PTA GENERAL MEETING
JUNTA GENERAL DE LA PTA

May 22, 2021
PTA REPORT

REPORTE DE LA PTA

Mrs. Veronica Bailon, PTA President
Mrs. Maria Arias, PTA Vice President
Mrs. Lizbeth Garcia, PTA Treasurer
Teacher and Staff Appreciation

Appreciation Gifts will be brought to the school next week and placed in their mailboxes for retrieval next time they come to the school.

Each gift includes:
Treasurer’s Report / Reporte de la Tesorería

- Memberships (104) = $1,560
- Box Tops for Education = $22
- Donations
  - Parent & Teacher = $110.00
  - Additional Donation = $204.20
  - Other = $100.50
Treasurer’s Report / Reporte de la Tesorería

CASH BALANCE = $1,082.11
Thank you to everyone who bought a membership this year to support the PTA!
Membership

LAST NAME A-E

- Henghy Aln
- Maria Alcantar-Wiedemeier
- Aynalem Ambaye
- Luz Janet Andrade
- Maria Aria
- Veronica Bailon
- Rosa Barranco
- Dorotea Bautista
- Guadalupe Bejarano
- Diana Bermudez
- Victoria Betancourt
- Mauricio Betancourt
- Abayneh D. Biratu
- Gebeyehu Bogale

- Enedina Anaya Bolaños
- Jacqueline Azize-Brewer
- Teodora Bustos Ocampo
- Sarai Campos
- Carmen Chavez
- Martin Chiroy
- Minerva Magaly Cornejo
- Yesica Covarrubias
- Kim P. Dang
- Angel Diaz
- Andy Diep
- Eyob Dutrie
- Aron Eklibaselase
- Jose Estrada
Membership

LAST NAME F-P
• Areli Flores
• Daniela Garcia
• Julia Garcia
• Lizbeth Garcia
• Azeb G. Gebregzabher
• Beatriz Godoy
• Veronica Gomez
• Adan Gonzalez
• Ana Gonzalez
• Jen Gonzalez
• Matilow Guyilen
• Yordamos Halie
• Maria Leonor Hernandez
• Heidy Higareda
• Hai Le
• Kibrom Haile
• Lesley Heinemann
• Ruth Kaplan
• Alem Kidane
• Bichok L. Kier
• Chuc Le
• Felipe Martinez
• Norma Morataya
• Elizabeth Najera
• Lorenzo Lerma N
• Hang Nguyen
• Phuong Nguyen
• Lynn Nguyen
• Nohemi Olivares
• Francisco Ornelas
• Francisco Peña
• Martha Peña
• Rosa Perez
• Irma Ponce
• Brian Ponce
Membership

LAST NAME R-S
- Abel Ramirez Carmona
- Maricela Ramirez
- Mayra A. Ramirez
- Maria Rendon
- Maritza Reynoso
- Ana Rodriguez
- Renato Rodriguez
- Xochitl E. Rodriguez
- Jose Romo
- Michelle Sanchez
- Pepe Santiago
- Elfinesh Sebside
- Wubet Selassie
- Rashmi Shrestha
- Sudan Shrestha
- Lemlem Shifrawu
- Francine Sotelo
Membership

LAST NAME T-Y

- Paul Ta
- Julia Tapia
- Askalu Tewelde
- Cleotilde Torres
- Olga Torres Jimenez
- Tinh Truong
- Thanh-Mai Thi Tuong
- Griselda Vargas
- Vanessa Vazquez
- Leticia Vazquez Valdez
- Brenda Velazquez
- Juliana Villanueva
- Kim Vo
- Maria Hernandez/ S L Wampler, J M Nesam
- Mekasha Woldesilassie
- Vanhann Yiv
Executive Board Elections
Results for Academic Year 2021-2022
President: Isabel Yanez
Vice President: Maria Arias
Secretary: Cecilia Palos
Historian: Zee Girma
Auditor: Zee Girma
Treasurer: Lizbeth Garcia
6th Grade Rep: Lizbeth Garcia
7th Grade Rep: Eloisa Hernandez
7th Grade Rep: Ana Gonzalez
8th Grade Rep: Lizbeth Garcia
8th Grade Rep: Vanhann Yiv
9th Grade Rep: Maria Yanez
9th Grade Rep: Naeema Hagar
10th Grade Rep: Maria Xochitl Rendon
11th Grade Rep: Maria Arias
11th Grade Rep: Askalu Tewelde
12 Grade Rep: Ana Gonzalez
12 Grade Rep: Lourdes Garcia Chepe
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
REPORTE DEL DIRECTOR
Dr. Matthew Steitz
PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANUNCIOS PARA PADRES
Textbook Return/Devolución de Libros

• All textbooks, all technology and all library materials will be returned to Preuss June 14th & 16th thru 19th. Link to schedule is [here](#). Parents with multiple students at Preuss may choose which assigned day is best to bring all students at once.

• Damaged/broken materials will be fined, but payment can be delayed until next school year. Students can volunteer in the library next school year to satisfy their fine. Senior fines must be satisfied now in order to receive their diploma. Seniors will have an opportunity to volunteer during the textbook return event to satisfy their fines.

• Every student will receive an email in June. The email will list all materials currently checked out and what fines to pay. Any questions or concerns please email [librarians@preuss.ucsd.edu](mailto:librarians@preuss.ucsd.edu)
New Changes

Every year of Peñas brings new changes to both students and faculty. The biggest change this year was the book mobile. The book mobile allows for students to pick up textbooks and other goodies, once a month, without having to drive all the way up to Peñas. Another exciting thing this year was that laptops were donated to the school for students to be able to do their school work remotely. In the end, we hope to be on campus in the following years and take a look at all the new construction that has been going on this year while students were away.

Playwrights Project

The Fight for a Dream

By Andy Gomez Hernandez

As part of their eighth grade English class activity last year, current freshmen wrote original plays and entered them in the Playwrights Project Young Playwrights Contest. This year, eight freshmen were named finalists/seminfinalists among 243 contestants. Andy Gomez Hernandez entered her play, "The Fight for a Dream," and won first place in the 14 and under category. In December, her play was performed live by professional actors at the Young Playwrights Festival.

A Notable "Bee"

Aron Eklundhassel, 5th Annual San Diego Countywide Spelling Bee Runner Up

Every year, a school-wide spelling bee is held at Peñas. The winner will head off to the countywide spelling bee in which he made it to the tenth round and is now the county runner-up. Aron has gone further than any Peñas student ever has in the Countywide Spelling Bee. This is an amazing accomplishment, which will not be forgotten in years to come.

Quarantine Pets

During a horrific outbreak, our mental health has been challenged. Many students have said that their pet has been a great help during this stressful time. During times of stress, pets provide an overwhelming amount of emotional support. Many students have emphasized the amount of support their pet has provided them through trials. During this pandemic, being outside is a great issue and many students are stuck at home. Playing with their pet has provided comfort for both the students and pets. Obtaining sunlight is a crucial part of staying healthy and walking their pet has provided them with that. We have asked the students to discuss what their favorite activity with their pet was, and this was their response.

Awards

Young Presales (11)

Carla
Cortez
runner up (3)

Wendy
Marina
Gonzalez (9)

Astrid
Alvarado
(9)

Sarah
Davis
(9)

Lara
Noriega
(11)

Enrique
Angeles
Gonzalez (9)

Seth
Nayar
(9)

Luis
Espinosa
(9)

Ethan
Baker
(9)

Allison
Arias
(11)

Lennon
Gonzalez
(11)

Nancy
De La Vega
(10)
The 2020-2021 yearbook tells the story of a unique and unforeseen year. Filled with mask selfies and book mobile trips, this year's book is definitely one you want to take home with you.

Buy yours today at yearbookforever.com for 40 dollars or at textbook drop offs, cap and gown pick ups, or at graduation!

Yearbookforever.com
Scholars Senior Project:

Helping Hands in the Kitchen
What is Food Insecurity?
According to Feeding American, “The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.” (What is Food Insecurity?)

How can we help?
- Set up a community garden
- Support Black-operated food justice initiatives
- Contact representatives
- Organize a food drive

Where can we donate/what should we donate?
- Local food banks & community fridges
  - dried foods
  - canned foods
  - canned vegetables
  - pasta/rice
  - bread
  - potatoes
  - peanut butter

Food Banks!

San Diego Food Bank
9850 Distribution Ave, San Diego, CA 92121
(858) 527-1419

Feeding San Diego
9477 Wapelis St Ste 100, San Diego, CA 92121
(858) 452-3663

Food Distribution Center - San Diego Hunger Coalition
4305 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92105
(619) 501-7917

Food Distribution Center - Hand Up Youth Food Pantry
8804 Balboa Ave, San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 637-3088

Food Distribution Center - San Diego Rescue Mission
120 Elm St, San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 819-1861

Food Distribution Center - Centre City Family Services
730 F St, San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 699-2217
SEA
2020-2021
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

June 5

Zoom link:
https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/98567143458
Parent Appreciation Event

Today after the
PTA General Meeting
Scholar Spotlight
SAVE THE DATE
RESERVE ESTA FECHA

Last PTA Executive Board Meeting of the 2020-2021 Academic Year:

Tuesday, June 1st at 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting