

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLENDALE COUNCIL PTA PRESIDENT

Greetings and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable summer. I have tried hard to keep my promise of leaving you all to your respective summers and free of PTA obligations, until now. I know many of you have already met and begun work. It is time for us all.

Thank you to all who have elected me to this position 2016 and have continued to allow me to serve and represent you and our 26,000 GUSD students in my continued role as Glendale Council PTA President. It is both an honor and a privilege I take very seriously. My heartfelt gratitude to all of you who have graciously dedicated yourselves to serving on my Executive Board and/or as President at one of our units. I believe that we are at the cusp of opportunity for Glendale Council PTA to provide a much needed voice to the discussion regarding the state of education today. Each of you have stepped into a role of leadership and responsibility, a role that asks us to work together for a common cause. We each have unique talents, strengths, and skills to share. When we link our individual strengths together, we are unstoppable. Each of us is an essential piece needed to ensure that all of the children of Glendale, La Crescenta,, Montrose, and beyond are represented both locally and in Sacramento, and are part of the equation on a national level. I liken myself to that famous character from Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. No, not Charlie, I'm not that nice. More like Veruca Salt: I want it all. I want every school in Glendale that has a PTA to have a strong PTA. I want membership at every school to be not just 100 percent, but 200 percent. I want those PTA's that are struggling to be able to count on the PTA's that are succeeding for advice and mentoring. I want all of us to cheer one another's success, and help each other pick up and keep going when there has been a misstep. I want there to be busloads of PTA representatives at the Capital on CAPTA Legislative Day speaking for our children. See, I want it all. However, I don't want to end up like Veruca Salt did in the book, being tossed aside with the bad nuts. So to avoid that circumstance, I will work closely with the new boards that have been assembled by you at your sites to keep us all in balance and focused. I will do my very best to be attend your site events and will encourage my colleagues on the Council Executive Board to do the same. I hope to continue to work with GUSD Administration to increase our visibility and promote stronger parent engagement, which is not only a state priority but a critical piece in student success. I also look forward to partnering with all of you in the year ahead as we do our very best to adhere to the motto of the PTA, everychild.onevoice. Thank you for being part of this journey, for I can't imagine us without you.

In your service, I remain.

Neda Farhoumand
President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. Superintendent's Breakfast: Superintendent Roberson requests the company of our PTA leaders for breakfast from 9:00AM - 10:00AM Thursday, August 17th in the GUSD Board Room. . Please RSVP to me by Sunday evening. (8/13/17)
2. President's Meeting : Thursday August 17th, following the Superintendent's Breakfast in the GUSD Board Room. 10:00AM-11:00AM (Abbreviated Meet and Greet Meeting)
3. Executive Board Meeting: Thursday August 17th, following Presidents Meeting in GUSD Board Room 11:00-12:00 (Abbreviated Meeting)
4. First District PTA Association Meeting August 28th 9:30-12:00pm PTA Presidents and Reflections Chairs encouraged to attend! Covina Valley Field Building, 220 West Puente St. Covina 91722
5. Glendale Educational Foundation 13th Annual State of the Schools Breakfast Thursday October 5th, 7-8:30AM Edison Elementary School (Pacific Center) Tickets are \$35. per person. Please RSVP your name, site, and number of tickets to Neda Farhoumand by September 15th.
6. 2017-2018 Calendar Attached and posted to the Glendale Council PTA website. Note: LCAP and LCAP Parent Advisory Committee meeting dates have been added for your convenience. It is expected that all PTA units send representation to these important district meetings. Also, note that the November meeting falls on a student free day (elementary only). It will be our Thanksgiving Potluck. There are also a few inconsistencies due to board room access and district events. I apologize for any inconvenience.
7. Glendale Council PTA Office has moved from Room 103 to Room 107. Please note this change when dropping off or sending in packets via inter-office mail. The contact phone numbers remain the same.