



Dates to Remember

October 1st

Peralta District Officers Mini Training [6:30-9:00pm] Training will be held at the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE.)

Final Turn-In for "Ready Set Remit" State PTA membership award Per Caps (minimum 30 members) received by mail to Fremont financial secretary.

October 8th Council Meeting - Executive Board meeting [7:00 pm]

The following are due at this meeting:

- Per Caps (\$4.50 per member)
- Insurance premium: \$199.00
- Worker's Compensation Annual Payroll Report for units with less than \$1,000 in contractor payments (required for all units, even if you have 0 employees)
- If not previously submitted
 - Remittance of a minimum of 15 members to remain in good standing with the State PTA
 - Audit for period ending June 30, 2012
 - Board Roster 2012-2013
 - Annual Financial Report 2011-2012
 - 2012-2013 Budget
 - Calendar of your PTA events
 - Mission statement and goals.

November 5th Council Meeting - Executive Board meeting [7:00 pm]

[For Full calendar](#)

Welcome to the new and improved Fremont Council PTA eNewsletter. We have tried to streamline the newsletter to make it easier for all to read. Most articles have a link to the full article for those who want to know the whole story. We hope this makes it easier to read and more useful for all. If you have any comments on the new format, please send me an email. Thanks! Julie Hale editor penguinfantoo@comcast.net



Fremont Council President's Message by Melinda Kufeld

This time of year the "P" in PTA may seem as though it stands for PAPER, not parents! Thank you to all who have submitted financial reports, audits, budgets, per caps, calendars, mission statements and goals! For those who haven't, please do so ASAP. You don't need to wait until next the meeting to forward files or scanned documents. Simply send to melinda.kufeld@gmail.com, I'll forward to the right person if need be. Let me know if you need any assistance completing these tasks – that's why you have a council.

The beginning of the school year is busy, a whirl wind of activity and tasks to complete, many of them financial items that need to be taken care of. [Follow this link](#) for a nice beginning of the year list of things to be completed with supporting information. Share with your financial team and check off your progress!

At our October meeting we'll cover filing taxes and the new RFF-1 requirement along with the workers comp form which needs to be completed by all units and making the insurance payment. We'll discuss election year do's and don'ts plus Ann Crosbie will present a mini advocacy training session – the foundation of PTA. Looking forward to seeing y'all soon!

Thank you for ALL you do!

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Parliamentarian Corner by Lisa Ogrey

Who's Robert and why do we need to follow his rules?

[Understanding Robert's Rules of Order.](#)



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Finance Corner

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You don't need to follow Dorothy's Yellow Brick Road to ask the Wizard of Oz about the finance issues of taxes, charitable trust #'s, insurance, and workers compensation reporting. Here's [some help](#) from the council treasurer instead.

PTA Resources

Peralta District [Newscaster](#)

[California PTA](#)

National PTA Magazine [OUR CHILDREN](#)

Please like the Fremont Council PTA on Facebook!



From Council Auditor- Sridevi Ganti

I trust my treasurer. I'm sure the books are fine. Do I really need to audit the books every 6 months? YES! [Here's why...](#)





The Leader Link by Meryl Shatzman



Read Before Signing on the Bottom Line!

A situation happened last year in a PTA unit where an unauthorized chairman signed a contract on behalf of PTA without the approval or knowledge of the board members or the general membership (CA PTA Communicator Mar2011). This signing created a variety of problems between the president and chairman, and was the root of several contract disputes between the vendor and the PTA president and board. Subsequently, the local council and district mediated the conflict. The conflict was resolved, but a lot of volunteer time was used that could have been directed to benefit the students. Feelings remain hurt; personal relationships are strained. The circumstances were caused by not knowing or not following established PTA Policies and Procedures. ***Don't let your unit fall into this same situation! Read the quick "critical few" items you need to know.... [Click here for more](#)***

We are pleased to welcome the world renowned PTA expert, PAT, to answer all the cards and letters we receive asking for PTA advice! If you would like to have PAT's advice, submit your question to our newsletter editor, Julie Hale.

penguinfantoo@comcast.net

Dear PAT,

Help! The principal at my school micro-manages every aspect of our PTA. She even appointed the PTA president herself when no one immediately stepped forward. Now we really have issues since the new President does whatever the Principal wants. The Principal mentions frequently that we should switch to just being a booster club. Can the principal disband the PTA if she chooses?

--- Signed ***Weary and Worried***

[Read more for PAT's answer](#)



Reflections Art Program by Becky Bruno and Julie Hale



We hope you are busy preparing your Reflections program at your school. Please note we have a date change on the Fremont Council Reflections Award Ceremony – Sat. December 8th. All program details can

be found here on the Fremont Council Website under [Reflections](#)
[Click here](#) to read the full Reflections newsletter article.



Grants and Scholarships + Ways to Get FREE Registration to CA State PTA Convention!

2012-13 California State PTA Grants, Scholarship, and Award Programs

Want funds for your PTA? Free registration to CA State PTA convention next May? Scholarships for students, teachers, counselors or PTA volunteers? [Check out the list of various CA State PTA programs!](#)

How did it all begin?



Did you know that over 2,000 men and women attended the first meeting of the National Congress of Mothers in 1897? PTA celebrates Founders Day each year to honor the ladies who came together to form an organization that promotes the education, health and safety of children, youth and families. [Click Here](#) to learn more about our founders, and the history of National PTA and California State PTA.

Historian Corner

Please take advantage of using the [PTA Unit Monthly Snapshot form](#). We hope that the use of the form will make it much easier for the unit's to compile their volunteer hours.

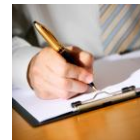
Volunteer hours include participation in school and community service or activities benefiting children, unit, council, district, state and National PTA programs, projects, training, and PTA-related travel, telephone, meetings, paperwork time. For more info on what should be counted, [click here](#).

Please submit a copy of the PTA Unit Monthly Snapshot form each month before the Fremont Council PTA Meeting. If there are any questions or concerns, we can address them at future meetings.

As a reminder, the mid year unit historian report is due in January.

Cindy Baglietto

Fremont Council PTA Historian



Election year Do's and Don'ts

My friend is running for school board – can my PTA vote to support her? Get the answers to this and other election year questions [here](#). Remember advocacy is a strong part of PTA, but you don't want to risk our non-profit status by doing the wrong thing.

Do you have a great program at your unit? It's time to brag!!



We would love to hear all about it! Please click here to find a simple [PTA/PTSA Program Event Summary form](#).

We are trying to compile successful program ideas into one place, so that other units can get ideas for new programs at their own site. Contribute one of your ideas today and then read up about other units soon!

How do I get a hold of ...

Have a question, but you don't know who to contact? Go to the Fremont Council Website and find the Council Officers names, positions, and email addresses. We are here to help! The officer list is at the bottom of the [homepage](#).