



## Support Your Springbrook PTA ... Join Today!

The Springbrook PTA welcomes you to the 2009-2010 school year! We have a full and exciting year planned for our students and families, including educational enrichment like art and music classes, special events like the Family Picnic, important fundraisers like the Jogathon, and much more.

Today we invite you to become a Springbrook PTA member, which shows your support for educational excellence at our school. If you are unsure about PTA membership, here are answers to a few questions you may have:

### Who joins the PTA and why?

Membership is open to everyone, including parents, grandparents, teachers, staff, and neighbors. The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help the entire school and join millions of other parents who care about public education.

### Where does my membership money go?

A portion of your dues goes to National PTA programs that unite parents, teachers, and the community for the common good of schoolchildren. The majority of the dues stay at Springbrook to directly support programs from which your child will benefit.

### If I join, am I required to attend meetings?

No. We encourage you to get involved at Springbrook in any way you can, but attendance at meetings is not required. PTA meetings are generally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning of each month and *everyone* is welcome.

### Will I be required to volunteer for events?

No. Again, we would love to see you participate, but no one will pressure you to join any committees, etc ... . Your membership, however, helps to continue all of the great educational programs that the Springbrook PTA sponsors.

So please show your support by joining today! If you have any questions about PTA membership, please contact Vickie Franklin at (949) 559-5950 or [nfdelianedis@yahoo.com](mailto:nfdelianedis@yahoo.com).

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To join your Springbrook PTA, please return this completed form along with your check made out to "Springbrook PTA" in your student's conduit by Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. An envelope has been provided for your convenience.

Membership dues are \$10 per member

1<sup>st</sup> member name \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> member name \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> member phone \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> member phone \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> member e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> member e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Providing your e-mail address will allow you to receive e-mails about PTA meetings, events, and projects. If you do not wish to receive emails, please leave blank.

# 6 great ways the PTA helped Springbrook last year!

By participating in the Pledge Drive, the Jogathon, and the grocery card program, you helped the Springbrook PTA make our school a great place for kids to learn and grow.

## 1. Staffing

The PTA paid for a part-time computer teacher who works with all grades in our computer lab. This teacher develops and leads lessons that coordinate with classroom curriculum.

Springbrook kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders received music instruction from a music teacher funded by PTA.

We are fortunate to have 5 full days of health clerk staffing at Springbrook, one of which is paid for by the PTA.

## 2. Books, supplies and equipment

A big chunk of the PTA budget goes toward equipment and supplies used by students in the classrooms, the library, the multipurpose room, the computer lab, and on the playground. Last year's purchases are too numerous to list but they included:

- 8 new computers
- Art materials
- Books for the library and classrooms
- PE equipment
- Replacement shade umbrellas

Each teacher received a \$15 per student budget to spend on the classroom materials of their choice. Last year the PTA was able to pay for two things that parents have paid for in the past: student subscriptions (such as the Weekly Reader) and the student planners used by grades 3-6.

## 3. School spirit and community

The PTA also organizes many things that promote school spirit and bring our community closer together. Families were able to:

- Connect using the School Directory
- Show their spirit by wearing Springbrook t-shirts
- Enjoy memories of a great year with the Yearbook
- Purchase gift items featuring student artwork

## 4. Instructional programs

Last year the PTA provided...

- The opportunity for students to express their artistic talents in the Reflections Art Context
- A historical play from South Coast Repertory Theatre
- The bus transportation costs for the 6th grade Outdoor Education camp
- The opportunity for upper-graders to participate in the afterschool Club Green

## 5. Special events for fun & education

The PTA also provided special events that are fun and educational for our school community. Last year our students and families:

- Mixed and mingled at the Family Picnic
- Learned about India during Cultural Week
- Displayed their talents at the Talent Show
- Purchased gifts at the Holiday Boutique

The 5th grade girls and their moms learned about puberty at the Mother-Daughter Party and the 6th grade boys and their dads did the same at Guy Stuff Night.

## 6. Teacher/staff appreciation

The PTA honored our dedicated teachers by treating them to lunch during Teacher Appreciation Week and buying a table at the Teacher of the Year Dinner.

The PTA helped honor our wonderful classified staff by paying for a lunch during Staff Appreciation Week.

*September 2009*

**Thank you for supporting the Springbrook PTA fundraisers...  
we look forward to your participation this year!**