

Dear Westpark Parents:

Welcome to the 2009/2010 school year! Attached you will find PTA's Calendar of Events which will prove to be great fun for all involved. Westpark PTA relies on its parent volunteers to put on these programs in partnership with the school staff. THAT MEANS WE NEED YOUR HELP both financially and as volunteers!! Whether you are a working parent or stay at home parent, there are ways you can help the children of Westpark succeed by donating your time and experience. Unfortunately, the state of the economy continues to impact our school and it is up to us as parents to step up and help however we can. This year more than ever, we will need your financial support in terms of pledges, as well as your physical presence at school to help our teachers and staff.

Our Pledge drive was well received last year so we are going to continue the tradition, rather than burdening parents and students with cookie dough and gift wrap sales requests. As we did last year, we plan to keep the "fun" fundraisers such as bingo night, jog-a-thon, book fairs, silent auction and holiday gift boutique. These events are not money makers, they are for fun and are meant to encourage opportunities for you to hang out with your kids and their friends.

In order to keep the wonderful programs offered at Westpark, we need your pledges. Because everyone is feeling strapped the PTA has not increased the amount of the pledge request and instead is keeping the requested amount the same as it was last year : \$100 per child, \$75 for each additional child. If you cannot pledge this amount please pledge as much as you can – remember your child will ultimately benefit from whatever you can pledge!

BENEFITS OF PLEDGES:

- 100% of funds go to Westpark
- Donations are tax deductible
- No more selling products to family and friends

WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

- Weekly PE education
- Health clerk 2 days per week
- Educational assemblies
- Mother-daughter tea and guy stuff night
- DARE/Red Ribbon week
- Reflections national art/writing contest
- Bingo Nights
- Talent show and school play
- Math field day
- Music teacher for grades 1 and 2
- Legislative action
- Library books and materials

Remember: \$100 per child translates to only 60 cents per day. "Just 60 cents a day" directly impacts your child's education.

Please fill out the information on the following pages and submit it along with your check in the envelope provided. Please print neatly and clearly.
Checks should be made payable to Westpark PTA.

Please note-PTA membership fees are separate from the Pledge drive, Westpark PTA must account for PTA memberships to the Irvine Unified PTA and California PTA separately and cannot use membership fees for school programs. You will note this small contribution as a separate line item. Thank you.

Please note your child's name on the memo line of your check.

All pledges are tax deductible and our tax ID number is 33-0479508.

Please also take the time to look over events scheduled for Westpark and figure which ones you would like to donate your time to. If a chairperson is not listed and you're interested, please let us know.

Thank you all so much! I look forward to seeing you at school and working with you to help our children succeed.

Warm regards,
Shireen Rogers
PTA President
westparkpres@yahoo.com

PLEDGE SIGN UP & PTA MEMBERSHIP

PTA Membership	\$10 per member x ___ persons	\$ _____
Pledge/Donation	\$ ___ per student	\$ _____

PLEASE WRITE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND PLEDGE

Checks should be made out to WESTPARK PTA
Please put your child/children's names in the memo field

Student Information (please print)			
Last Name	First Name	Grade	Teacher
Address			
Phone (home)			
(cell)			
Email			
Parents Names			