

# Vintage Hills Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) 2009 - 2010 Information Handbook



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# Vintage Hills Elementary School '09-'10 Parent Teacher Association

## What is the Vintage Hills Parent Teacher Association (PTA)?

The Vintage Hills PTA is a non-profit, volunteer organization established to benefit students at Vintage Hills Elementary School. Any parent or faculty member at Vintage Hills can join the PTA by filling out the membership form and paying the membership fee. The goal of the PTA is to bring the staff and parents together to improve and enhance our children's school experience. We are able to achieve this goal by:

- Volunteering our time for school events and projects
- Hosting school functions
- Fostering communication between parents, staff and the district
- Fundraising to help meet unfunded school needs

## How do I join the PTA?

A membership form is on our web site [www.vintagehillspta.org](http://www.vintagehillspta.org). The cost is \$18.00 for an individual membership and \$5.00 for any additional members. Just fill out the form and turn it in at registration or to the school office by September 26th. You can still join after September 26<sup>th</sup>, but you will not be included in the school directory. All families are encouraged to join the PTA at walk-through Registration on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Why join the PTA?

Money raised through membership dues helps keep the PTA running. Money collected by the PTA is used to fund Technology development and our Technology Specialist, a Specialist to help our teachers with students and other needs, enrichment programs to enhance the education of our children, our Library and MANY, MANY more programs. Also, when you join the PTA you will get a copy of the student directory. Joining the PTA gives you a voice and a vote at each monthly General PTA meeting.

## When and where are the PTA meetings, and why attend?

As a member of the Vintage Hills PTA, you are encouraged to attend PTA meetings, express your opinions and cast your vote on PTA issues. The PTA meetings in 2009-2010 will be held quarterly, with advance notice going out in the FYI. We will have speakers as well as discuss business at each meeting. This is a great opportunity to get more involved in your child's school and share ideas! We also decide how to spend the money we raise, what programs to support and how to increase communication between parents and staff. Meeting minutes can be obtained by contacting the PTA Secretary.

## **Why does the PTA raise money?**

Unfortunately, California schools are not fully funded to cover all the programs, supplies and activities that enrich our children's educational experience. This is particularly true this coming school year where our state budget has had a big impact on all school funding within California.. Now more than ever, the PTA endeavors to "fill the gap" by raising funds in the variety of ways listed below:

### **One-Time Cash Donation Program**

Want to see 100% of your donation go to work immediately, with minimal effort? Then this program is for you. A donation envelope is included in this packet for your convenience. Also included are details of where your money will be allocated. Should you choose to make a donation that is right for your family, please make your check payable to "Vintage Hills PTA" and bring it with you to walk-through Registration on August 18th.

### **Fall Innsbrook Fundraiser**

If you like to help by buying products, we have a Fall Gift Wrap fundraiser at the beginning of each school year. Vintage Hills receives nearly 50% of the profit from this traditional fundraiser. If you choose to participate, take the form to your workplace, ask your friends, relatives and neighbors, and by all means, buy some items for yourself! Items can even be purchased on-line!

### **Vintage Hills Golf Day**

Anyone for golf! This year Vintage Hills will host a Golf Tournament on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Poppy Ridge. Invite friends and enjoy a wonderful day of golf and food while contributing to the PTAs fund raising efforts.

### **Spring Fundraiser**

In the spring of 2010, Vintage Hills will hold a large-scale fundraiser. Last year our Monte Carlo event raised over \$20,000 for Vintage Hills, with gaming, auctions, food and fun. This year's plans are to be determined, so please watch for details.

### **Grocery Store Rebate Programs (Escrow- Orange form)**

Did you know that Vintage Hills PTA could potentially earn over \$50,000 to benefit our student's education simply by registering your family (relatives and neighbors too) in free grocery store rebate programs? Our major supermarkets, Safeway and Raleys, donate 2-4% of your quarterly grocery spending back to Vintage Hills. Please sign up using the enclosed form and be sure to use the appropriate card each time you shop. Last year, VH parents raised over \$9,500 through these rebates. Our goal for this year is to exceed \$10,000! Please help by bringing your completed form (that's the bright yellow one) to walk-through registration on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Box Tops for Education**

The Box Tops for Education program allows you to earn cash for Vintage Hills every time you buy groceries. All you have to do is save Box Top coupons from hundreds of General Mills products that you use every day. Turn these in to the Vintage Hills school office where there will be a collection box or send them to class with your child where there will be an additional collection "box". General Mills sends VH 10 cents for each Box Top coupon redeemed. Encourage your neighbors and relatives to save them for you...our annual goal each year from this program is \$1,000.00...every little bit helps!

## **Campbell's Labels for Education**

The Campbell's Labels for Education is new to Vintage Hills and just Box Tops for Education it allows you to earn points for Vintage Hills every time you buy groceries. All you have to do is save the Labels or caps from Campbell's products that you use every day. Please see a list of the type of products that apply to this program. Turn these labels or caps in to the Vintage Hills school office where there will be a collection box or send them to class with your child where there will be an additional collection "box". Campbell's converts these points for merchandise. Encourage your neighbors and relatives to save them for you... every little bit helps!

## **What does the PTA fund?**

The PTA raised almost \$100,000 during the 2008/2009 school year. These funds were used to benefit the school in the following ways:

- Student Directory - The PTA publishes the student directory based on PTA membership. This book is used by students and parents to make connections within our school community. Invaluable!
- Classroom Support -The PTA gives each teacher at Vintage Hills \$38.00 per student each year. The teachers use this fund at their discretion to purchase curriculum materials, classroom supplies, class books, etc. Discretionary funding is also given to the Principal and all specialists including, Science, Music, PE, Reading, Speech.
- Academic Programs - The PTA helps support academic programs with both volunteers and funding such as: Enrichment Clusters, educational assemblies, grade level field trips, K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade art instruction, and the district-wide Science Fair.
- Library - All proceeds from the PTA sponsored Book Fairs go directly to the Vintage Hills library to buy new books and other materials to support school curriculum. Money is set aside from our budget to add more to the library above and beyond this amount.
- Hospitality - The PTA provides special lunches for our hardworking teachers and staff during the holidays and Teacher Appreciation Week. We also host many fun events throughout the year helping to create a school community.
- Technology - In 2008, the PTA put \$10,000 into a fund that was spent on technology at Vintage Hills. In addition, the PTA will once again

contribute to extending the on-site technology teacher's hours to better prepare our students for the future.

- Disaster Preparedness - The PTA is responsible for purchasing and storing all disaster supplies so that Vintage Hills is prepared at all times in case of emergency.
- Educational Departments and Programs - The PTA responds to special requests from teachers, departments, and/or programs to fund specific requests for materials or equipment.

**Please join the PTA today - with your help  
We can do so much!**