

Upcoming Dates & Things to DO

Calendar

Please review and retain
for reference our

2016-17 CALENDAR

Remittances of \$



All membership and insurance
remittances, etc should be sent
- **with a remittance form** found
in Peralta's [list of forms](#) to:

Nancy Mitchell
Peralta District PTA
44999 Cree Court
Fremont, CA 94539

Please remember that **if you
are in a council, your
remittances go to your council.**

Sending in Reports

Email copies of all
REQUIRED PAPERWORK
and Financial Reports to
[financialreports
@peraltadistrictpta.org](mailto:financialreports@peraltadistrictpta.org)

Important Forms

Various PTA forms can be found
on our website at [PTA Forms](#)
and also in the [Forms Chapter
of the Toolkit](#).

**Please use PTA forms and
formats**; they were designed to
provide transparency and
adherence to guidelines.

District PTA Officers

Peralta District PTA officers are
here to help you; our mission is
to provide support and

Greetings!

IMPORTANT DATES

Convention Registration is OPEN NOW!

This year the **California State PTA Convention will be April 28 to 30, 2017 in San Jose**, which means
it could not be easier for your PTA to send people to it.

What Should PTA Leaders Know About Convention?

http://peraltadistrictpta.org/files/Convention-What_Should_PTA_Leaders_Know.pdf

Getting the Most From Convention

[http://peraltadistrictpta.org/files/Convention-
Getting_the_Most_From_Convention.pdf](http://peraltadistrictpta.org/files/Convention-Getting_the_Most_From_Convention.pdf)

Read more about what is offered and download the **2017 Convention Registration Booklet** at
<http://downloads.capta.org.s3.amazonaws.com/con/RegistrationBook.pdf>

Peralta District PTA offers grants of up to \$750 to those who will be officers at their PTA in 2017-18.

See the application at

[http://www.peraltadistrictpta.org/files/Convention%20Grant%20Application%202016-
17%20fillable.pdf](http://www.peraltadistrictpta.org/files/Convention%20Grant%20Application%202016-17%20fillable.pdf)

This is a fillable pdf that can be filled out online or printed out and completed by hand.

Registration for the 2017 Legislation Conference ends on March 9th!

Whether you are an experienced advocate or have never participated before, learn more
about all the key issues and legislation impacting your child and school at the California State PTA's Legislation
Conference in Sacramento on March 13 and 14th.

Find out more at [http://capta.bmetrack.com/c/v?](http://capta.bmetrack.com/c/v?e=A64C04&c=4592C&l=1D347196&email=yZfLv3t%2BsTnWd2yi42Yk5GnkM300fR%2Fi&relid=4C4A98B5)

[e=A64C04&c=4592C&l=1D347196&email=yZfLv3t%2BsTnWd2yi42Yk5GnkM300fR%2Fi&relid=4C4A98B5](http://capta.bmetrack.com/c/v?e=A64C04&c=4592C&l=1D347196&email=yZfLv3t%2BsTnWd2yi42Yk5GnkM300fR%2Fi&relid=4C4A98B5)

Membership Incentive Challenge ends March 10

To qualify for the **"Do Good Things for Your PTA Membership"** challenge, complete at least seven strategies - three
required and four optional - and submit your paperwork by March 10 at 5 p.m.

All PTAs in good standing that qualify will be entered into a drawing to win one of three
cash prizes: \$1,500, \$500 and \$250.

Learn more about the challenge and submit online!

<http://capta.org/pta-leaders/run-your-pta/building-membership/incentives-and-awards/>

Peralta District PTA's Association and Election Meeting

will be held on March 27, 2017 at 7PM

President: [Linda Dewlaney](#)
1st VP-Leadership: *open*
2nd VP-Programs: [Pam Chang](#)
3rd VP-Membership: *open*
4th VP-Communications:
[Carol-Ann Koch-Weser](#)
Treasurer: [Nancy Mitchell](#)
Financial Secretary: *open*
Secretary: [Susan Nathan](#)
Historian: [Poon Yee](#)
Parliamentarian:
[Alison Wiscombe](#)
Website: [webmaster](#)

The Peralta District PTA 2016-17 Nominating Committee presents the following slate for consideration at the election:

President - [Ujjwala Gadgil \(Fremont\)](#)
VP 1 for Leadership - *open*
VP 2 for Programs - *open*
VP 3 for Membership - *open*
VP 4 for Communications - [Liz Fischer \(Fremont\)](#)
Treasurer - *open*
Financial Secretary - [Nancy Mitchell \(Fremont\)](#)
Secretary - [Alison Wiscombe \(Fremont\)](#)
Historian - *open*

Council or Out of Council?

COUNCILS

Units in a council should communicate first with, and remit any monies and reports to, their council. Contact the council president if you don't know how to get in touch with the council.

Alameda: [Jennifer Hastings](#)
Berkeley: [Christine Staples](#)
Fremont: [Liz Fischer](#)
Pleasanton: [Robin Dias](#)
San Lorenzo:

OUT OF COUNCIL

PTAs in the following areas are considered "out of council" or "OOC" and communicate directly with, and remit monies to, Peralta District PTA:

Albany
Castro Valley
Hayward
Livermore
New Haven/Union City
Newark
Oakland
San Leandro

NOTE: The nominating committee will continue to look for qualified candidates and everyone is encouraged to consider a position. Peralta District PTA depends on experienced officers at units and councils stepping forward to share their knowledge and skills at the district PTA level. Contact parliamentarian@peraltadistrictpta.org to discuss opportunities and possibilities. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the election meeting on March 27th.

SAVE THE DATE & SHARE THE DATE with 2016-17 OFFICERS being elected
Peralta's ANNUAL TRAINING will be Saturday, June 3rd

As your officers for 2017-18 are elected, please be sure to inform them of the Annual Training that Peralta District PTA holds each year. Details will be in future newsletters.

RUNNING YOUR PTA

Trouble getting members to come to association meetings?

Check out **ED100** - <https://ed100.org/blog/plg-announcement> - for a **Parent Leader Guide** that will "give them something to talk about".

The **Parent Leader Guide**, which provides great resources for your meetings, can be found at <https://ed100.org/plg-start-here>

It includes lessons, sample email invitations, discussion prompts, suggestions on how to take action, and handouts. These resources can help YOU plan parent meetings that really matter!

When is a good time to revise your bylaws?

Now is the time to do so if you want to change your PTA's dues, the number of officers your PTA has or your meeting dates.

Easy Steps for PTA Bylaws Reviews -
<http://downloads.capta.org/e-bylaws/EasyBylawsReview.pdf>

Using the **E-bylaws system** makes it easier than ever!
<http://capta.org/pta-leaders/services/ebylaws/>

Don't forget that any changes to your bylaws must be submitted to your council (if your PTA is in a council) or to Peralta District (out-of-council units), so that the bylaws may go through channels to the California State PTA Parliamentarian. (This process is outlined on the first pages of your bylaws.) After the parliamentarian approves the changes, the bylaws are returned to be adopted by your unit. This sequence can take time so plan ahead and review and revise your bylaws now!

Resources & Links

[Peralta District PTA](#)
[California State PTA](#)
[National PTA](#)

Services:

[e-Bylaws](#)
[PTAEZ](#)
[PTA Merchandise Store](#)
[Tax Support Center](#)
[e-learning](#)
National PTA's
Training modules

RESOURCES

PTA Publications:

[Running Your PTA...
Made Easy](#) booklet

[Advocacy Leadership Guide](#)

[Leadership Essentials
Archives](#)

[Local Control Funding
Formula](#)

[Parents' Guide to Student
Success](#)

Leadership Essentials

from California State PTA

Leadership Essentials is for PTA leaders featuring timely information and reminders about issues, tasks and responsibilities at any level. Plus, you'll find helpful tips and news to help strengthen your PTA and leadership skills.

See the archived issues at

<http://capta.org/resource/leadership-essentials/>

Family Engagement in Schools Matter

<http://capta.org/focus-areas/family-engagement/>

Just as California State PTA volunteer-advocates are sharing the importance of family engagement with legislators and policy-makers at the Capitol, you can help spread the word in your school and community, too! Check out our **talking points** at <http://downloads.capta.org/fe/CampaignTalkingPoints.pdf> and let's get everyone talking -- and taking action -- to strengthen family engagement.

When You Turn 18: A Survival Guide for Teenagers

provides teenagers with valuable information to help navigate the exciting and sometimes daunting transition from childhood to adulthood.

Published by the California Bar Association it touches on some of the laws that may apply to those attaining adulthood: parents no longer have to support you, you can now be sued personally, you are responsible for paying your own income taxes, you must register for the military if you are a young man and if you commit a crime, you will not have the protection of the juvenile court and laws.

http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/ConsumerInformation/2014_18_English_2014-R.pdf

Ed100= California's Education System Demystified

Ed100 is a free instructional course for parents who want to help improve their local schools. It offers online lessons that demystify the education system in California and introduce major competing ideas with posts to connect you with organizations and resources that delve deeper into each topic.

Is your PTA on the list to win \$1000?

Here's how it works: For each short lesson you read at <https://ed100.org/>, you earn a ticket in a drawing for the benefit of your school's PTA. The more tickets you earn, the better chance your PTA has to win.

Topics include: Student Testing, Teacher Development and Evaluation, Early Childhood Development, Charter/Private and Community Schools, Common Core, Local Control Funding Formula, College and Career Readiness, Poverty and Race, Student Needs, etc

Remember... previous issues of this newsletter - and other helpful information - are on our website - www.peraltadistrictpta.org

We hope you find this newsletter helpful; please let newsletter@peraltadistrictpta.org know what you think and if you have any suggestions for improvement.

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or

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[llr=hcm6t5cab&p=oi&m=1102686629959&sit=rgyp79neb&f=2919a919-82ee-4432-9597-ed6b5398f769](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=hcm6t5cab&p=oi&m=1102686629959&sit=rgyp79neb&f=2919a919-82ee-4432-9597-ed6b5398f769)

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