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Fremont Council PTA eNewsletter

Monthly News, Information, and Parent Education

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Council Meetings and Council Board Meetings are held at the FUSD staff room on the Second Monday of the month at 7 PM

Dates to Remember

September 8th Reflections Training for all Fremont units [2:30 pm]

Fremont Cultural Arts building on Country Drive September 10th Council Meeting - Association

meeting [7:00 pm]

The following are due at this meeting:

- Two copies of
 - o Annual Financial Report 2011-2012
 - o 2012-2013 Budget
 - Audit for period ending June 30, 2012
- Per Caps (\$4.50 per member, minimum 30 members to receive State's "Ready Set Remit" membership award.)
- Calendar of your PTA events.
- Mission statement and goals.
- Board Roster 2012-2013 (if not submitted yet, or if there are updates.)

September 20th Candidates Forum: FUSD Board of Education and Assembly Candidates, FUSD Board Room.

7:00 pm- 25th Assembly Candidates 7:45 pm- FUSD Board of EducationCandidates

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]

For Full calendar

Parliamentarian Corner by Lisa Ogrey

My Unit President handed me this big packet that says "Bylaws" and told me to review it... <u>now what do I do</u>?

PTA Resources

Peralta District <u>Newscaster</u>

California PTA

National PTA Magazine OUR CHILDREN

Please like the Fremont Council PTA on Facebook!



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

Thank you for being willing to serve your school community and striving to enhance the educational experience for your students! PTA also helps a school better engage parents who become stronger partners with teachers and the administrative staff.

Fremont Council PTA (FCPTA) is your partner and local resource during your journey. Do not hesitate to reach out to us when you have questions, need assistance, or find ourselves in a bit of a pickle. Our email addresses are listed on the Fremont Council website <u>http://www.fremontcouncilpta.org/</u>.

Check the FCPTA calendar <u>http://www.fremontcouncilpta.org/calendar</u> and add the council meetings to your calendar as you won't want to miss them! The meetings are for YOU and we promise that your attendance will be worth the time investment. We'll keep you on track – ahead of the game actually and help you build your PTA knowledge and skills. Can't make it from time to time? Ask another board member to attend. You're always welcome to ask other board members or key committee chairpersons to join you at any council meeting.

We look forward to getting to know you better and being here to support you! Melinda Kufeld, FCPTA president | <u>melinda.kufeld@gmail.com</u> | (510) 468-0780 cell | text messages accepted

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Finance Corner



How to Become an Expert in PTA Finances - in 15 minutes or less....

Welcome to another exciting year as a PTA board member. No matter what your PTA office or position, you can always learn something new about PTA financial procedures. For a quick tutorial about what you need to know about Fremont Council PTA financial procedures and how they impact you, <u>read on!</u>



Are you done with your YEA? (Year End Audit)



Fremont Council PTA Website

Fremont Council PTA has many ways of reaching out to unit PTA officers, and one of these ways is through our web site: <u>www.fremontcouncilpta.org</u>. We encourage you to become familiar with its contents – it will save you a lot of time and effort when you need information. <u>Read more!</u>



The Leader Link by Meryl Shatzman



Help! I don't know how to make a motion. Here's an easy to follow script for handling motions during meetings.

From the Membership desk..... by Leslie Gupta

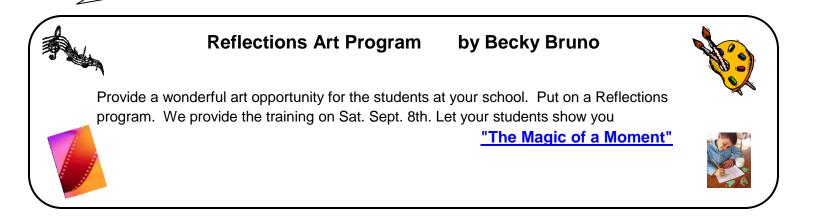
It's time to Ready, Set, Remit! Are you feeling Lucky?

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! Year after year I have to deal with the same PTA volunteer who always is the first to sign up to lead events and committees - but then never follows up on her promises. I end up scrambling around and doing everything myself. I promised myself that this year, I'm just going to tell her "thank you but no thank you!! Well, she just replied to my email blast for volunteers and said she would pull together our Back to School event. How can I tell her no without it being awkward for both of us since our kids are friends? ---- signed, LET DOWN IN FREMONT

Read more for PAT's answer



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 <u>homepage</u>.