbooks are now on sale! The cost is \$25, or \$30 when personalized with your child's photo on the front cover, from now until February 28th. Starting March 1st, the cost will be \$35 (or \$40 with your child's photo on the front cover) so get your order in early and save. Any questions, please contact us directly at yearbook@casillaspta.org.

Yearbook Pictures We are in need of any pictures that you have of school events, field trips, class projects, etc. If you would like to see your child in the yearbook and you have pictures to share, please get them to us as soon as possible because we have already begun to put the yearbook pages together. The best way to do this is to burn them onto a CD and turn it in at the front office. If you have any questions or need help getting the pictures to use please contact **Pat D'Avis** or **Kathy Rodriguez** at yearbook@casillaspta.org.

Science Discovery Day Volunteers Needed!

Science Discovery Day is one of the most popular events that the Casillas PTA sponsors. We need your help to make it an exciting and informative day for our students. It will be held on Friday, March 4th. Activities start at 8AM and run until 11AM. Every year we offer a large number of Science Stations so that students will have lots of different types of experiments to choose from. But in order to make this day a huge success we need lots of volunteers! As a volunteer you can either run a Science Station or assist with one. There are several teachers available who will help you create a fabulous lesson. Or if you have an idea of what kind of lesson you'd like to present, we can assist you with that. Please email us with your idea and let's get started! For more information, contact **Mrs. Santori** at deborah.santori@cvesd.org or **Mrs. Stephens** at melissa.stephens@cvesd.org.

Restaurant Fundraiser

The next PTA-sponsored restaurant fundraiser will be held at **Chuck E. Cheese** in National City on Thursday, February 17. More information to come!

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! We would like to thank all of the many volunteers who took time out of their day to help us. Whether you helped to set up the Fair, assisted our Kinder through Second grade students pick out their books, worked as a cashier, or took part in the final clean up, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Jamba Juice Contributes to Casillas

As part of our ongoing commitment to (relatively) painless fundraising, the Casillas PTA is proud to offer **Jamba Juice School Appreciation Cards** to all the families of Casillas. Every time you go to Jamba Juice just hand them the card. When they swipe it, 10% of your purchase will automatically go to the Casillas PTA! No extra money out of your pocket is as good as it gets!

The School Appreciation Cards were sent home with students in the 2nd through 6th grades. More cards are on order for Kinder and 1st grades. We will have extra cards if you would like them (one for Mom and one for Dad?). Just have your child request them from your teacher and we'll get them to you. See page 3 for more information.

Books and Bagels

Our next Books and Bagels is on **Friday, Feb 11th**. If you would like to help in the upcoming Books and Bagels activity in any way, please contact **Jessica Gearhart** at info@casillaspta.org.

Immediately afterward we will hold our next **PTA General Membership meeting**, from 8-8:30am. Come and contribute your ideas to our success!



Quote of the Month

"Just when you think you've graduated from the school of experience, someone thinks up a new course." -Mary H. Waldrip

Mark your Calendars!

January

Jan 25 Tuesday	Rancho Del Rey chorus & Meet the new Superintendent
Jan 26 Wednesday	WOW- Walk on Wednesday
Jan 26 & 27	3 rd Grade - Heritage Museum
Jan 28 Friday	Coffee with the Principal
Jan 31 Monday	6 th Grade leaves for Camp

February

Feb 1 Tuesday	5 th Grade Fitness Test
Feb 2 Wednesday	WOW – Walk on Wednesday
Feb 4 Friday	6 th Grade back from camp
Feb 8 Tuesday	PTA Board Meeting, Speech Contest - Auditorium
Feb 9 Wednesday	WOW - Walk on Wednesday
Feb 10 Thursday	3 rd Grade - Kumeyaay Day
Feb 11 Friday	Jump Rope for Heart, Book & Bagels, PTA Member Meeting
Feb 18 Friday	No School
Feb 21 Monday	President's Day - No School



Green Tip by Cynthia Gerber

Wash your clothes in cold water. By using cold water instead of warm the average household could avoid emitting 1,281 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and save loads on energy bills.

Contact

If you have any comments or questions please email Mike Peter at info@casillaspta.org.

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