

2024 SPRING BRUNCH PROGRAM

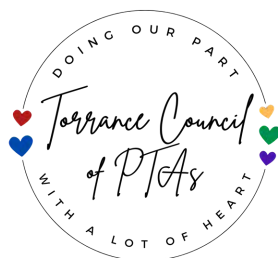
JUNE 5, 2024 TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL





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ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

OUTGOING

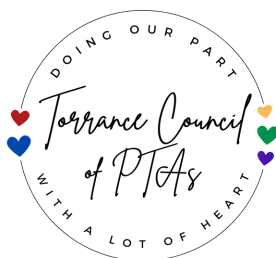
- Recommendations to the Association
- Financial Reports, Financial Review Adoption
- Recognition of Outgoing Board of Director Officers

INCOMING

- Recommendations to the Association
- Preliminary Budget Approval
- Release of Funds for Summer Months
- Introduction and Installation of the Incoming 2024-2025 Board of Directors Officers

2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

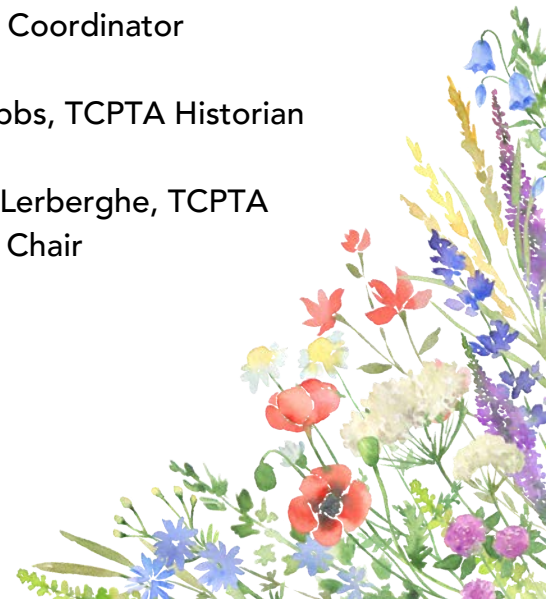
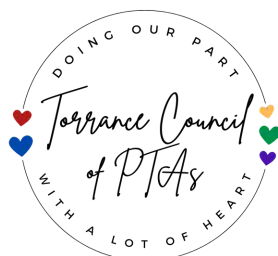
- President - Jan Hirata
- 1st VP (Leadership) - Nannette Nolan
- 2nd VP (Operations & Programs) - Kerri Narasaki
- 3rd VP (Education) - Cindy Shields
- 4th VP (Community Services) - Jennifer Ruste
- 5th VP (Health) - Kate Brewer
- 6th VP (Hospitality) - Jordanna Gibbs
- 7th VP (Communications) - Cayme Momita
- 8th VP (Advocacy) - Josie Lee-Nozaki
- 9th VP (Budget & Finance) - Judy Briggs
- Recording Secretary - Sumi Arnheim
- Treasurer - Mary Scharpf
- Financial Secretary - Shanie Asato
- Financial Reviewer - Nels Atha
- Historian - Kristin Ishida
- Parliamentarian - Terry Ragins
- Corresponding Secretary - Brigitte Kubota





ORDER OF EVENTS

Welcome	Jan Hirata, TCPTA President
Host School Welcome and Introduction of Performers	Karim Girgis, Torrance High School Principal
Flag Salute/Pledge of Allegiance	Selah Han, ASB President
Student Performance	THS Advanced Choir
Introduction of Guests	Jan Hirata, TCPTA President
TUSD School Board Report	Jasmine Park, School Board President
TUSD Superintendent's Report	Dr. Tim Stowe, Superintendent
Torrance Education Foundation Report	Pat Furey, TEF President
Torrance Council of PTAs Recognitions and Reports	
<i>Bike Rodeo Winners</i>	Rebecca Rider, TCPTA Bike Rodeo Chair
<i>TCPTA Scholarship Recipients</i>	Denise Spellman, TCPTA Scholarship Chair
<i>Project HOPE and Project BOSS Reports</i>	Denise Spellman, TCPTA Project HOPE/BOSS Coordinator
<i>Historian Report</i>	Jordonna Gibbs, TCPTA Historian
<i>Membership Report</i>	Michelle VanLerberghe, TCPTA Membership Chair



DISTRICT BIKE RODEO WINNERS



1st Place

Nicholas Yeo - Towers

Kacie Lau - *Lincoln*

2nd Place

Shunto Murachi - Anza

Mei Pearne - *Hickory*

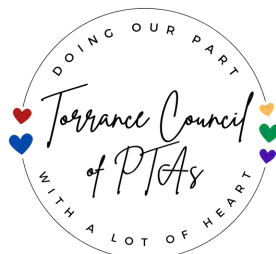
3rd Place

James Carlson - *Arlington*

Sophie Chow - *Hickory*

and

Natalia Presti - *Victor*





TORRANCE COUNCIL OF PTAS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

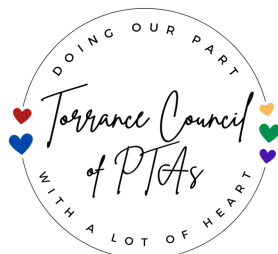
Shery High
Summer Mraz

North High
Eliana Berumen
Alyssa Iida

South High
John-Milo Ernst
Alexander White

Torrance High
Selah Han
Alyson Sasaki

West High
Lucy Hasenmayer
Aarohi Kar





MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

UNITS WITH AN INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

- Anza
- Arlington
- Arnold
- Carr
- Casimir
- Edison
- Magruder
- Riviera
- South
- Victor

UNITS WITH AN INCREASE OVER PRE-COVID

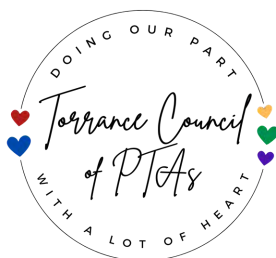
- Adams
- Anza
- Arlington
- Arnold
- Bert Lynn
- Carr
- Casimir
- Fern
- Hickory
- Jefferson
- Lincoln
- Madrona
- Magruder
- Richardson
- Seaside
- Torrance El
- Wood

UNITS WITH BEST IN FIVE

- Arlington
- Arnold
- Carr
- Casimir
- Magruder

UNITS WITH 100% TEACHER MEMBERSHIP

- Anza
- Arlington
- Arnold
- Bert Lynn
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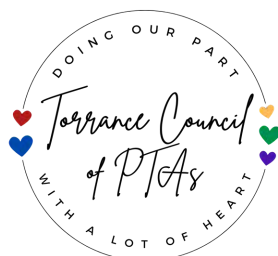
*SINCERE THANKS TO THE MANY PEOPLE THAT GAVE
THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND ENERGY TO MAKE THIS DAY
A SUCCESS.*

Torrance High School
Karim Girgis, Principal

Torrance High School Advanced Choir (Troubadours)

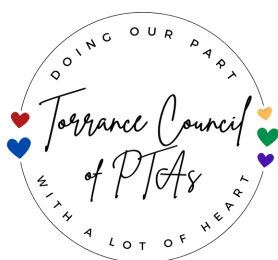
Jerickson Briones	Dagmara Lawniczak
Kylie Calaycay	Amelie Lopez
Nolan Fitisemanu	Dana Moslavac
Ava Gasparo	Margarita Perez
Victoria Gonzalez	Kayla Yuki Sakurai
Jordan Greer	Rachel Sato
Megan Kassa	Keylen Schwenke
Ryan Kasterko	Addyson Sylvester

TCPTA Spring Brunch Committee
Yoshiun Wong, Chair
Carissa Baumhart
Kate Brewer
Jennifer Ruste
Julie Sullivan





PROJECT EXCELLENCE



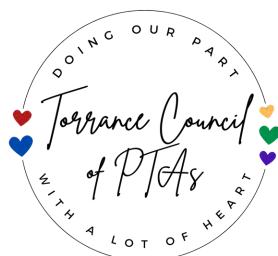


JOHN ADAMS PTA

CANDACE EDWARDS, PRESIDENT

954 VOLUNTEER HOURS
154 MEMBERS

John Adams PTA's theme of "Dive into the Adams PTA" has been our emphasis of bringing new volunteers to contribute with PTA-led events, along with their new ideas. We have been busy with many of our same events that we brought to our school last year, including our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event, our multicultural week-long event, and carnival! We added a new family movie night event, and a color run for our students! We have also kept many exciting programs including adventures in art, Read-a-thon, Wonderful Wednesdays, and so many others. Our community consisting of students, staff, and their families have been our main focus of connecting with everyone and coming together to grow our PTA.



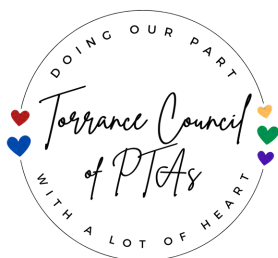
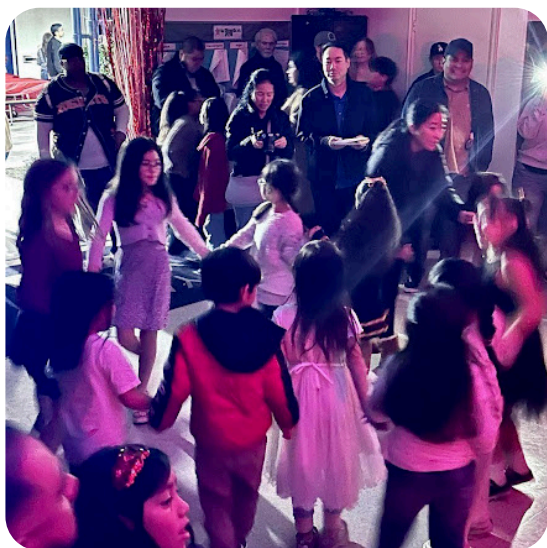


ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SUPERSTARS PTA

AJA WADA, PRESIDENT

24,500 VOLUNTEER HOURS
691 MEMBERS

Greetings from Arlington Elementary PTA - Our 100th Day of School Superstar Sweetheart Dance was a resounding success! It was a fun filled family night with upbeat music, yummy food, and lots of dancing (that dance floor was full the entire night!). The students and their families enthusiasm and participation made it an unforgettable 100th day celebration. DJ Derrick Sugimura was referred to us by DJ Ozzy - and his music choices as well as his interaction with the crowd were off the charts! He is highly recommended and will be booked in the future at Arlington! We sold over 230 tickets - which well exceeded our expectations and surpassed last year's number. Volunteers from North High Js and Vs helped make the evening run smooth from checking our families in at the front gate to serving pizza and lemonade to those that pre-purchased their tickets. We are excited to have our Superstar Dance become an annual family event and watch it grow year after year with exciting new themes!



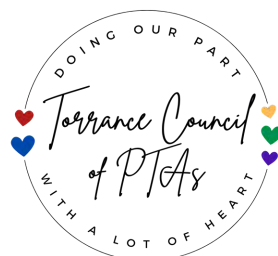


ARNOLD ELEMENTARY PTA

JACQUELINE BITTERS, PRESIDENT

7712.65 VOLUNTEER HOURS
525 MEMBERS

The Adventures in Art program, generously funded by the PTA at Arnold Elementary School, has provided students with a remarkable opportunity to explore their creativity through fine art materials and methodologies. At its core, Adventures in Art emphasizes the process of artistic expression over the final product, believing that each child's journey through art should be nonjudgmental and focused on personal exploration. Through this program, students have been empowered to develop their own unique solutions to artistic challenges, fostering a deep sense of self-expression and confidence in their abilities. By immersing themselves in a supportive environment, students have gained valuable skills and insights that extend far beyond the confines of our annual projects. The dedicated Art Docents, supported by the PTA's funding, play a vital role in facilitating these enriching experiences, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to unlock their creative potential and embark on a lifelong journey of artistic discovery. Thank you Arnold PTA for supporting this wonderful program year after year!





CALLE MAYOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

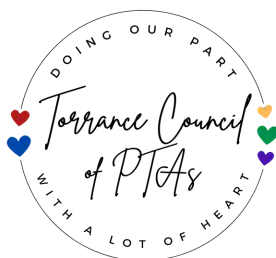
JOSIE LEE-NOZAKI, PRESIDENT

2903.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS

256 MEMBERS

On February 27, 2024, Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA hosted the annual Spelling Bee as an official participating school in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The event was emceed by the PTSA President, Josie Lee-Nozaki, with teacher Stephen Balderas as the Bee's Official Pronouncer. Volunteer parents, Kevin Nozaki and Eric Roth, served as the Bee's Official Judges. Twenty-nine students entered the Spelling Bee. After 21 nail biting rounds, 7th grader Sydney H. claimed the title as Champion Speller. 7th grader Helena M. clenched 2nd place, while 7th graders Adam Y. and Shawn Y. tied for 3rd place. The winning word was SEDATE.

Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA is proud to sponsor this event as the only school in Torrance Unified School District to be recognized as an Official participant in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Sydney H. represented Torrance at the Los Angeles County Regional Spelling Bee on March 20, 2024, and placed 6th overall. This was a successful community event that brought out many students and parents alike to cheer on all the spellers. We look forward to continuing this tradition next year!



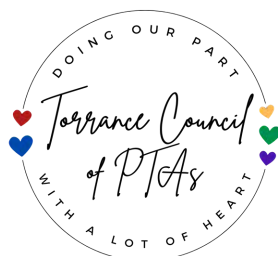


CASIMIR MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

BRIGITTE KUBOTA, PRESIDENT

2439.50 VOLUNTEER HOURS
355 MEMBERS

This has been a busy year for Casimir PTSA! We started off the school year celebrating our Teachers and Staff with a Back to School Luncheon, soon followed by the kickoff of our Reflections Program and Red Ribbon Week. We held a monthly Dine and Dash Event, where we assisted the school with checking in visiting family members who come to eat lunch with their students, or drop off a meal. This required a minimum of 9 volunteers to ensure a seamless event. We also worked hand and hand with our Student Council to help support 3 Dances and 1 Holiday Movie Night. We were also fortunate to be able to organize a Family Education Night, where we had a speaker come to discuss College Savings information. We were able to celebrate 3 amazing Honorary Service Award Recipients, and spoil our wonderful staff with hospitality items during Teacher Appreciation Week. We are currently preparing to Kickoff our Book Fair and host our families at the In & Out Truck Restaurant Night on campus, with plans to end our year with a lively Association Meeting which will include honoring our Scholarship recipients, enjoying a performance by our school band and choir, and displaying our Adventures in Arts projects at a makeshift gallery in the school cafeteria. What a busy, wonderful year it has been!





EDISON ELEMENTARY PTA

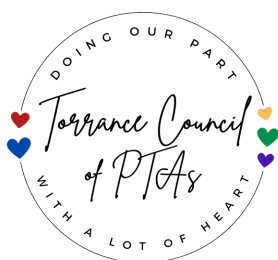
STEVE CHOI, PRESIDENT

3770 VOLUNTEER HOURS

374 MEMBERS

On Friday October 27th 2023 Edison Elementary School held their Fall Festival. Our PTA provided free carnival style games and crafts for everyone. We also included prizes that were handed out to every student and their siblings that participated. We had many hands-on crafts available for families to do together. The YMCA had their annual haunted house which the kids always enjoy. There was a popcorn cart which is always one of the most popular snacks, along with Cotton Candy. Our wonderful PTA volunteers set up a face painting booth which was a big hit amongst kids. There was food and drinks to purchase onsite. We had Chick-Fil-A, Pizza, Tacos, and Krispy Kreme donuts for desserts. Hot chocolate was a crowd pleaser because nothing beats a warm drink in the crisp fall air. Our fall theme photo booth decorated with balloons, a scarecrow, a hand painted red truck and hay barrels provided different photo op options for families to take pictures and create memories.

Many of our students were dressed in their Halloween costumes and it was a great opportunity for them to hang out with their friends in a safe setting outside of school hours. Our PTA event wouldn't have been successful if we didn't have the support of our parent volunteers and staff to work in different aspects of the event. We look forward to having another successful Fall Festival with our amazing Edison community.





FERN PTA

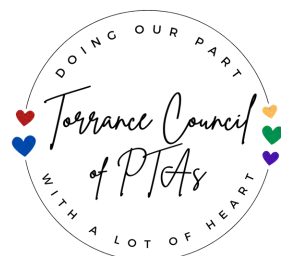
ADRIENNE TEMBLADOR, PRESIDENT

1930 VOLUNTEER HOURS
293 MEMBERS

Fern PTA has been busy growing its programs since the overwhelming success of the APEX Fun Run that started in the 2023-2024 school year. We have been able to fund bigger and better programs including the Back to School Movie Night, Harvest Festival, TK-2nd Sweetheart Dance, 3rd-5th FERNCHELLA Music Festival and the "SOAR into Summer" Spring Festival.

We have invested in diversifying the book selection in the Fern library to include more bilingual and foreign language books, books written by authors with different cultural backgrounds and book featuring protagonists that look more like the student's at Fern. We have made our book fair more inclusive by making sure every student has the opportunity to bring home a book, regardless of their socio-economic situation. We support our school by funding on and off campus field trips and school wide assemblies for PBIS rewards.

We are grateful to our community for the support to allow us to build these programs and provide the best experience for all of our Fern Falcons! Together we SOAR!





HICKORY PTA

AMY BROWNSTONE, PRESIDENT

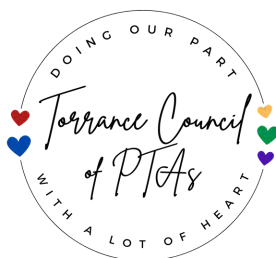
14048 VOLUNTEER HOURS
326 MEMBERS

We had an excellent school year where we organized different programs and projects to engage with the school community. This year, the Hickory PTA hosted a Winter Festival, which was held on January 26th, 2024 - one of the hottest days of the month. This was a free event that was held for our students, families, staff and of course our neighbors.

Multiple tons of snow was delivered to the Hickory Elementary field and 3 sled runs were created for our students to zip down on sleds throughout the evening. All of our games were free to play and everyone was a winner! We had an Arts and Craft station in our library where kids could go to take a break from all the excitement and get creative by making snowball shooters and origami winter animals. This year we also brought back our popular musical treats game, which was a hit!

It was not just for the kids; there were activities for the adults as well. Our silent auction had themed baskets donated by each grade level and single items donated by local businesses. There was also a raffle for smaller prizes. Free entertainment provided by some of our talented Hickory Hounds and vendor booths were set up by local businesses. We had 5 food trucks serving chicken, rice bowls, tacos, churros, and of course a Torrance PTA favorite - Kona Ice.

To make the event so successful, and allow our parents to enjoy themselves, we enlisted the help of over 80 Madrona Middle School and Torrance High School volunteers. This was of course in addition to the over 20 Hickory parent volunteers that planned, organized, and volunteered for the event.





JH HULL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

NICOLE HAGERMAN, PRESIDENT

1213 VOLUNTEER HOURS
234 MEMBERS

The JH Hull Middle School PTSA has been tirelessly fostering connections within our school community, and we are thrilled to share one of our recent highlights: Expo Night! This event, held in lieu of a traditional open house, brought together students, parents, and families for an enriching evening celebrating ancient civilizations, musical talent, and community spirit.

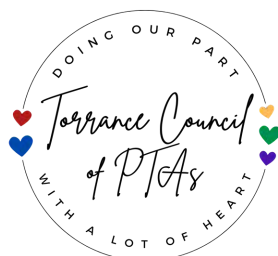
On the evening of March 19, 2024, our school was transformed into a hub of exploration and discovery. Students showcased their understanding of ancient civilizations through captivating artifacts and projects, offering insights into cultures that have shaped our world. From intricate replicas to thought-provoking reports, their work was a testament to their dedication and creativity.

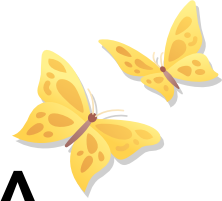
Adding to the evening's charm, our talented bands and choir delivered stellar performances, enchanting the audience with melodies that resonated through the halls. The energy was palpable as families cheered on our budding musicians, celebrating their hard work and passion for music.

A highlight of the evening was the debut of our PTSA's first-ever raffle baskets. Parents and students alike reveled in the opportunity to peruse an array of enticing prizes, generously donated by families, local businesses, and supporters of our school community. The excitement was contagious as attendees eagerly participated, knowing that their contributions would further enhance our school's initiatives.

Of course, no school event is complete without delicious treats, and our bake sale did not disappoint. From delectable cookies to savory snacks, there was something to satisfy every craving. The aroma of freshly baked goods filled the air, adding to the festive atmosphere and bringing smiles to the faces of all who attended.

Expo Night was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication of our students, the support of our families, and the hard work of our PTSA. It was a joyous occasion filled with learning, laughter, and community spirit—a true testament to the vibrant culture of JH Hull Middle School. Here's to many more memorable moments together as Hawks!





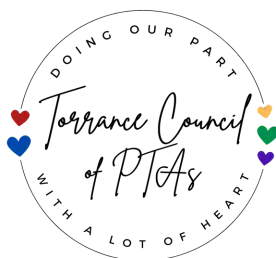
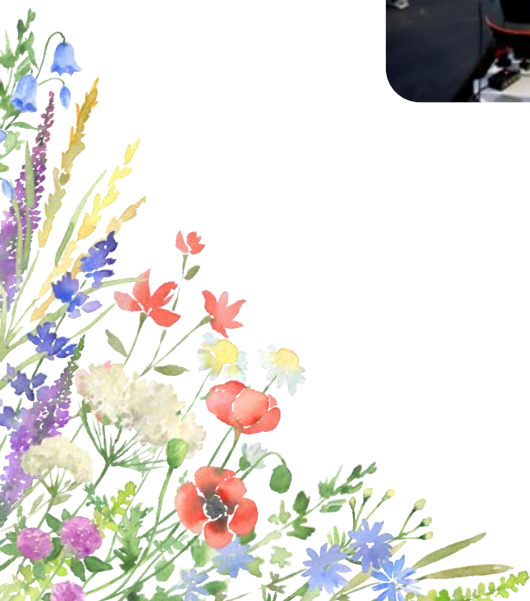
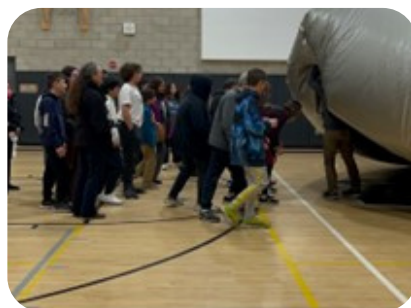
JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

JENN GERSON, PRESIDENT

1667 VOLUNTEER HOURS

419 MEMBERS

The Jefferson PTSA hosted Astronomy Night on January 16. This educational family event has been held annually since 2017 and has quickly grown into one of Jefferson's most beloved traditions. Every year, families gather in the cafeteria under an inflatable planetarium to learn about the stars, constellations, eclipses, and other astronomical events of the past, present, and future. This year's event was held by Mobile Ed Productions. Families were invited to attend one of three, 45-minute sessions. During the breaks, families were welcomed to look up into the cosmos through several large, computerized telescopes that were set up outside by the South Bay Astronomical Society. The PTSA sold refreshments outside of the cafeteria as part of a fundraiser to raise money for its programs. Astronomy Night was just one of the many successful events held by our PTSA this school year!





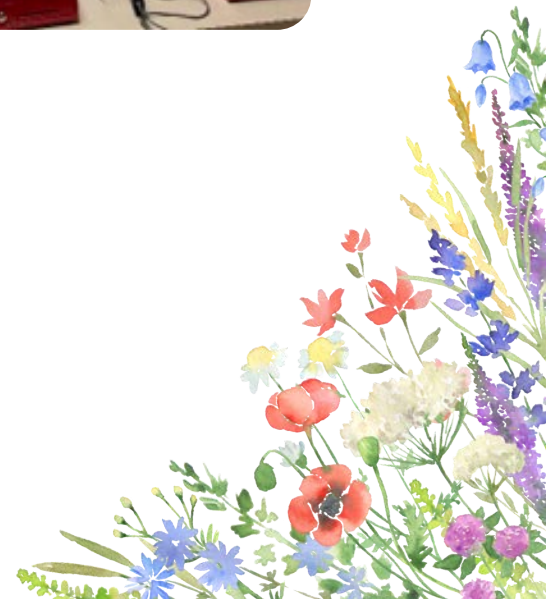
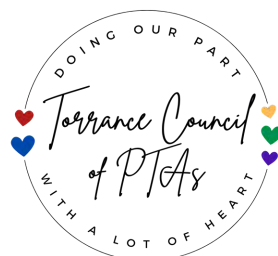
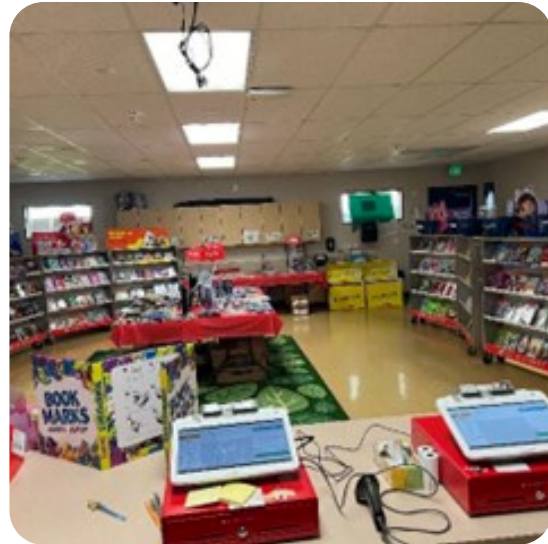
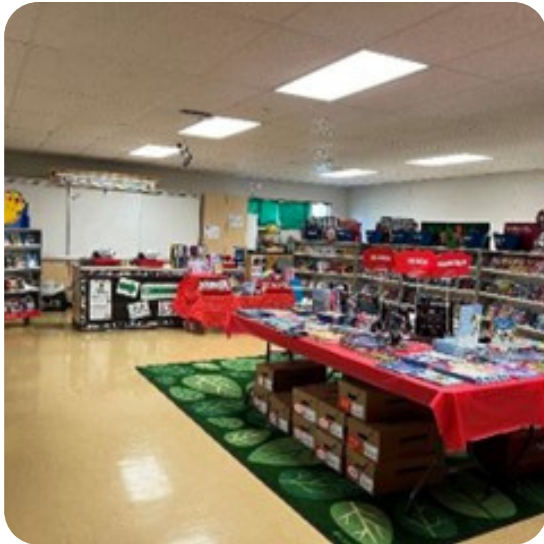
LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTA

VICKY MIYASHIRO, PRESIDENT

4728 VOLUNTEER HOURS
377 MEMBERS

Twice a year Lincoln holds two one week long Scholastic Book Fairs. Our hope is to bring the joy of reading to all the students. The students have a wide range of books to choose from mystery to fiction. Scholastic provides books of all different reading levels, grades & genres. The kids are so excited to come to the book fair!

One of the special things the Lincoln PTA does with the scholastic dollars that we earn for every book fair is to provide each student with a free book at both the winter & spring book fair! Students can also get a free book from the Book-It Program if they complete 6 months of reading. This gives them the opportunity to earn two free books!



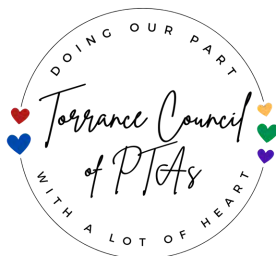


MADRONA MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

MONICA SANDOVAL, PRESIDENT

734 VOLUNTEER HOURS
333 MEMBERS

Madrona Middle School PTSA hosted 7 Midday Mingle's this year where families are invited to join their student on campus for lunch. The Midday Mingle began last school year as a way to build community on our campus with our families, students and staff. It is wonderful to see many smiling faces around campus enjoying lunch together! At our May Midday Mingle, one of our incoming board members took the opportunity to "Hit the Halls" and ask families about their knowledge of Madrona PTSA programs and get their ideas for increasing PTSA support. We look forward to continuing and building upon this program next year to increase PTSA visibility and engagement.





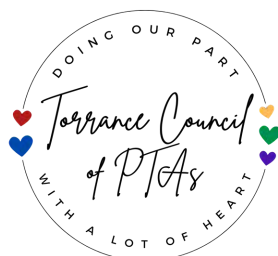
MAGRUDER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

LESLIE PRIETO, PRESIDENT

**3965 VOLUNTEER HOURS
279 MEMBERS**

On September 29, 2023, Magruder Middle School PTSA held its 1st Back to School Membership Dance for our students. Students who had at least one PTSA membership purchased received entry into the luau dance. The goal of the dance was to welcome and embrace the membership among the students and families. It was a great turn out, the students had a great time. They took pictures in the photo booth specifically set up for this occasion, all of the students came dressed to impress. The PTSA also set up some classrooms with different activities such as karaoke, game boards, video games. The highlight was DJ Derrick keeping our dance floor lively and full! As part of this Membership Drive, the PTSA also started a Mustang Status Group. Students who purchased memberships and also donated received Mustang Status and at every PTSA event this year received a special treat from PTSA. The dance increased our membership greatly and encouraged many families to have more than one Membership!

The PTSA board members have been busy this year! They have organized family picnics to welcome the students and family into the new school year, giving them the opportunity to engage with one another and explore what Magruder had to offer (extracurriculars or sports). The PTSA hosted a Halloween event during lunch to celebrate the day with the whole school. Students participated in a costume contest and many fun games! We also had movie nights, to give the opportunity to the families to connect with each other and to make new friendships. We planned a "Parentine Dance" for the students to celebrate friendship. For some of the students this will be their last special time to be with their friends, because they will be going on a new journey into high school, where a new adventure begins. As you can see PTSA continues to provide many fun activities to the students and the Magruder families through the school year. We will be here to support and encourage all students to keep up the great work. We are Mustangs!





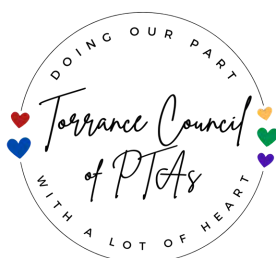
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

AMANDA GUTIERREZ, PRESIDENT

750.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS
457 MEMBERS

On the evening of February, 28th, the North High PTSA held one of their favorite events of the year, our Honorary Service Award and Reflection Awards Night! Here we celebrated our fantastic young artists, as well as those who serve and improve the lives of the children in our community. We first held our February Association Meeting that evening, followed by our Awards Presentation. After this, we held a reception where we enjoyed desserts and drinks, chatted and took photos with the honorees.

We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of the HSA and Reflections Committees for planning and executing such a wonderful evening for our North High Community.



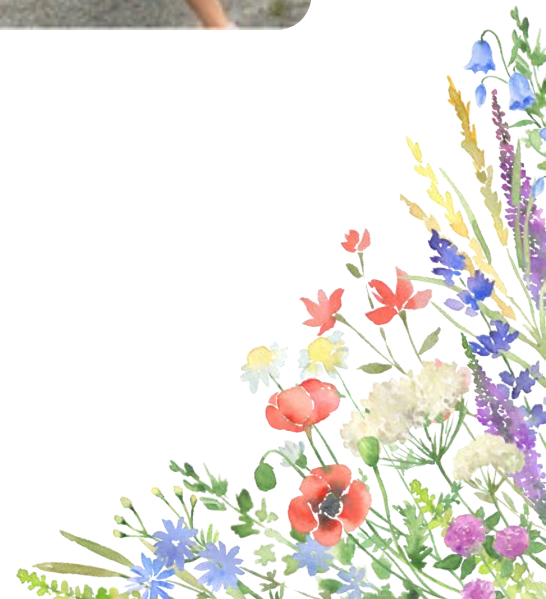
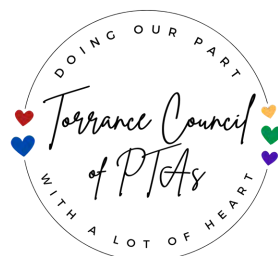


SEASIDE ELEMENTARY PTA

SAMANTHA MORGAN, PRESIDENT

11947.08 VOLUNTEER HOURS
403 MEMBERS

The "Hoopitupkids" event held at Seaside Elementary stands out for its remarkable ability to blend entertainment with physical activity and mindfulness, engaging both children and parents alike. Sponsored by the PTA, the event was thoughtfully designed to incorporate lively music, interactive movement, and an atmosphere of excitement. This combination created a memorable experience that not only entertained but also encouraged active participation and reflection. Such initiatives reflect Seaside Elementary's dedication to comprehensive development and community engagement. Moreover, the event's success underscores the collaborative spirit between the school administration, faculty, and supportive parental community.



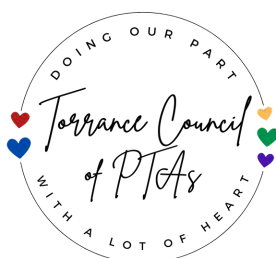
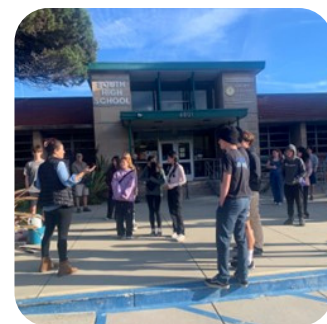


SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

JULIE SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT

4800 VOLUNTEER HOURS
599 MEMBERS

On January 27, 2024, from 9 AM to 12 PM, the South High campus was infused with a sense of community spirit as the PTA organized a campus beautification event. About 35 students, parents, and teachers came together to volunteer their time and effort towards enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the school grounds. Armed with gardening tools and enthusiasm, participants diligently picked weeds, raked leaves, dug dirt, and planted new greenery to breathe fresh life into the landscape. Additionally, they worked collaboratively to clean up litter and debris, fostering a clean and welcoming environment for everyone. The South High PTA demonstrated unwavering support for the school's beautification efforts by providing essential resources and encouragement to volunteers. Equipping them with tools, gloves, and plant materials, the PTA ensured that volunteers had everything necessary to contribute effectively. Additionally, the thoughtful provision of snacks and water reinforced the PTA's commitment to the well-being and comfort of the participants. Beyond merely providing supplies, the PTA facilitated a learning experience, guiding students in the proper use of tools for planting, thereby enhancing their skills and knowledge. This initiative wasn't just about beautifying the school; it was also an opportunity for students to earn volunteer hours for their respective clubs and organizations, instilling a sense of responsibility and community engagement. Through these efforts, the PTA not only fostered a more aesthetically pleasing environment but also cultivated a culture of teamwork and service among students. This event was such a success there is a second date scheduled for the end of April.





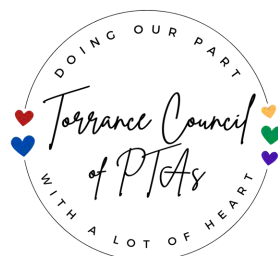
TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

YOSHIUN WONG, PRESIDENT

1545 VOLUNTEER HOURS
466 MEMBERS

This year our PTA organized a special night celebrating three PTA sponsored events. For the past few years, the scholarship recipients were awarded at a separate event. This year we were fortunate to combine all three special events into one big fun celebration. Two Honorary Awards and one Outstanding Teacher Award were given to very deserving people. Five seniors were each awarded \$500 scholarships from our PTA. We had the opportunity to learn a little about each of them and the schools they will be attending in the fall. We celebrated our Reflections winners with certificates and medals. We were very pleased to announce that one of our THS students who entered in the Dance Choreography category, won the California State Award of Excellence. This means her entry will move on for final judging at the National Level.

We also updated our emergency supplies this year. Our Emergency Supply Chairperson in coordination with our school's site supervisor, worked together to see what was needed at our school. The PTA purchased some color coded EZ ups and tables to be used during emergencies. We also updated and replaced some of our medical supplies.





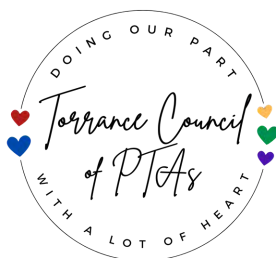
TOWERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

MIA LEININGER, PRESIDENT

5113 VOLUNTEER HOURS

524 MEMBERS

Lunch on the Lawn. Our students were so excited to spend time with their families enjoying lunch on the grass. The children were also able to purchase books from the Scholastic book fair, listen to a reading from a local author of children's books, and even get a picture with Clifford the Big Red Dog. This was the first time post-Covid that Towers put on this event and the students were thrilled to spend time with their families at school.





WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

KALEE PARTYKA, PRESIDENT

7500 VOLUNTEER HOURS
221 MEMBERS

Wood Elementary PTA held our first Autism Acceptance Spirit Week April 15th -April 19th. Activities were organized to promote understanding, acceptance, and celebration of individuals with autism in hopes of fostering a more inclusive environment at Wood. Each day of the week had a different theme:

Blue Day (Monday): Students were encouraged to wear blue clothes and accessories to show support of their friends with autism.

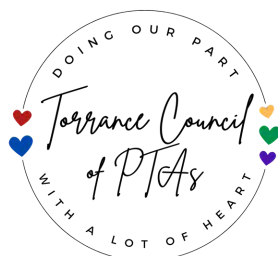
Sensory Day (Tuesday): Students were able to bring something to school that helps them feel calm. The PTA hosted a Sensory Awareness Pop-Up with stations where students had access to sensory items that their friends with autism use and learned how and why these items help their friends. Some of the items available were weighted blankets, fidgets, noise-reducing headphones, visual schedules, and kinetic sand.

Superhero Day (Wednesday): Students dressed like Superheroes and were reminded that heroes come in all shapes, sizes, and abilities. They learned that anyone can be a hero each day simply by being kind! During recess, there was a "meet a buddy" opportunity where parent volunteers teamed-up with para educators to facilitate introductions to friends with autism to promote social interactions.

Dress Comfy Day (Thursday): Students wore clothes that made them feel comfy. They learned that some friends feel most comfortable wearing specific materials and textures and clothes without tags on them.

Rainbow Day (Friday): Students wore all of their favorite colors. They learned how just like every color of the rainbow is unique, so are they!

Autism Acceptance Spirit Week provided Wood students with a valuable and fun opportunity to learn how to help create a more inclusive environment and to celebrate the unique strengths, talents, and perspectives of their friends with autism.





ANZA ELEMENTARY PTA

JESSICA VROMAN, PRESIDENT

1764 VOLUNTEER HOURS

616 MEMBERS

BERT LYNN MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

KYLA ADAMS, PRESIDENT

4080 VOLUNTEER HOURS

365 MEMBERS

CARR ELEMENTARY PTA

JEN BORDEN, PRESIDENT

1579 VOLUNTEER HOURS

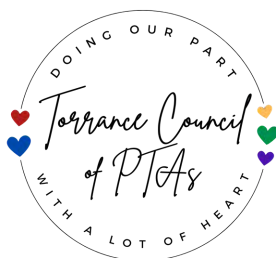
323 MEMBERS

RIVIERA ELEMENTARY PTA

MISSY WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

12500 VOLUNTEER HOURS

690 MEMBERS





TORRANCE ELEMENTARY PTA

RISHA ESPIRITU, PRESIDENT

2158 VOLUNTEER HOURS
357 MEMBERS

VICTOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

REBECCA RIDER, PRESIDENT

5145 VOLUNTEER HOURS
608 MEMBERS

WALTERIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

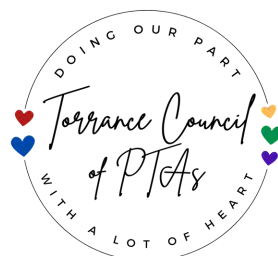
SARA MEANS, PRESIDENT

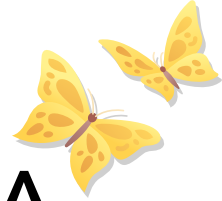
5943 VOLUNTEER HOURS
90 MEMBERS

WEST HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

KATE BREWER, PRESIDENT

1510 VOLUNTEER HOURS
502 MEMBERS





YUKON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

RAENA HAWKINS, PRESIDENT

1800 VOLUNTEER HOURS

235 MEMBERS

