



**When you join the PTA, the
child that benefits most..
is your own!**

September 16, 2010

Dear Brookhaven Parents,

The Brookhaven Elementary PTA welcomes all new and returning families to the 2010-2011 school year! The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was created in 1897 and continues to be the only organization whose one goal is to support children. As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, PTA reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child. When government budgets get tight and our leaders look to education for needed cuts, PTA represents our children to ensure that their rights are not overlooked.

Brookhaven's 2010-2011 school theme, "Power of the Paw: Extreme Learning in Extreme Times" is a testament to the power of advocacy and action in these challenging times. Additional information regarding the National PTA is available at www.nationalpta.org. For specific information on the historical lawsuit filed to compel the state of California to develop and implement a new finance system consistent with the Constitutional requirements visit www.fixschoolfinance.org.

Locally, Brookhaven PTA provides our students with many programs, services and events to enrich the excellent education they receive in our classrooms. **While your membership fee does not pay for this enrichment**, it creates the infrastructure to provide them. **Our strength is in our membership numbers** on all levels - national, state and local.

Membership:

- **Individual PTA Membership \$8**
- **Jr. PTA Membership \$5- for a Brookhaven Student**

Teachers, moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and older siblings – anyone who cares about kids can join the PTA. Every member makes the organization stronger!

By joining the PTA, you are NOT committing to volunteer activities. However, without volunteers the PTA cannot provide the programs typically made available to Brookhaven students. If you would like to volunteer and further support our student programs and services contact Pam De Jong at 714-609-1161.

Our Membership Drive is not a fundraiser at Brookhaven:

\$4.00 of each membership fee is passed on to the State and National PTA to pay for:

- * Your California PTA Membership
- * Your National PTA Membership

\$4.00 of each Individual Membership (\$1.00 of each Junior Membership) stays at Brookhaven to pay for:

- * Brookhaven PTA's annual insurance premium
- * Brookhaven PTA Website
- * Printing, mailing, and incentives for this membership drive and other fundraising campaigns.

Please review the information provided here and on the backside of this flyer explaining the PTA drive and the fun competitions we have planned for our student's success in returning their envelopes and memberships. Let's make it a family affair - Every PTA membership strengthens our ability to advocate for our children

Thank you,
Jodi Executive Vice President and Membership Chair
Pam PTA President of Brookhaven



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