

Santa Clara Valley PTA Spring Newsletter



Association Meeting 3/22/23

Come join us at our next Association meeting on **Wednesday March 22, 2023 at 6:00pm via ZOOM.**

We will be electing our new officers and our program will follow at 7:00pm!



[Register Here](#)

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Mission

The mission of the California State PTA is to positively impact the lives of children and families.

SCV PTA

Membership - Strive for a minimum of 75 members for 2022-23

Assist - Help Sixth District OOC units as needed

2022 - 2023

Grant Program - Help units with our financial assistance thru our ongoing grant program.

Goals

Advocacy - On behalf of children, families and schools in Sixth District

Website - Modernize our website



Letter from the President



Thank you for your continued support of Santa Clara Valley PTA. In our first half of the year, we have provided grants to nine units to help with programs at their schools and PTA tools to help their PTAs run more effectively. Thank you for your membership and generous donations which made this possible. In November, our advocacy team worked with Sixth District to host a presentation by Supervisor Joe Simitian on his “13 Tips for Successful Advocacy.” It was a lively and informative evening which I hope you were able to enjoy with us.

Please join us at our next association meeting on March 22, 6:00 pm, via zoom, where we’ll be electing next year’s board. We will also present a program that will address a highly important aspect of parenting – that of planning for the future of our children should the unthinkable happen to us. As uncomfortable as this topic may be, having a plan in place will assure that your children will get the care that you think is best for them. Learn about the process and options available to make these decisions easier. Please register [HERE](#)

Lastly, I’d like to thank all the board and committee members for their wisdom and support throughout this year. All that I have been able to do for Santa Clara Valley PTA is thanks to all of them.

Thank you for being a member and supporting all our children.

Naomi Higaki
SCV PTA President, 2022-2023



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Program Speaker



Do I Need a Will? What goes in my will? What doesn't go in a will?

What is a trust and do I need one?

If something happens to me, what happens to my children?

I've heard probate is expensive, do I want to avoid it? How do I do that?



[Register Here](#)

Come to Santa Clara Valley PTA's presentation "The Myths of Estate Planning" on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Kimberly Barrot, a Partner at the Estate Planning law firm of Falk, Barrot & Associates, LLP, will provide the basic information you need to know and how you can get "things in order" to ensure your wishes are known and can be carried out.

Kimberly is well versed in estate planning, including the establishment of living trusts and wills, administering probates and trust administration, tax planning, and special needs planning.

SCV PTA Grant Program Spring 2023

Santa Clara Valley PTA has been supporting PTAs across Sixth District PTA (Santa Clara, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties) through our grant program.

We reached out this Fall and Winter to PTAs at low-wealth schools to help support them in providing parent participation, membership recruitment, and programs for a more successful year at their schools. Our program offered grants of \$50 - \$200.

During the Fall and Winter, we were able to provide nine grants to PTA units. PTAs used their grants this school year to help cover costs for the following items:

- Family Picnic event,
- MyPTEZ software,
- Membership Drive prizes,
- Winter Festival,
- Anti-Sugar Campaign,
- and a Parent Education Series

We want to thank all of our members who allow us to support so many other PTAs!



Naomi, Wanna and Wendy
SCV PTA Grant Committee

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Membership

Thank you for being a Santa Clara Valley PTA member. Your membership provides resources to help support low-wealth PTA units and officers.



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It's Easy to Join

For a downloadable membership form, visit our website; or join online at TOTEM.

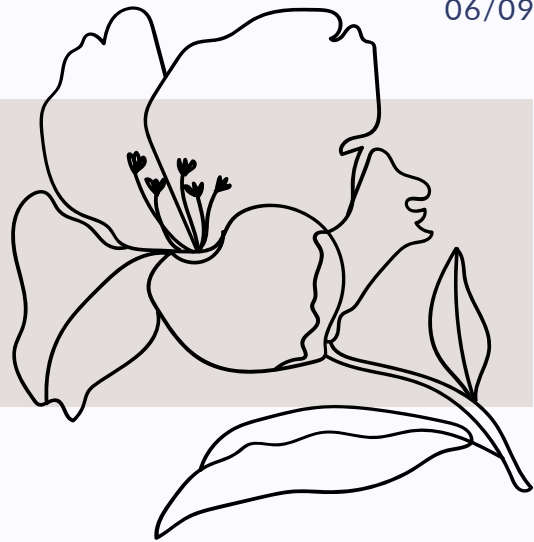
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Advocacy



Santa Clara Valley PTA Advocacy 2022-23

In November, Santa Clara Valley PTA and Sixth District PTA invited Supervisor Joe Simitian to share his **13 Tips for Successful Advocacy**. It was an engaging conversation filled with practical tips anyone can use - **download the 13 Tips here.**

The Santa Clara Valley PTA advocacy committee is working toward a series of parent education sessions and trainings about school boards - how they work in our education system and how parents and PTAs can advocate to school boards. We are partnering with Fourth District PTA to help us develop a framework and timeline, and then we will seek local speakers and trainers to build out the series. Are there things about school boards that you want to learn? Please share your ideas and questions! Contact Tiffany Landry at advocacy@scvpta6.org.



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PTA Advocacy at Work



CA State Bills

The California State PTA legislation team was hard at work last year tracking bills in the legislature. Here are a few of the PTA-supported bills that were signed into law in 2022:



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AB2638 (Bloom)

- ensures that every California public K-12 student, teacher and staff member has access to free, safe and appealing drinking water by requiring the installation of water bottle filling stations in schools that are easily accessible.

Assembly Bill 1703 (Ramos)

- - establishes the California Indian Education Act and encourages schools to form California Indian Education Task Forces with California tribes local to their regions or tribes historically located in the region.

SB 1008 (Becker)

- - People incarcerated in California state prisons, as well as those held in state and local juvenile detention facilities, will be able to make and receive phone calls free of charge beginning January 1, 2023

Teaching Hard History



In 2021, delegates at the California State PTA convention adopted the [Teaching Hard History: American Slavery in K-12 Education](#) resolution. One of the resolved statements in the resolution encourages PTA members to learn more about this important history. Here are some resources:



- [Key Concept videos from Teaching Tolerance](#). In these short videos, world class historians discuss the origin, evolution, abolition and legacy of the American institution of slavery.
- [Watch a Survey of Black Intellectual History with Astrid Grahn-Farley](#), Sixth District PTA's guest speaker from February 2022.
- [Watch Gold Chains: Hidden History of Slavery in California with Tammerlin Drummond](#), Sixth District PTA's guest speaker from January 2022.



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Dyslexia Risk Screening



In 2016, delegates at the California State PTA Convention adopted the [Dyslexia: Addressing the Educational Implications in public schools](#) resolution.

Dyslexia is the leading cause of illiteracy. California is one of a handful of states that do not require screening of all students. To learn more about the long term effects of dyslexia, please read Ed100's blog.

[Read More](#)



www.decodingdyslexia.org

SB 691 (Portantino)

This bill would require, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Board of Education to establish an approved list of evidence-based culturally, linguistically, and developmentally appropriate screening instruments to be used by a local educational agency, as defined, to screen pupils for risk of dyslexia, as provided.

The Santa Clara Valley PTA executive board has voted unanimously to urge California State PTA to become a co-sponsor of SB 691 (Portantino) Dyslexia Risk Screening. PTA has rightly supported dyslexia screening bills in the past. Because it is so important that California implement universal screening, PTA should take its support for dyslexia screening to the next level: make the passage of SB 691 a priority through co-sponsorship.

