

Eastshore Elementary School

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Dear Eastshore Families,

And... we're off... on a new year at Eastshore... if you are returning, welcome back and if you are just starting out... a big welcome to the Eastshore family!

My name is Kelley Tomlinson. I am the current PTA President. This is my second year in this position and my ninth year as a parent at Eastshore. Our family has been thrilled with the educational experience our children have had at Eastshore and in Irvine.

Given the current budget issues, there is definitely cause to be concerned about where things are headed regarding education in California. The way that this affects **our** school and **our** children **can** be influenced by all of us and our willingness to give to the school in whatever way we are able. This might be financially, through volunteerism or participating in legislative action on behalf of California's children.

I encourage you to get involved in your children's educational experience at Eastshore in whatever way best fits your interests/personality and your work/life situation. No effort is too small to go unappreciated. It truly is a case of, "every little bit helps."

Please click on the "PTA" link on the school website to keep up-to-date with the activities and news relating to our efforts at Eastshore. If you have any ideas or questions which you would like to speak with me personally about, please don't hesitate to contact me at eastshoreptaprez@yahoo.com.

Please find attached, our 2011-2012 calendar and a form which lists the **volunteer opportunities** we have for this year. *Please return that form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.*

I look forward to meeting you and introducing you to the PTA Board and Chairs at our **first PTA meeting on September 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in the MPR. We will also be approving our budget for the year at this meeting. ***This is your chance to have a say in how our funds are used at our school!***

Enjoy this year with your children.

Sincerely,

Kelley Tomlinson
Eastshore PTA President 2011-2012

*I am only one, but still...I am one;
I cannot do everything but still...I can do something,
I will not refuse to do the something I can do.
-Helen Keller-*