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PTSA NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

Dear SES Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Students:

Some very exciting things are happening at the School of Engineering & Sciences. Students are going on field trips, working on Rube Goldberg projects and other projects for upcoming Science Nights, enjoying after school activities such as "Rock Band," and a Halloween dance is scheduled for Thursday, October 30. Construction has started on our new school! Take a drive by. The school is being built at Sojourner Truth Park located on Gloria Drive between Rush River and Florin Road.

Ramon Salazar is doing a great job updating our Web page. Liz Ehlers has created a Google calendar. Check it out. You can find it under the Events/Meetings Calendar. It has everything happening at the school, with the students, with the PTSA, and with the administration. Right click on a date and get the details of the event. Under the News section, you will find pictures of construction of our school and a link to a news story and video produced by Channel 10, KXTV. This is the same story that's printed in the SCUSD "Connections" newsletter that just came out.

Our PTSA have been very busy. We are currently running a membership drive where the Advisory class with the highest percentage of PTSA members will win a pizza party. We've got some passive fundraisers up and running and are in the process of registering for others.

See if you know the answer to this question. What do Peter McClellan, Sara Metzger, Viana Mosqueda, and Kaelen Moore have in common? At our first general meeting, a fundraising committee was formed, and these two parents and two SES seventh graders accepted the challenge to come up with some really unique and fun fundraisers and they did an excellent job. Thank you, Peter, Sara, Viana, and Kaelen for a job well done. The PTSA general membership voted on what fundraisers to have on October 13th. You will find a complete list and description of these fundraisers later in this newsletter. You'll also find information on how you can volunteer at school, help with the Student Government, and volunteer for PTSA fundraisers.

I look forward to working with every parent, guardian, teacher, and student this year. Together as a school community, we can make SES the best and enrich our students' high school years.

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 September 23, 2008 - October 20, 2008

Beginning Checking Account Balance as of September 22, 2008		<u>\$ 1,083.48</u>
Income		
Contributions - Individuals/business	65.00	
Membership dues - individuals	205.00	
Total Income		<u>\$ 270.00</u>
Expenses		
Extracurricular activities	500.00	
PTA Membership Dues	352.50	
Basketball Initiation Fees	190.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ (1,042.50)</u>
Ending Checking Account Balance as of October 20, 2008		<u>\$ 310.98</u>

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Check	9/24/2008	117	Thomas Bauser	Extracurricular activities	\$ 500.00
Check	10/13/2008	118	Sacramento Council	Membership/Insurance	\$ 542.50
					<u>\$ 1,042.50</u>

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Income/Receipts	9/23/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Contributions	\$ 60.00
Income/Receipts	9/23/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Membership dues	\$ 85.00
Income/Receipts	10/10/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Contributions	\$ 5.00
Income/Receipts	10/10/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Membership dues	\$ 55.00
Income/Receipts	10/13/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Membership dues	\$ 40.00
Income/Receipts	10/17/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Membership dues	\$ 20.00
Income/Receipts	10/20/2008	SES PTSA Membership	Membership dues	\$ 5.00
				<u>\$ 270.00</u>

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Liabilities	12/31/2008		PTA	Council Dues	\$ 18.75
					<u>\$ 18.75</u>

**School of Engineering and Sciences PTSA
General Board Meeting September 23, 2008; 6:00pm**

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Item 1 – Welcome. President Mary Clark introduced the officers to the assembly, and it was noted that we are awaiting a student representatives from the Student Government to join our board. The Student Government was recently elected and would be added at the next meeting. Also introduced was Jennifer Rogan, a new teacher, conducting classes in History for 7th and 8th Grade. Also introduced was Sue Dean, visiting from the 3rd District Council of the PSTA. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and began to go through the agenda.

Item 2 – Audit. With minimal discussion, Patricia Mendoza moved to accept the audit in its current form and it was seconded by Ms. Nohren. The motion was favorable and carried.

Item 3 – Principal's Report, Glenda Golobay. Principal Golobay again welcomed our new teacher Jennifer Rogan and informed us that the school was no longer under the Gates Foundation. SES is now officially under the Sacramento City Unified School District. She then discussed the need and eligibility of teachers who can fill more than one function for our school. For example, we are looking for teachers that are credentialed in two or more subjects, i.e., PE and Chemistry. Fortunately, this request has allowed us to maintain our current teaching staff in that not many others can fulfill these criteria regardless of teacher seniority.

Item 4 – Treasurer's Report. Report was acknowledged and Filed for Audit. A copy of the report is attached and incorporated herein.

Item 5 – Membership. Liz Ehlers, current membership committee chair, stated that we had 22 carryovers from the 2007-2008 school year and have 80 members total in the PTSA. She explained that membership was per person, not per family and indicated that the students' role in the PTSA would be to attend and be able to express ideas. We also discussed the idea of having a membership drive with a prize of a pizza party for the 3rd period advisory class with the most sign-ups by percentage.

Item 6 – School events calendar. Dates for meetings and Science Nights were given per the agenda and it was discussed that a newsletter would be going out to the membership in those months that there was not a general meeting. The purpose of the newsletter to be to make sure that the membership stays informed of the progress of not only the board but different events, committees, and fundraisers. The benefit of being able to send the newsletter by email was reviewed and the membership was informed that their addresses would be secure and that they could discontinue their emails at any time.

Item 7 – Fundraising. Fundraising was discussed at great length and many suggestions were made. It was determined that a fundraising committee should be formed and that various fundraisers should be voted on and considered by ease, ability to earn money, and the timeliness of preparation. Peter McClellan and Sarah Metzger volunteered to

form the committee and two students also volunteered to serve. They determined that a special meeting would be called at a later date to discuss and vote on the fundraisers sometime in mid-October.

Item 8 – Budget. The budget was presented and it was moved (Peter McClellan) and seconded (Cindy Nelson) for adoption.

Item 9 – Newsletter. The discussion of the Newsletter was covered while discussing Item 6 and was not revisited.

Item 10 – Communication. In addition to the ability to use email as a mode of communication as discussed in item 6, it was also noted that we must take full advantage of the methods presented to us such as the marquee in the front of the school. In addition, methods of encouraging children to take information home on a consistent basis were acknowledged and a suggestion of some kind of reward would be available and given out during monthly assemblies.

Item 11 – Web Page. Ramon Salazar will continue to update the SES Web page and members were encouraged to check the Web page often for updates and upcoming events. The calendar updating capability was left to Mr. Salazar upon approval by principal Golobay.

Item 12 – Raley's/Bel Air Quality of Life fundraiser report. A hand-out of the subject was provided and a brief explanation of the benefits was given by President Clark. In brief, a percentage of purchases would go to the school and you can sign up on-line.

Item 13 – PTSA email lists. Forms to sign up for the mailing list were available and members were informed how to fill them out.

Item 14 – Topics for Discussion. In an effort to ensure that all members are able to address the board and other members at general meetings, President Clark advised that anyone who would like to add anything to the agenda for the next meeting need only to request it from her in enough time as to place it on the agenda. The only rule would be that it must be a PTSA issue.

At the conclusion of the agenda, the floor was given to Bonnie Bartholomew from Friends of the Library. This is the library that is next to the new site of the school and would be accessible to the students of SES when we move to the new campus. She informed everyone that there would be a library fundraiser on October 24 which would include dinner, performers, literary character dress up, and a brick campaign kick-off

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting and the meeting concluded at 8:17pm.

PTSA MEMBERSHIP PIZZA CONTEST

We are currently running a membership drive and the Advisory Class with the highest percentage of PTSA members will receive a pizza party. The contest runs through 3:25 p.m. on October 31, 2008. We currently have 121 members, which is a very good start. Below are the current standings per Advisory Class. Remember -- you must join by 3:25 p.m. on October 31 in order for your membership to be credited to your student's Advisory Class. Do you have more than one student at SES? Both Advisory Classes will get credit.

Envelopes are available in the PTSA mailbox in the office.



Current Standings:

Teacher	Number of Students	Number of Members	Number of Member Families	Members %	Member Families %
Healey	14	11	6	78.57%	42.86%
Yung	51	35	17	68.63%	33.33%
Rai	29	15	7	51.72%	24.14%
Sargent	34	17	10	50.00%	29.41%
Lum	27	12	8	44.44%	29.63%
Bauser	31	12	6	38.71%	19.35%
Rogar	34	12	7	35.29%	20.59%
Philip	27	5	2	18.52%	7.41%
Horton	22	3	2	13.64%	9.09%
Xiong	36	3	2	8.33%	5.56%

If a teacher is a member then the teacher is included as a student with respect to counts. For example, Ms. Sargent is a member, so instead of 33 students, it shows 34 students.

FUNDRAISER STATUS

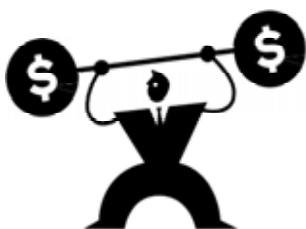
Quality of Life

The Raley's/Bel Air/Nob Hill Quality of Life fundraiser is one of our passive fundraisers. It doesn't cost anything extra to use. All you have to do is register online at Raley's.com and then begin using your Quality of Life card when you're grocery shopping at Raley's, Bel Air, or Nob Hill stores. I've heard a lot of people say, "Oh, I forget to use it." Put your card next to your debit card, in your checkbook, in your coupon holder, someplace where you will see it when you checkout at the supermarket. Some stores have started the self-checkout. You can use your card there too. Ask the attendant to show you how.

We initiated this fundraiser at the end of the last school year, so it's been in effect for approximately six months. As of 10/22/08, our totals are:

Month to Date:	\$ 22.00
Quarter to Date:	\$ 22.00
Year to Date:	\$237.09

We should be receiving a check in the amount of \$215 deposited directly to the PTSA checking account sometime this month. We have one more quarter to go this year, and we're coming up on the holiday season -- lots of family gatherings, holiday parties, school functions. So take some time out today and sign up for the Raley's/Bel Air/Nob Hill Quality of Life and use your cards! This is a really easy fundraiser.



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: It's imperative that we get a committee formed for this fundraiser as soon as possible. The date set for the crab feed is February 21. In addition to the crab feed, we could have a silent auction and a cake walk.

No-Work Fundraiser: Mary Clark has volunteered to run this fundraiser. Look for the flier to come out in the beginning of November.

Food Sales on Science Nights: Yvette Harris has volunteered to chair the committee on this event. Again you must be a PTSA member to be on the committee, but she will need all the help she can get in running this fundraiser.

Lock-in Game Night: The committee currently consists of Cheyanne Harris, Jordan Wilson, Isaac Shepherd, and Jacob Clark. We 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, setup, 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, you must be a PTSA member. Please pick up an envelope in the office today, fill it out, and return to the office.

We've had a few people volunteer to be on committees who currently are not members. Please pick up a membership envelope, fill it out, and return it with your dues.

If you were a member last year and have not renewed your membership, you must do so by October 31, 2008 to maintain your membership without a break in privileges such as voting.

Membership cards have been distributed at previous PTSA meetings. If you have not yet received your PTSA membership card, they will be distributed just before Science Night begins on November 19, 2008. Cards not picked up this night will be sent home with the student.



BICYCLE SAFETY!!

Parents and Students: It's surprising to learn how many of our students have had bicycling accidents since the beginning of the school year. I've heard of three such accidents involving SES students and Caroline Wenzel students. I know there are more throughout the Sacramento City Unified School District. The California State PTA has put out a flier with a poem attached to it. While a little bit juvenile, it does cover some very important safety tips and rules of the road that all bicyclists should/must follow.

If you're hoppin' on your bike and riding 'round town,
Make sure what you're wearing won't pull you down!
Shoe laces, big pants a strap, or a sash,
Might catch in your chain and cause a big crash.

When you're out on the street, you're now *driving* your bike,
Eyes up, looking round, helmet buckled on tight.
With the helmet on straight, V-straps around each ear,
Covering your forehead, you've nothing to fear.

Draw out a special map with your parents tonight,
Plan out your route with each bump, stop, and light.
Then inside your helmet, tape a quarter and a dime
to call home in case you won't be on time.
Stop for people on foot and puppies on paw

It's not just polite, it's also the law.
Obey very stop sign and each signal light,
Flow with the traffic, please stay to the right!

Riding your bike is the very best fun,
As long as you learn how it's supposed to be done.
Show that you're able to master each rule,
You'll be like the smart kids, biking to school.

(California State PTA, The Communicator, May 2003)

Summary of the rules/laws above:

Wear a helmet.

Stop for pedestrians.

Obey traffic signs and signals.

Ride with the direction of traffic.

Obey all the laws that vehicle drivers have to obey!



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:

Sara Metzger - sarametzger@comcast.net

Mary Clark - maryclark13@comcast.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: _____