



## **PTA Membership and Direct Donation**

### **Join the Santa Rita PTA and help build a strong Santa Rita Community!**

**What is the Santa Rita PTA?** The PTA is a parent-teacher organization that provides volunteer and financial support for programs to extend the curriculum provided by the Los Altos School District. We greatly value the participation of all Santa Rita families in the PTA leadership, planning committees and general membership.

**Our goals for 2013-2014 school year include:**

- **Strengthen the Santa Rita community through**
  - Community-wide events such as Bobcat Chase, Witches' Delight, International Day, and others
  - Engagement of student, staff and families in the Project Cornerstone program
  - Community outreach, including meetings, social events, family nights
  - Improved communication between all segments of the community
- **Work to support the success of all Santa Rita students by**
  - Ensuring access to needed supplies and technology
  - Providing parent education events
- **Support the continual improvement of the classroom experience through**
  - Financial support for teacher technology training
  - Purchase of additional technology for classrooms
- **Provide monetary support for additional educational programs, materials, and supplies, as well as campus improvements**

**Why join the PTA?**

- **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening at your child's school.
- **Discover Great Resources.** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- **Tap into a Network.** PTA functions provide opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, build rapport and discuss parenting issues that are on your mind.
- **Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with the Santa Rita PTA, you gain valuable experiences and personal
- **Confidence.** It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause. And, the Santa Rita PTA needs your help. Many of the Santa Rita programs and activities your child participates in depend on parent volunteers.
- **Speak Up.** Because PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions and more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Help Your Child Succeed.** PTA fosters parent involvement. Parent involvement has been proven by three decades of research to be the greatest predictor of student success.
- **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping to make positive changes. The Santa Rita PTA plays an important role in fundraising to provide curriculum-based programs, social events, and building and grounds improvements – all vital to Santa Rita's success.
- **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- **Receive the School Directory.** PTA members receive a free Santa Rita School Directory

**What does a PTA membership cost?** Annual PTA memberships cost \$15 per person. Families can purchase additional memberships and/or directories for an additional \$15 each. Complimentary memberships are available upon request. If you need a complimentary membership, please inquire at the Santa Rita School office.

**What are the PTA financial goals for 2013-14?** The PTA needs to raise a total of about \$248,000 this year, from various fundraisers. Over 75% of funds raised go directly to class room support.

- **Raise \$80,000 in direct and indirect donations to the PTA and have 100% participation from all of our families at Santa Rita**
  - We kindly ask families to give \$250 per child or as much as you are able.
- **Raise \$130,000 in revenues from community events and programs, including the Bobcat Chase, Witches' Delight Carnival and Auction, and Spell-a-thon.**
  - Please make plans to participate in all of our community events.

**What if I want to write a single check for all of the fundraisers?** We often have the request can I just write one check? It would be approximately, \$450 per child, for our three major fundraisers: Direct Donation, Witches Delight Carnival and Auction, and Spell-a-thon.

Please complete this form and return it to the office with a check for the appropriate amount made out to Santa Rita PTA. (Or register online at <http://fs6.formsite.com/santarita/Back-to-School>) Complimentary memberships are available upon request. If you need a complimentary membership, enter "Comp" in the payment column.

1 <sup>st</sup> Member@\$15.00	Name:	\$
2 <sup>nd</sup> Member@\$15.00	Name:	\$
Extra Directories	# _____ x \$15 per extra directory	\$
<b>Total for PTA Membership</b>		
<b>Direct Donation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$	
	<b>Total for Direct Donation</b>	\$
<b>Total Donation to PTA</b>		\$

Your direct donation is tax deductible (Fed ID# **94-6174402**). Please check with your employer for donation matching programs - Thank you for supporting Santa Rita PTA.