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PTSA NEWSLETTER

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Dear SES Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Students:

Happy new year to you all. I hope you had a peaceful and safe winter break and you've made a resolution to help make SES the best. We've had a few challenges during the first part of the school year, but personally I feel that we as a school community are headed in the right direction. Please join me, the PTSA board, the SES administration and staff, fellow PTSA members, and all other SES parents, guardians, and students in working to better the overall environment at SES. Please become involved by volunteering and attending the meetings. Let your voices be heard, and be informed about what's happening at SES.

The PTSA Board has a new secretary and a student representative. Our secretary is Yvonne Harris, and Cheyanne Harris is our student representative and liaison with the student government.

The PTSA has a very busy schedule the rest of the school year. We will be offering "dinners" for sale on Science Nights. Our first **Science Night** is January 7. We're also planning a crab feed, carnival, and lock-in game night. Can you find some time to volunteer?

The next **general meeting** of the PTSA is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 10th, at 6:00 p.m.** This is a very important meeting. We need to form a nominating committee which will research and submit names of candidates for the PTSA Board for the 2009-2010 school year. The voting for the new officers will take place at our general meeting held in April 2009.

Did you receive the flier about the "**No-Frills Fundraiser**"? If not, look further into this newsletter. It's easy. It's quick. It benefits the students!!

Yvonne Harris has volunteered to chair a committee to arrange a **promotion ceremony** for our 2008-2009 eighth grade class. The promotion will be held on **Thursday, June 11th**, at SES. Keep a lookout for future information on the committee and the June 11th promotion and how you can help.

Please take a moment to read through the rest of this newsletter. It's chock-full of information on PTSA finances and upcoming events. Read it with the goal of helping and volunteering.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Clark
PTSA President

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."-- Dr. Seuss.



Treasurer's Report



School Of Engineering And Sciences PTSA Income, Expenses, and Liabilities October 20, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Beginning Checking Account Balance as of October 20, 2008		\$ 310.98
Income		
Contributions - Individuals/business	\$ 565.09	
Fundraisers	\$ 85.00	
Membership dues - individuals	\$ 105.00	
Total Income		\$ 755.09
Expenses		
PTSA Membership Drive Pizza Party	\$ 100.00	
Total Expenses		\$ (100.00)
Ending Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2008		\$ 966.07

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Check	11/15/2008	119	Void - G.L. Scrip	Fundraisers	\$ 0.00
Check	11/17/2008	120	Mary Clark	Membership Drive	\$ 100.00
					<u>\$ 100.00</u>

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Income	10/17/2008	Raley's/Bel Air Quality of Life Cards	Contributions	\$ 215.09
Income	10/31/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Membership dues	\$ 75.00
Income	11/6/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Membership dues	\$ 20.00
Income	12/12/2008	Winterfest	Fundraisers	\$ 85.00
Income	12/12/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Membership dues	\$ 10.00
Income	12/31/2008	No-Frills Fundraiser	Contributions	\$ 350.00
				<u>\$ 755.09</u>

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Liabilities	1/31/2009		PTA	Council Dues	\$ 97.50
					<u>\$ 97.50</u>

PTSA MEMBERSHIP PIZZA CONTEST WINNERS!

Ms. Healey's advisory class, the "Trig" class, was the winner of the PTSA Membership Drive and enjoyed a pizza lunch courtesy of the PTSA on November 24th. The PTSA provided five extra-large pizzas. The office staff waited with bated breath for the leftovers. Ah, but their wait was in vain. There were maybe three slices of pizza left over. Those 13 students enjoyed their prize!



SATURDAY MEETINGS WITH ROY GRIMES SCUSD BOARD MEMBER

On January 10th, 2009, Roy Grimes, who is the SCUSD Board member assigned as the representative for schools in the Pocket/Greenhaven area, will begin his Saturday meetings with parents from the schools in his territory. These meetings are informal get-togethers and provide an opportunity for parents to talk with Roy Grimes about any school issue.

The first meeting will be held at the Stage Coach Restaurant located in the shopping center at Florin Road and Riverside on Saturday, January 10th, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

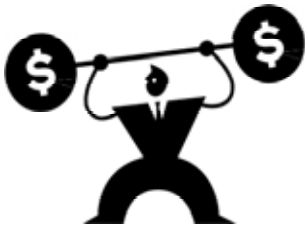
This is an opportunity for parents from all the schools in Roy Grimes's territory and not specific to SES issues, but you will find that issues at one school affect other schools in the neighborhood and/or are the same issues affecting other schools. So these meetings are very good opportunities to present your concerns and issues and get input from other parents as well as bringing these issues to the attention of Roy Grimes and the SCUSD Board. Can't get to the meetings? Still wish to speak with Roy Grimes? Mr. Grimes's direct cell phone number is (916) 752-3684.

FUNDRAISER STATUS

Quality of Life

The Raley's/Bel Air/Nob Hill Quality of Life fundraiser is one of our passive fundraisers. If you don't have a Quality of Life card from Raley's/Bel Air/Nob Hill, Ms. Carter has a few cards available in the office or you can contact Mary Clark at 428-6439, maryclark13@sbcglobal.net, or leave a note in the PTSA mailbox. This is a really easy fundraiser. You just need to scan your card at the checkout when shopping at one of these stores.

In October, the PTSA received a \$215 check from Raley's/Bel Air/Nob Hill. We receive checks on a quarterly basis. We expect to receive a check for over \$173 in January for the quarter October through December 2008. This brings our year total to over \$387. Thank you to all of you using your Quality of Life cards.



PTSA FUNDRAISERS HOW DO I HELP?



Please note that you must be a member of the PTSA to serve on any fundraising committee. Your help will be needed in running the fundraisers and you can do this whether you're a member or not. A description of the fundraisers can be found in this newsletter.

Carnival: The carnival will be held on either Friday, May 15th, or Saturday, May 16th. A committee is being formed now and its members include Sara Metzger, Peter McClellan, Jacob Clark, Isaac Shepherd, and Jordan Wilson.

Crab Feed: Our date for the crab feed has been changed to March 21st. We have a volunteer to chair our committee and also a consultant with experience in crab and lobster feeds to advise us. A couple people have volunteered for the committee and of course the PTSA board will help wherever possible. If you have some ideas and/or experience with crab feeds, please volunteer to help. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

No Frills Fundraiser: See the attached flier.

Food Sales on Science Nights: We enjoyed our first Science Night on January 7, 2009. The PTSA's food sales were very successful. We started selling to students on campus at 4:30 and at 5:00 p.m. our dinner sales started. The PTSA will offer dinners on all Science Nights. Be on the lookout for preorder forms. A big thanks to Kerrie Peterson, Jenifer Mojonier, Alita Rivas, Linda Updegraff, and Liz Ehlers for their very last-minute volunteer spirit!

Lock-in Game Night: The committee currently consists of Cheyanne Harris, Jordan Wilson, Isaac Shepherd, and Jacob Clark. We still need a couple parent volunteers to lend a hand to this student-based committee.

Passive Fundraisers: We don't need a lot of people on this committee, maybe two who can register our schools with major retailers. These would include but not be limited to Office Depot, Target, Staples, Nugget Market. This committee would also have to let the school community know how to participate in these fundraisers.

PTSA Membership: Last but not the least importance-wise. I can't emphasize enough that in order for us, the PTSA, to support the school in the way that we hope to do, we need to have fundraisers. We have to have committees to research, set up, and run these fundraisers. It's in the Bylaws: In order to serve on a committee, you must be a PTSA member. This includes the students who want to be committee members for the carnival or the lock-in game night. Your PTSA membership also gives you a voice at the meetings. Yes! Did you know that you have to be a PTSA member to debate and have input at the meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend, but in order to have your voice heard and in order to vote in the upcoming election of officers, you must be a PTSA member. Please pick up an envelope in the office today, fill it out, and return to the office.

Baskin Robbins: Michael Inscoe is arranging with various Baskin Robbins Ice Cream shops for SES parents to scoop ice cream. PTSA would get a percentage of ice cream sold during the times that our parents do the scooping and selling. So start lifting those five-pound weights! More information to follow.

WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

Below is a form to volunteer to be on a committee or just to volunteer to help with the fundraisers. Please include your name, phone number, and an email address if available. Simply tear off the bottom of this page and drop it off in the PTSA box in the school office.

If you have any questions about any of the fundraisers, please call or email:

Mary Clark - maryclark13@sbcglobal.net, 428-6439
Liz Ehlers - lizehlers@sbcglobal.net

Thank you in advance for your support of our school and the PTSA.

PLEASE SIGN US UP FOR THE FOLLOWING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES!

- CARNIVAL
- CRAB FEED
- FOOD SALES ON SCIENCE NIGHTS
- LOCK-IN GAME NIGHT
- PASSIVE FUNDRAISERS

- I am a PTSA member and would like to serve on the committee.
- Sign me up to help with the fundraiser. (PTSA membership is not a requirement.)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

THE PERFECT HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

SES - Parent, Teacher and Student Association (PTSA)
Presents



Fundraiser

If you're the kind of person who wants to make a difference at SES but doesn't have the time to sell wrapping paper, bake, or anything else, then this is the fundraiser for you! From now until the end of January 2009 you can make a one-time cash donation to the SES PTSA which will go directly to funding many important programs, projects, and events for our students.

It's simple.

All it involves is you, your checkbook and a pen. (See bottom

It's fast.

We timed it: It takes 24 seconds to write a check.

It's for our Students!

100% of donations benefits our students by funding PTSA sponsored programs, events, and purchases.

It's hassle-free.

There's nothing to sell to your coworkers, friends, in-laws, or the pizza delivery guy.

Thank you for your support!

Together, we can create a happy, positive environment for our students to learn and grow. Please be as generous as possible. Every dollar you contribute makes a difference. **Your donation is tax deductible and you will receive a receipt.**

NO-FRILLS
FUNDRAISERS

Please make checks payable to SES PTSA. Include your phone number on your check. Return this form to the school.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Contribution Enclosed (circle): \$5 \$10 \$20 \$50 Other _____

Student's Name(s) _____ Grade _____