

FREMONT COUNCIL

Dates to Remember

JAN 11 – (MONDAY) Fremont Council PTA Meeting - 7:00 PM -- FUSD 2nd floor – Due: 2nd Unit Update Report (aka: Quarterly Historian Report) (Oct. through Dec. 2009)

**Jan 14 & Jan 21 – Fremont Council PTA Parent ED series:
 "Parenting: Personality and Family Dynamics" - see flyer.**

Jan 16 – (SATURDAY) Peralta District PTA Training 9-11 AM -- ACOE Building, 313 W. Winton Ave Hayward, CA

Feb 8 – (MONDAY) Fremont Council PTA Meeting - 7:00 PM -- FUSD 2nd floor – Due: Adopted Mid-Year Audit - 2 copies.

Mar 8 – (MONDAY) Fremont Council PTA Meeting - 7:00 PM -- FUSD 2nd floor – Due:

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**UNIT UPDATE REPORT
 DUE TO COUNCIL
 JANUARY 11, 2010**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY SUSAN NATHAN, PRESIDENT

Welcome 2010!

Ring in 2010 gives us a good reason to celebrate and anticipate all the positive possibilities coming our way. Let us also take some time and reflect on everything has happened over the past Year (and Decade).

As we count our blessings and shake our heads with wonder over how we came through the "downs" (those *did* make us stronger, right?), it's OK to feel a sense of peace and satisfaction – even if it's just a moment. Looking forward, we have a lot of unknowns facing us, but one thing I am certain of is, as PTA/PTSA leaders you will continue to make a difference in the lives of Fremont children. The schools you are associated with are better places because you are involved. And your Associations are inspired to action because of your leadership.

We are blessed with very strong Council officers and chairs. I am thankful for the training and coaching they have provided. Our Reflections program was extremely well run and brought attention to PTA programs throughout the district. I am proud of each chair, officer, and president (and every Unit).

Council has some exciting things coming...Founder's Day, Spotlight Awards, Elections, and Convention. We also continue to work on our goals:

Fremont Council Goals – 2000-2010

- Spotlight Awards for everybody!
- 5% Increase in Membership
- 100% participation by all units

Thank you to everyone for working so hard! It's only with excellent teamwork and sense of community that we accomplish anything.

Susan Nathan
 President
 Fremont Council PTA
 510-301-5898

Council Officers and Chairs 2009-2010
Please Feel Free to Contact any of the Fremont Council Executive Board
for information, assistance and/or support.

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DIVERSITY	OPEN		
PARLIAMENTARIAN	OPEN		

SAVE THE DATE

Peralta District PTA Training
Saturday, January 16th, 2010
9-11 AM ACOE Building
313 W. Winton Ave Hayward, CA
East of I-880 on Winton

Audit Training By-laws Training

Auditors and Parliamentarians:

Bring your documents to be
filled out during the workshop.

Treasurers: bring your books
to be prepared for audit.

Use our websites!

COUNCIL:
www.fremontcouncilpta.org

DISTRICT:
www.peraltadistrictpta.org

STATE:
www.capta.org

NATIONAL:
www.pta.org



Happy New Year!

Thank you to all who have turned in the required paperwork. It allows your PTA to focus on what is needed for our students, schools and communities. Those who are delinquent in providing required paperwork on time risk greater scrutiny in maintaining tax exempt status and greater liability to the unit and the school. So, please, if you are on any of these lists, correct the situation immediately. If you are on the list and have corrected the issue before the newsletter's publication, thank you.

We still need documents for the following units:

Per Caps: \$3.75 / member. to Nancy

These units are not in good standing with the CAPTA and the IRS, and they should not be holding any events.

- Cabrillo
- Durham

Several additional units will be getting "Not In Good Standing" letters from CAPTA. This is because your dues payment did not reach the CAPTA until after December 1st. You may disregard these letters.

Insurance: \$202.00 / unit: to Nancy

Insurance is due by January 1st. The policy expires the first week of January. Pay now to keep your insurance in force.

- Cabrillo
- Durham
- Oliveira
- Patterson
- Vallejo Mill

Workers Comp Form: to Nancy

Workers Comp forms must be filled out and signed even though you did not pay any workers. Forms are due by January 15th. You can bring them to the January meeting or mail them to Nancy. The address is on the Council remittance form.

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| Azeveda | Millard |
| Brier | Oliveira |
| Brookvale | Parkmont |
| Cabrillo | Patterson |
| Durham | SEPTA |
| Forest Park | Vallejo Mill |
| Green | Walters |

09-10 Budget: to Nancy

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| Brier | Irvington |
| Cabrillo | Maloney |
| Centerville | Oliveira |
| Durham | Patterson |
| Glenmoor | SEPTA |
| Green | Vallejo Mill |
| Grimmer | |

Annual Financial Report 08-09: to Nancy

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| Brier | Grimmer |
| Brookvale | Maloney |
| Cabrillo | Patterson |
| Durham | SEPTA |
| Glenmoor | Vallejo Mill |
| Green | |

In addition, auditor Lucy Bailey has a list of those who still need to turn in their summer audits for the spring of 2009. Please send these to Lucy if you have not already done so.

Thank you to those who have turned in tax returns, either the 990-EZ or the 990-N. The 990-EZ returns will be kept in a file in the office for your own future reference.

There is a another good reason for paying attention to getting in past reports due. And that is that new reports will soon be due! ***Please bring your adopted mid-year audit reports – including the checklist and any attached recommendations and comments – to the January or the February meeting. Lucy thanks you!***

Your Financial Team
Nancy, Anu and Lucy



Founders Day 2010 -- BY LILY ASEO, FOUNDERS DAY CHAIRMAN

We're half way through the school year and it's time for your PTA unit to recognize and honor those special people for their outstanding service to children and youth at your Founders Day celebration. The awards are:

Honorary Service Award (HSA): May be given to an individual or organization in the PTA, school or community in special recognition of outstanding service to children and youth.

Continuing Service Award (CSA): May be given to an individual or organization in the PTA, school or community for recognition of outstanding service to children and youth. This award may be given to a person whose contributions have been significant over a continuing period of time. The award may be given regardless of whether a recipient has previously received the California State PTA's Honorary Service Award.

Golden Oak Service Award: May be given to an individual who or organization that has made significant contributions to the welfare of children and youth in the PTA school or community. This award should be given to recognize exceptional service to children and youth; it is the California State PTA's most prestigious award.

Very Special Person Award (VSP): May be given to an individual or PTA constituent organization to recognize an individual.

Donations: May be given by PTAs or by individuals in tribute to a person, a group or in memoriam. The donation may be made in any amount. An acknowledgment card or certificate, as requested, will be sent when a donation of \$10.00 or more is made. Anyone or any group may donate to the HSA program fund; the fund is not limited to contributions by PTAs.

WHAT TO DO AT YOUR UNIT

- Create a committee to nominate recipients for the awards and explain why they are nominated.
- The nominees being considered should be recognized for outstanding service to children and youth and not necessarily for routine, assigned responsibilities or for retirement.
- It is recommended that you avoid establishing a pattern such as always presenting an award to the outgoing president or retiring faculty members.
- Remember to consider those who work behind the scenes, quietly and efficiently serving youth.
- Please email names to Lily Aseo at lilyaseo@hotmail.com. Deadline to submit names are February 3, 2010. Remember to indicate what award they are receiving and what unit you are representing. All recipients should be invited to and will be honored at Fremont Council PTA Founders Day Reception to be held at the end of February (final date undetermined as of yet).
- Contact Lily Aseo via email: lilyaseo@hotmail.com to get a list of past recipients if you don't have that information.
- Set a date to recognize your awardees.
- Assign a photographer to capture special moments, special guests, and the mood of the event.
- Arrange for all guests to be greeted as they arrive.
- Order awards and pins from California State PTA office in Sacramento. Use the printed order forms found in the *California State PTA Toolkit* or online at capta.org; look under Programs>Awards>Honorary Service to find the .pdf of the form. Make checks payable to California State PTA. Credit card authorizations may be used for both mail and FAX orders.

**Fremont Council PTA
Founders Day
Honorary Service Award Nominations
2009-2010**

Each year Fremont Council PTA gives Honorary Service Awards to someone or a group in the community whose commitment to children in the past year particularly deserves recognition. The person or group's commitment to children does not just have to be in a school. It can also be at a church, scouting organization, or other child oriented functions. This person/group would have gone beyond the norm for working with children. This needs to be someone or a group that is involved in the whole community and not only one school. If the person is involved primarily at your school, then your PTA should consider recognizing that person.

We would like you to think of a person or group that you feel should be considered as an honoree at this year's Fremont Council PTA Founders Day Reception. Please fill out this form and return it no later than February 3, 2010 to Lily Aseo, 5487 Buchanan Pl., Fremont, CA. 94538.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call:

Lily Aseo at lilyaseo@hotmail.com or 510-673-0855.

The announcement of the honorees will be made at the Reception.

Please include your name, phone number and email address (at the bottom) so if we have any questions about your nominee we can contact you.

I nominate _____ for the following
Honorary Service Award (circle one):

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| Very Special
Person Award | Honorary
Service Award | Continuing
Service Award | Golden
Oak Award |
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Comments: (tell us about your nominee)

Your Name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____ Your PTA Council affiliation: _____



SUCCESSFUL EVENTS AT OUR UNITS:

Centerville Junior High PTSA had a Reflections program for the first time in a while. There were 11 entries. We thought that was pretty good for the first time.

Also, we partnered with Huntington Learning Center to provide a Parent Ed Night about Homework. It was offered to both parents and students. About 20 parents and students attended.
Francine Loudon, Centerville Junior High

At American we had CHP Officer Christina Tagle come to present the program Start Smart. She discussed Teen Driver safety with teens and their parents. There were 22 in attendance. We heard about real life accidents and saw footage from them as well. She also went over the rules of the provisional license and the do's and don'ts of driving safety. We are hoping to reach out to more students in the near future.

Lori Naylor, American High School

The third annual Gomes PTA Walkathon was held successfully on Friday, November 6, to a record participation from the students. The students, teachers, and parents walked, jogged, and ran to achieve a record number of 7,696 laps together, which is more than last year's aggregate! The event was a collective effort from the huge number of parent volunteers who worked diligently on the day of the event from the early hours to the end of the school day.

The Family Bingo Night successfully achieved the goal of bringing the community of Gomes parents and kids together. Gomes Hall was decorated with festive lights, balloons, and snowflakes. The evening was attended by about 300 people including parents, children, and student volunteers. Four different emcees conducted the bingo games and made it lively and entertaining for all. Kids and their parents enthusiastically played bingo for two hours, and there was a lot of excitement and not to forget many prize winners.

Multiple tables were set up for kids to do different holiday arts and crafts with the help of volunteers. In the back, there were several tables set up with delicious holiday cookies/treats, brownies, cupcakes, fruits, chocolates, and candies. Volunteers were also serving hot apple cider, hot cocoa, Starbucks coffee, and tea.

The event was successful on a number of levels: it brought the Gomes community together; the event was free to PTA members (small entry fee for non-members) and created value for a PTA membership; we recruited 9 new members that evening; we partnered with a high school organization, Mission High School Key Club, who provided the bulk of the volunteer help that night so that many of our parent volunteers could enjoy the evening with their families partnered with local businesses who provided prizes for the bingo winners.

Note: this was not a fundraising event (participants did not have to pay to play bingo)

Fremont Council PTA presents Parenting: Personality and Family Dynamics

A 2-part series guaranteed to improve family understanding and interaction

Have you ever wondered how your personality is affecting your parenting? (And it does!) Do you have two very different parenting styles in your home, adding to the difficulties? Now throw in the kids, with their own unique personalities and you've got lots of opportunities for misunderstandings and stress. This class will help you understand what's going on in your family relationships and offer ideas and strategies for making things significantly better. Over the course of 2 nights, we'll be exploring nine different personality profiles and how each one might be impacting parenting. You'll learn a lot about yourself and other family members, and you'll come away with a greater appreciation for your own strengths and challenges. It's fun! It's informative! And feel free to invite your teens to come along with you.

Instructor: Elaine Culverwell, a marriage and family therapist, has over 20 years of experience working with the kids and parents of Fremont. She is a former teacher in the Fremont Unified School District and now teaches parenting classes for Fremont's Youth and Family Services. She works with individuals, couples and families in her private therapy practice.

This may be the best thing you do for your family all year.

Part I (Introduction and first 5 personality profiles)

Date: January 14, 2010 Location: American High School New Cafeteria
(located on the Fremont Blvd. side of the school)
Time: 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

Part II (Last 4 personality profiles and additional parenting tips)

Date: January 21, 2010 Location: Irvington High School Cafeteria
(located off the back parking lot of the school)
Time: 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

We are collecting donations for SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) in Fremont. We are asking for donations of dry goods (pastas, quick rice, hamburger helper, rice a roni, etc.) or, canned food. They are also in need of socks and diapers all sizes.

For information and RSVP please contact Lori Naylor at lorinaylor@gmail.com
Fremont Council PTA Outreach Chairman



ARDENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

Traffic Calming measures coming on Deep Creek!

The City Engineering crew is out there now surveying the various traffic calming measures that will be in place on Deep Creek next year. The include:

- a raised "Crossing table",
- a center median
- corner curb bulb-outs

These will slow traffic on Deep Creek, making it safer to cross at Emilia and MacBeth. We are very excited. Thanks to all the folks at Ardenwood for their work on this.

Remembrance Held

Candles were lighted again on December 26th at Macbeth and Deep Creek in memory of Keith Wilson, the American High student struck and killed by a motorist there two years ago.

TRAFFIC SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S JOB

Parents are reminded to talk with their students about being responsible pedestrians- especially secondary students whose schools are on major streets. PLEASE use crosswalks for crossing these streets. Mid-street crossing is dangerous. Motorists have no obligation to be watching for students darting across a street mid-block. Being late for a class is better than being on a gurney in an Emergency Room!

Thanks to Meryl Shatzman, Kim Martin and Jenny Mitchell for their help completing the Survey Reports! These will continue to help in addressing pedestrian safety concerns at our schools.

Legislation BY HIU NG, LEGISLATION CHAIRMAN

California's economy continues to be under pressure and the state budget cut process also continues. FUSD expects more state funding cuts this school year and next.

Our School Board and FUSD management team have started the process of planning for next school year's budget and cuts. Currently, the need to reduce spending is estimated to be at \$8.7 million, but this amount may or may not be enough depending on future cuts. Our school district is currently deficit spending at this level.

The areas identified for budget reduction for next school year as reported during the 12-09-09 School Board meeting - not in priority order - are:

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| 1% Board Reserve | Elementary Transportation Reduction |
| Routine Restricted Maintenance Account (PRMA) | Elementary Prep teachers Reduction |
| Adult School Reductions | Reduction in Stipends District-wide |
| Operations and Grounds Reductions | Pay Cut District-wide |
| Custodial Reductions | District Office |
| Secondary Class Size Reduction Elimination | Early Retirement Incentive |
| Grade K-3 Class Size to 24-1 | Other Areas for Consideration |

District staff is expected to bring to the Board saving estimates for these areas and our School Board is expected to continue the discussions. The Board sees the budget challenge as a multi-year problem. More information and news would be provided when they are available.

Fremont Council PTA Calendar 2009 – 2010

Council Meetings are held at the F.U.S.D. offices on Technology Drive in the staff room on the second floor at **7:00 PM** the *second Monday* of each month unless otherwise noted.

Jan. 11, 2010 7:00 PM	Council PTA Meeting FUSD 2 nd floor	<i>Due: 2nd Unit Update Report (aka: Quarter Historian Report) (Oct through Dec 2009)</i>
Jan. 16, 2010 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM	Peralta District PTA Training Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) Building 313 W. Winton Ave Hayward, CA	
Feb. 8, 2010 7:00 PM	Council PTA Meeting FUSD 2 nd floor	
Mar. 8, 2010 7:00 PM	Council PTA Meeting FUSD 2 nd floor	<i>Due: Two copies of: (if not already submitted)</i> ○ <u>Mid-year Audit</u>
Apr. 12, 2010 7:00 PM	Council PTA Meeting FUSD 2 nd floor	<i>Due: 3rd Unit Update Report (aka: Quarter Historian Report) (Jan -projected through June 2010)</i>
April 29th - May 2nd, 2010	Ca State PTA Convention Sacramento Convention Center	
May. 10, 2010 7:00 PM	Council PTA Meeting FUSD 2 nd floor	
Jun. 14, 2010 7:00 PM	Council PTA Meeting FUSD 2 nd floor	

SEPTA *"Because parents of children of special needs, have special needs themselves"*



Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: FUSD Board Room,
4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA

Audience: All are welcome (open to the public)

SEPTA Executive Board meeting follows each meeting: all are welcome

2010 Meetings: (may be subject to unannounced changes)

Jan. 25 “Autism & Insurance”

Feb. 22 “Youth & Education Law Project”- Prof. Bill Koski, Stanford Law School

Mar. 29 “Taking Back Your Power- Managing IEP Meetings”-

Eileen Crumm, Family Resource Network

Apr. 26 “Behavioral Assessments”- DREDF

May 24 & June 28 meetings - To be determined

Fremont Council PTA

Unit Update Report

Reports due in November, January and April

Please bring to the council meeting or mail to:

Fremont Council PTA 4210 Technology Drive Fremont, CA 94538

Unit Name: _____ **For the period of:** _____

Person Filling out Report: _____ **Position:** _____

Number of Members: _____ **Number of Volunteer hours for this period:** _____

Activity Report: Please use additional sheets of paper if necessary. If you are downloading this report from the web site, answers can be inserted into the Word document.

Please tell us what your PTA/PTSA Unit has done at the beginning of the year. Include items such as Maze Day, Back to School Night, Registration, Make a Difference Day, Walk to School Day, Red Ribbon Week, etc. Have you organized a Reflections program?

What kind of outreach is your PTA doing to involve and expand your membership? Has your recruitment of new Board members been successful? Have you had any difficulty in filling elected or appointed positions? Have your officers taken advantage of appropriate training opportunities from State, District, and Council PTA?

How is your unit encouraging more attendance at PTA/PTSA and school functions? Do you feel you work well with the school staff? Do you feel improvements can be made?

What projects does your PTA/PTSA have planned this year? Include items like: School Improvement, Parent Education, Health and Safety, etc. Have you applied for any grants?

What fundraisers has your PTA/PTSA planned? What are the goals for the money raised? How has that money been budgeted for PTA/school needs? Do the treasurer's reports lend to an understanding of the fundraising/spending process?

What efforts has your PTA/PTSA made to get membership involved in legislative activity? Do you have an Email loop for legislation and other alerts from PTA?

Have your forms to the IRS been completed in a timely manner? All units, no matter what their income, now file informational tax returns.

Is there anything that Council can assist you with this year?

Please discuss any other topic that is pertinent to your unit. Thank you!