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2019-2020 HANDBOOK

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WELCOME TO THE BREA COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA!

The purpose of this guide is to introduce our PTA board and committee members to the Country Hills community and to inform families of all the major programs and events that take place at our school and are provided by the PTA. The information included here coincides with the volunteer opportunities available on the PTA volunteer form that you will find in your student's first day of school folder. **These events do not run themselves; volunteers are needed for each event.** Please consider taking the time to volunteer at one or more of the events or committees listed. Your children benefit from seeing you on campus participating in their school life, and your time is a valuable resource that you can offer.

Also, we encourage you to join the PTA—information about our membership drive will be coming home soon. **Joining the PTA in no way obligates you** to be active or requires anything from you; your membership fee is a tax-deductible donation and directly supports the programs our PTA offers. And **anyone** can be a PTA member—parents, grandparents, students, or teachers, so we encourage the entire family to get involved!

PTA MEETINGS

All members are invited to our monthly PTA meetings, which take place in the MPR (multi-purpose room), unless otherwise noted. Each meeting lasts about one hour and includes a budget review, status of PTA events, program chairperson reports, and updates from the teachers and principal. This is a great way to stay informed about what is happening at our school.

6:30 pm meetings will be: September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3 and June 2

1:00 pm meetings will be: February 5, March 4, April 1 and May 6

Information in this booklet is accurate at the time of printing and subject to change.

2019-2020 PTA BOARD MEMBERS



Deana Miller, *PTA President*

Email: chillspta@gmail.com

Paw Prints, Room Parent Coordinator

Children: Cole 6th grader and Cade 4th grader

Favorite Event or Memory: The Talent Show has brought tears to my eyes watching so many amazing kids share their talents.



Kavita Kumar, *1st VP Membership (Co-Chair)*

Email: kavita.kumar21@yahoo.com

Children: Aryenn is in 7th Grade, Rayhenn will be in 4th Grade and Dhirenn in 2nd.

Favorite Event or Memory: Country Hills isn't just a school, it's a FAMILY, and we're so blessed to be a part of it!



Karen Troutman, *1st VP Membership (Co-Chair)*

Email: ktuyls@hotmail.com

Children, Avery - 2nd grade & Saige - Tk

Favorite Event or Memory: My favorite event is the Cougar Carnival! It's such a fun day for the kids. I love seeing all the classes and grades come together to have a really enjoyable day for everyone!



Lindy Hunhoff, *2nd VP Ways & Means (Co-Chair)*

Email: bbb1326@gmail.com

Jog-A-Thon

Children: Blake 5th grade, Broxton 3rd grade and Beckett TK in 2022

Favorite Event or Memory: Mother Son Events with my two boys!



Kendee Gardner, *2nd VP Ways & Means (Co-Chair)*

Email: Kgardner@aecorp.net

Jog-A-Thon, Variety Show, Yearbook

Children: Andrew (11) 6th Grade and Liam (8) 3rd Grade

Favorite Event or Memory: My favorite Country Hills event is the Talent Show. I love to see the talent of our Country Hills Cougars shine on stage and especially see their faces when they are done beaming with pride and happiness for being brave enough to be out there!



Christina Gritte, *3rd VP Programs*

Email: gritte@hotmail.com

Children: Shaye - 6th, Shylee - 4th, Ellee - 1st

Favorite Event or Memory: My favorite thing about Country Hills has always been our amazing PTA and I am so excited to be a part of it this year!



Nicole Repp, *4th VP Ways & Means Treasurer*

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Jog-A-Thon Treasurer

Children: Calvin - 7, 2nd grade, Paige - 5, Otto - 1

Favorite Event or Memory: STEM Night



Natalie Lau, *Recording Secretary*

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Children: Aiden - 8 years old, 3rd grade, Ryan- 4 years old, Pre School

Favorite Event or Memory: Had a great time at the Mother Son night being able to spend 1 on 1 time.



Stephanie Chute, *Historian*

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Children: Preslie 5th grade, Payton 3rd grade, and Paige 2nd grade.

Favorite Event or Memory: Attending the Art Fair and the Mother/Daughter events.



Dani Repp, *Treasurer*

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Children: Oliver (3rd), Stuart (1st) and our youngest is starting her first year of preschool.

Favorite Event or Memory: Cougar Carnival. It's such a fun day for the kids and I love how so many parents and teachers pitch in to help make the day so special for the kiddos.



Chris Lau, *Auditor*

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Children: Aiden - 8 years old, 3rd grade, Ryan- 4 years old, Pre School

Favorite Event or Memory: My kids are going to same school I went to as a kid.



Anna Huemoller, *Parliamentarian*

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Children: Kiley 4th grade, Camden 1st grade

Favorite Event or Memory: Cougar Carnival

2019–2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Jill Ball, *Donuts for Dudes*

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Children: Luca 1st grade and Mia 4th grade

Favorite Event or Memory: Cougar carnival is always a great memory as it's always a sign of another great year.



Kristin Gomez, *Community Promotions*

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Children: Mia and Zack

Favorite Event or Memory: Book fairs and reading outside day



Renee Gonzales, *Spirit Wear*

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Children: Cristian junior at BOHS, Hayden 6th grade & Maddie 4th grade

Favorite Event or Memory: The Mother Daughter Tea



Stacey Hoogeboom, *Variety Show*

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Children: Nate and Madison

Favorite Event or Memory: Watching so many kids get up the courage to perform in the talent show. The happiness it brings me to see them overcome their fears and succeed.



Jenny Kovach, *Variety Show, Cougar Carnival*

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Children: Caiden Kovach, 6th & Parker Kovach, 2nd

Favorite Event or Memory: I look forward to and am honored to be a part of the annual talent show. I love the brave students that share their talents with us. Some of them are afraid to speak out in class, so to watch them do what they love to do on a stage is truly magical. Watching it progress from chaotic rehearsals into a tearful masterpiece takes my breath away every year!



Kim Kowal, *Book Fair*

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Children: 6th grader Ashtin and Kirstin in 4th grade.

Favorite Event or Memory: Last year, I really enjoyed seeing all of the happy and excited faces as I volunteered at the Book Fairs.



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Children: Joseph 6th grade, Joel 4th grade



Monica Lee, *Community Promotions*
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Children: David, James, William



Justin Miller, *Donuts for Darlings*
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Children: Cole 6th grade and Cade 4th grade
Favorite Event or Memory: Talent Show



DeEttra Mulay, *Summer Book Exchange*
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Children: Maya - 6th Grade; Anya - 4th Grade
Favorite Event or Memory: The Talent Show ... it's amazing to watch our brave kiddos on stage!



Christina Ortiz, *Art Masters, Cougar Carnival*
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Children: Selena, 18, Sophomore at Point Loma, Mia, 15, Sophomore at BOHS, Mateo, 7, 2nd grader at CH
Favorite Event or Memory: So difficult to narrow it down to just one of my favorite events at Country Hills. But my top two faves are the "Look Back, Look Forward" where the graduating seniors come back to visit and take pictures with their former elementary teachers, and younger siblings, and of course the Cougar Carnival!



Norah Pfingsten, *Reflections*
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Children: Two in 3rd grade and one kindergarten
Favorite Event or Memory: Playing games with the kids at the Cougar Carnival



Courtney Ramiez, *Red Ribbon Week*

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Children: Isabella, 4th grade and Noah, Kindergarten

Favorite Event or Memory: Watching the annual Halloween parade!



Jessie Striker, *Hospitality*

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Children: Elijah, 23. Ramona, 11, 6th grade. Nathan, 10, 5th grade.

Madison, 8, 3rd grade

Favorite Event or Memory: Cougar Carnival



Nina Valencia, *STEM Night*

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Children: Marissa 7th grade, Alina 5th grade

Favorite Event or Memory: The end of the year Staff vs. 6th grade kickball game. The 6th grade students and staff give it their all! I love that the younger grades come out to watch and cheer! School spirit at its best.



Jessica Vasquez, *Donuts for Dudes*

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Children: Elena 4th Grade and Lucas 2nd Grade

Favorite Event or Memory: Father-Daughter Dance and High School Seniors High-5 the Kindergartners at the last flag ceremony



Lisa Wright, *Spirit Wear*

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Children: Alyssa, Rylee and Lauren

Favorite Event or Memory: End of the year shows

PTA PROGRAMS & COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

ART MASTERS

All students will participate in Art Masters, an art education program where they will learn about famous artists at fun, engaging assembly presentations. The students then receive exciting art lessons in their classrooms, using the same materials and techniques used by the artists themselves. Five of these presentations are scheduled for this school year.

Art Masters Committee Chair

Christina Ortiz
mamaortiz78@gmail.com

Types of volunteers needed: *Parents to attend five teaching workshops (dates TBA), and then schedule time to go into the classrooms and teach the lesson to the students. Parents are also needed to assist with supplies during the lessons.*

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are planned by the 3rd VP of Programs each year for all students. The programs focus on entertaining while educating the students on such things as the arts (theater, music, dance), science, character building, and other interesting topics that the students may not be exposed to in daily life at school or home.

3rd VP of Programs (Assemblies)

Christina Gritte
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SUMMER BOOK EXCHANGE

The Summer Book Exchange was started a few years ago and is a great way to get new books to read over the summer. Students may exchange books with other students for summer reading. Students drop off their donated books in the morning and then get to “shop” for books after school.

Book Exchange Committee Chair

DeEttra Mulay
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BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair, held for one week each fall and spring, is a wonderful way of promoting readership at Country Hills School. The school library profits by purchasing books at cost and selling them to students, faculty and families. The Book Fair is open to all students during specific times during the school day, and parents and families are welcome to make purchases after school and on the special Family night. Teachers put out a “wish list” of books that the students and parents can purchase to donate to their particular class.

Book Fair Committee Chair

Kim Kowal
kimm55@live.com

Types of volunteers needed: *Parents to assist with set-up and tear-down of Book Fair, or shifts before or after school.*

JOG-A-THON FUNDRAISER (Ways & Means—formerly Bubble Run)

Our biggest fundraiser of the school year will be the Fun Run on October 11. It will raise the funds needed to run the majority of the programs we provide during each school year.

Fun Run Committee Chair

Lindy Hunhoff
bbb1326@gmail.com

Kendee Gardner
kgardner@aecorp.net

Types of volunteers needed: *Parents to assist with all aspects of the Fun Run, including assisting in set up and cleanup and cheering on the runners.*

COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS

This PTA position is responsible for the collections of Box Tops. Families collect box tops and put them in collection boxes located in the school office or classrooms.

Community Promotions Committee Chair

Sunny Kuk

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Monica Lee

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Kristin Gomez

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COUGAR CARNIVAL

The Cougar Carnival will be held on May 29 for all students in lieu of individual class parties. The Room Parents in each classroom prepare a booth or activity for the carnival and arrange for parent volunteers to work the booth in shifts during the day of the event. Past booths have included a cake walk, estimation jar, water play, ring toss, face painting, photo booth, raffles and more.

Cougar Carnival Committee Chair

Jenny Kovach

jennyk319@aol.com

Christina Ortiz

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Types of volunteers needed: *Parents to assist with working shifts in their child's class booth on the day of the event.*

COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

In August, students have the opportunity to purchase T-shirts, bows and hooded sweatshirts imprinted with the school mascot. Students wear these shirts every Friday to show their school spirit and are encouraged to wear them on field trips for easy identification.

Cougar Spirit Wear Committee Co-Chairs

Lisa Wright

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DONUTS FOR DARLINGS (formerly Muffins for Moms)

This event, held this year on February 28, is designed to bring all the important female role models to the Country Hills campus one morning a year from 8 - 8:30a.m. Country Hills men volunteer to work this event. After enjoying donuts, coffee, and juice and spending time with their children, everyone is encouraged to stay for that month's Flag Ceremony.

Donuts for Darlings Committee Chair

Justin Miller

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Types of volunteers needed: *Men to assist with serving coffee, juice and donuts at the event; donations of juice, pastries etc. as needed.*

HONORARY SERVICE AWARD

The Honorary Service Award is given to an individual in the PTA, school or community in special recognition of outstanding service to children at our school. The award is given to recipients who go above and beyond their routine, assigned responsibilities including those who work behind the scenes quietly and efficiently serving youth. Nomination forms are distributed in May and the award is presented at the annual Volunteer Breakfast on May 22.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee is in charge of obtaining (either through donations or purchasing) items such as cookies, cupcakes, juice, water and other snack items for such events as the Morning Mingle (first day of school), Back to School Night, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, and others.

Hospitality Committee Chair

Jessie Stricker

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DONUTS FOR DADS

This event, held this year on March 27, is designed to bring all the important male role models to the Country Hills campus one morning a year from 8 - 8:30a.m. Country Hills ladies volunteer to work this event. After enjoying donuts, coffee, and juice and spending time with their children, everyone is encouraged to stay for that month's Flag Ceremony.

Donuts for Dads Committee Co-Chairs

Jessica Vasquez

Jill Ball

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Types of volunteers needed: *Ladies to assist with serving coffee, juice and baked goods at the event; donations of juice, pastries as needed.*

PAW PRINTS

Paw Prints is the monthly PTA newsletter emailed home the Monday following a PTA meeting. It gives a recap of the PTA meeting along with upcoming school events.

Paw Prints Coordinator

Deana Miller

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RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is a national anti-drug awareness campaign celebrated the week of October 21-25, which promotes the idea of healthy and positive lifestyles. During Red Ribbon Week, special activities are planned each day of the entire week. These activities are meant to be meaningful, educational and fun for students. We encourage the entire family and community to participate in these events.

Red Ribbon Week Committee Chair

Courtney Ramirez

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Types of volunteers needed: *Parents to help with the myriad of events that happen throughout Red Ribbon Week.*

REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST

Held each year in September, this national PTA program provides an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Each year a new theme is selected, allowing students to explore their thoughts and feelings through creativity and interpretation in the areas of literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts and video production.

Reflections Coordinator

Norah Pfingsten

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ROOM PARENTS

Room parents act as coordinators for classroom party planning, secure parent volunteers for events including the Jog-A-Thon, Cougar Carnival and other schoolwide activities, and play a major role during Teacher Appreciation Week. Room Parents work under the teacher's direction for classroom parties.

Room Parent Coordinator

Deana Miller

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Types of volunteers needed: *Moms or dads willing to be room parents for their child's classroom.*

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Held one week each May, this is a special time when we make a point of appreciating and honoring the teachers and staff who work so hard for our children. Activities are organized by Room Parents and parent volunteers and usually include activities, gifts, and a teacher luncheon.

VARIETY SHOW

Come enjoy an evening watching the talented students of Country Hills perform anything from singing, dancing, magic and more. Auditions are open to all grade levels.

Variety Show Co-Chairs

Kendee Gardner Stacey Hooegeboom Jenny Kovach
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Types of volunteers needed: *Parents to help with auditions and dress rehearsals and the night of the show collecting tickets and backstage work.*

YEARBOOK

The yearbook is a memory book featuring every student and staff member, plus most events from throughout the year captured in photos. Parents are encouraged to take photos of their child's classroom activities and events and forward them to the Yearbook Chairs. It takes many hours to put the yearbook together, and the result is a memory book your child will cherish forever.

Yearbook Committee Chair

Kendee Gardner
kgardner@aecorp.net

Types of volunteers needed: *Parents to submit photographs of class activities or who wish to assist in any other aspect of developing the yearbook.*

Visit the school website: <http://countryhills.bousd.us>
for updated PTA events



Our PTA has a private Facebook group page visible only to members (not the general public). Parents of current students may request to be added to the group page (**Brea Country Hills PTA**) by sending a message to the page administrators with your child's name and teacher. It's a great way to stay up-to-date on current school happenings and network with other parents and families!