



Washington Elementary
PTA

Happy New Year

Half Way There!

Can you believe half of the school year is over? Time to make midyear adjustments and begin planning for next year.

We hope the first part of the school year has been filled with learning, inspiration and happy memories for both students and parents.

The PTA Executive Board has started out the New Year by reviewing financial statements, planning for upcoming key events and yes, we are already starting to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year.

As always, the PTA's success depends on our parents, especially our dedicated volunteers who make our events and programs possible.

What makes Washington stand out from other schools?

- **PTA has budgeted \$16,500 for student Field Trips this year. This allows all grade levels to have field trip opportunities and ensures that parents do not have to pay out of pocket for field trip expenses such as admissions and buses.**
- **PTA budgets \$14,000 for Art Lessons**
- **PTA collects and distributes around \$10,000 for Classroom Wish Funds**
- **PTA sponsors the library, computer lab, school garden, dances, activities etc.**

Without PTA and volunteers to make our fundraisers and programs happen, we would not have these special events.

PTA is a collaboration of parents and teachers with the common goal to meet the needs of our children/students. We are doing a fantastic job of meeting that mission here at Washington.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a great start for 2019.

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PTA Elections

Each year the PTA forms a Nominating Committee to oversee the elections process. The committee is charged with recognizing and seeking qualified nominees to become elected leaders of the PTA.

Any PTA member can be part of the nominating committee. We would be very pleased to have some new members help in this process. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact us at Washingtonpta.sg@gmail.com by **Feb. 8th**. We continuously are seeking parents who are willing to assist our organization.

We will be electing our committee at Founder's Day on February 19th

Detailed information about the elections will be sent out by the Nominating Committee once selected. If you have any questions on the elected positions or if you would like to nominate yourself or another PTA member, please contact us at the email listed above.

Me & My Sweetheart Dance

**Friday February 8th
6pm-8pm**

Admission: \$25 per couple

Additional Guests \$6 per person.

Ticket price includes Dinner, Dessert, Dancing, Photo booth and more!

Presales are requested by February 5th.

For questions contact Idalia Taylor at lady.bugaboo@yahoo.com

Art Instruction to Begin

Please welcome back Seda Sevada as she returns as our art instructor. She is preparing to start teaching very soon with each class receiving 5 lessons over the next few months.

Did you know...

- **The PTA provides \$14,000 additional funding to make this program available to all grade levels throughout the year.**

Field Trips

It's field trip season!! Remember to turn your volunteer forms into the office if you are planning on attending upcoming field trips. Teachers will be giving specific information by grade level as those dates approach.

If your student is in need of spirit wear, please get your order in early to ensure they will have their t-shirts in time for their event.

Reflections

Congratulations to our Washington Reflections Art Contest Winners:

A big "Thank You" to all of the students who participated. They will each receive a certificate of recognition and their art will be on display at ArtFest for all to enjoy.

The following students had their artwork forwarded to First District PTA with an opportunity to move on and be recognized by the California State PTA.

Connor Woo (Room 2)- Primary-Visual Arts

Noah Castro (Room 15)- Primary-Dance Choreography

Natalie Park (Room 7)- Intermediate-Visual Arts

Jolie Wang (Rm. 10)- Intermediate- Music Composition

We wish them the best of luck as we continue to await further results.

Upcoming Events

January

28- Read a Thon (1/28 – 2/8)

February

4th No School

5th PBIS celebration

8th Me & My Guy Dance (Me and My Sweetheart)

11th No School

14th PTA Meeting 7pm

15th Walking School Bus 8am

15th Spirit & Pride 1:30pm

18th No School

19th PTA Founder's Day Celebration and PTA Association/Election Meeting 9am

March

8th Me and My Gal Dance

14th PTA Board Meeting 7pm

30th Kinder Awards 8:30am

15th Trimester Awards

April

1st-5th Spring Break- No School

11th PTA Board Meeting 7pm

12th Walk-a-thon 9-10am

14th Walking School Bus, Spirit & Pride

26th ArtFest!

May

6th-10th Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

9th PTA Board Meeting 7pm

16th Open House, International Feast & PTA Association Meeting

20th-24th Spring Book Fair

27th- No School- Memorial Day

June

3rd End of Year Trimester Awards

5th Primary Play Day

6th Last Day of School – Year End Picnic & 5th Grade Promotion