



Cornell PTA
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Dear Cornell Parents,

For the past 2 months, the Cornell PTA has successfully sponsored several events at the school, including our Annual Back-to-School Meet and Greet, the Parents' Coffee, our Ice Cream Social, the Silly Olympics, and the Westbrae Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser. And there are so many more to come! PTA-sponsored events function either as fundraisers or as community-building opportunities for kids and parents. With California's budget cuts in recent years, our school, and others in our district, have had to reduce some programs and expenses. The Cornell PTA works closely with our Principal, parents, and teachers to fill these financial gaps to ensure the educational quality that our children deserve.

Here is a list of some programs that the Cornell PTA has recently funded, using the approximately \$90k each year that our events and your PTA memberships raise and sponsor:

- 4th Grade Field Trips
- Grade Level Grants
- Parent Education Programs
- Front Office Supplies
- Side Wall Garden
- Yard Shade Structure
- 5th Grade Graduation
- Reading Programs
- Staff Appreciation Events
- Scholastic Newsletter
- Laminator
- Cornell Crew Improvements
- Walkthrough American Revolution
- Music and Poetry Programs
- Classroom Support
- Memorial Wall
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The Cornell PTA also organizes various activities, which are designed to provide opportunities for Cornell kids to socialize and have fun with friends, and for parents to get to know one another and work together as volunteers, including our International Potluck, the Winter Craft Faire, and the Cornell's Got Talent Show!

If you have already joined the Cornell PTA, thank you for your contribution; if you haven't joined yet, now is the perfect time, and you are warmly invited to do so. The Cornell PTA is full of kind, generous, and devoted parents and teachers. Come be part of an organization that takes pride in building a better Cornell School and community. If you have any questions regarding the Cornell PTA, feel free to contact any of the Board members listed below, or please visit our website at: cornellpta.org. Please also find the attached membership form, which you can return to the front office, or feel free to join online. Thank you for your dedication and support!

Sincerely,

The Cornell PTA Board

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