

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the Yamato Colony Elementary 2019-2020 school year. As the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) president, I would like to inform you of our organization and hope that you join our efforts to positively impact the lives of all children and families of Yamato Colony Elementary.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was formed in 2015 to increase awareness of the importance of family engagement and expand programs at the school. Our goal is to empower, support, and unify our efforts to further the education of our children.

PTA offers many opportunities for families to get involved. PTA meets five (5) times a year to discuss fundraising and programs for our school and children. Last year we held three fundraisers. The first was our color walk-a-thon, which promotes healthy activity. Then we sold Happy Grams during the Great Kindness Challenge week where children were able to buy pins to be delivered to their friends, teachers, and families. The third was the spring carnival in May. The money brought in by our fundraisers allowed us to offer several programs last year. In November we held a family movie night and provided free hotdogs, popcorn and water. In December, we held a picture with Santa and letter writing night where we provided a polaroid picture with Santa as well as supplies and postage for letters written. And in March, we sponsored a Science Dome presentation for Science Night. We were also able to purchase school supplies for every classroom teacher as well as a round table that will be placed in the kindergarten playground area.

We ask that parents/guardians please fill out and return the attached waiver for their children to participate in Yamato Colony PTA's events this school year and that those interested in participating in our PTA attend the first Association meeting of the year. The first PTA Association meeting will be held on **September 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm, in room A-1**. We will use this meeting to plan the 2019-2020 school year activities. If you are interested in joining we hope you will be able to come. There is a \$5 annual PTA membership fee, of which \$4.75 is sent to the 8th District, State of California, and National PTA's. These portions of the PTA organization provide support to our local unit. If you have questions or would like more information please email YamatoColonyPTA@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

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