



SPECIAL INVITATION FROM RIVERA PTA

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RIVERA ELEMENTARY



Dear Rivera Parents:

Committed to Excellence,
Educating Tomorrow's
Leaders Today!

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a non-profit organization of volunteers that is comprised of over 1 million members in California and over 5 million members nationwide. The PTA realizes how important your children are to you, and that you want the best for them. As an advocacy group, the PTA can assist you to achieve the best for your children. Studies have proven that children learn more and have better educational experiences when parents, school staff, students, and the community work together. PTA can bring these groups together to share thoughts and ideas about programs and activities that benefit children. To enhance our students' experiences at Rivera, our PTA provides information and resources to parents, and seeks to keep you engaged as much as you would like.

Parental support for the Rivera PTA has made it possible for us to provide the following activities, programs, and events in past years:

- School Resources:
 - Buses for field trips
 - New books for the library
 - Teacher/grade level supplies
 - Gently used books for all students
- Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
- Family Nights:
 - Fall Festival
 - Father/Daughter Dance
 - Mother/Son Dance
- Reflections Art Program
- National Events:
 - Read Across America
 - Walk to School Day
 - Red Ribbon Week
- Fundraising Events:
 - Semi-Annual Book Fairs
 - Support for 6th Grade Science Camp
- Training Opportunities:
 - School SMARTS Parent Academy

Help us to continue this tradition. Volunteer hours are welcomed, but not required, from PTA members. Don't miss your chance to display your support for Rivera PTA. Renew your membership or become a new PTA member. **Membership dues are \$6.00 per member.** You can join Rivera PTA by completing the attached envelope and enclosing your membership dues. Return the envelope to your child's teacher.

Some membership benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Free entrance to Rivera's Fall Festival
- Discounts at local theme parks such as Legoland & Aquarium of the Pacific
- Continuing Education Scholarships (up to \$500 is available from the California PTA)
- Online parenting resources, including select articles from *Our Children* magazine
- E-newsletters on parenting and legislative issues
- In-person and online leadership training opportunities
- Discounted member rate for PTA's annual national convention, magazine subscriptions, and more
- The Member-to-Member Network, connecting you to Congress when help is needed on issues important to children, schools, and families

Remember: Membership benefits only apply toward paid individual memberships (Family memberships are not available). A membership card will be provided to each individual member.

Every PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Additional support, in the form of a tax-deductible donation, is always welcome and appreciated.

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me, or another member of the Rivera PTA Executive Board.

Sincerely,
Aaron J. Bushong
Rivera PTA Vice-President Membership

SPECIAL NOTE: Member contact information is shared within the organization (California State PTA and National PTA) to provide improved communication and member benefits.