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DON'T MISS OUR THIRD DISTANCE-LEARNING "LISTENING SESSION"

Due to the great success of our last two events (on May 28 and June 17), California State PTA has added one more interactive online listening session, where parents and guardians can discuss distance learning and the challenges of parenting during the pandemic. President-Elect Carol Green will be joined by several other PTA leaders who will lead a discussion about Family Engagement - Supporting Families and Schools During Challenging Times.

Join us - we want to hear from you what is working, and what you find most difficult. We'll share resources and best practices, network, and learn from each other. There is no cost to participate.

Here are the session details:

**When:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**How to Join:** Click the following Zoom meeting link, or paste it into your computer’s web browser: https://zoom.us/j/92340656043?pwd=RzJ4M29xMGRSSUFKTTJieVJuajduUT09

- **Meeting ID:** 923 4065 6043
- **Password:** 2igLMu

You can also join by telephone. Click the following link to find a local dial-in number: https://zoom.us/u/a7tUeJ92n

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STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION MEETING RECAP

We're glad to report that our first-ever online Statewide Association Meeting last week included timely information, meaningful debate, great guests and lively interaction. PTA members participated in the business of the association, including taking part in hearings, amending and adopting resolutions, celebrating Reflections artists, and listening to important reports.

Thank you to those of you who attended for venturing into the brave new world of virtual meetings with us, and for spending your evening(s) with us during this challenging time. We appreciate your commitment to deciding how California State PTA will advocate for children and families for years to come.

Visit the Statewide Association Meeting page of the California State PTA website to find out which resolutions were adopted, to see amendments to the resolutions and Legislation Platform, to view photos of our members Zoom-ing from their home offices, and to watch recordings of the speakers: the remarks by Ben Chida, Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary for the Office of the Governor, and the inspiring Q&A between Celia Jaffe, California State PTA’s president, and Guy Myers, 2020 California Teacher of the Year.

REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM AWARDS

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2019-2020 Reflections Art Program! This year's theme, Look Within, was beautifully interpreted by hundreds of talented awardees across the state from kindergarten to 12th grade, in the following categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Each awardee was recognized during a presentation at last week's online Statewide Association Meeting.

You can now see and hear their works online on the California State PTA website! Click here to visit the main Reflections page, where you will find links to the Outstanding Interpretation awards, the Awards of Excellence, and the Award of Merit.

On our website you'll also find a link to the Reflections Art Program Awards & 2020 PTA Awards and Recognitions booklet (you can also see it by clicking the image below). We created this special publication to recognize Reflections Art Program awardees, legacy PTA units, new units, and scholarship and grant awardees who are normally mentioned in the convention program book, which was not published this year due to convention being cancelled.
And lastly, stay tuned for entry materials for the 2020-2021 Reflections Art Program, whose theme is "I Matter Because..." We will be putting them on our website later this month, or you can check with your unit, council or district leadership for more information.

**FIGHTING RACIAL INJUSTICE**

Over the last month, millions of people across America and the world have taken to the streets to demand justice, fair treatment and equality for people of color, and greater institutional accountability in matters of law enforcement, education and employment.

California State PTA denounces racial injustice, violence, and the recurring brutal mistreatment of African Americans in our nation. We stand in solidarity with the friends and family of George Floyd in demanding change.

As parents and caregivers, we do everything in our power to protect our children from harm, but the reality of continuing discrimination and injustice makes that impossible for many of our children and families of color. This cannot continue.

California State PTA joins our community, education, and equity partners in seeking concrete actions to address the pattern of institutional discrimination and violence against black people. California State PTA commits to examine our own practices and structures to work towards eliminating implicit bias, racism and inequities. We call on our thousands of local PTAs throughout California to bring to life the principles of inclusion, equity, and diversity. PTA strives to create communities that provide safety, opportunity, and a nurturing environment for all children and families.

**Resources for parents and students:**

- **Virtual Student Support Circle:** Hosted by the California Department of Education, this webinar will allow middle school and high school age students from across the state to talk about how they are processing the unrest surrounding the death of George Floyd, and discuss practical solutions to institutional racism and implicit bias in public schools. **Date:** Thursday, June 18 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to join.

- Common Sense Media hosted a great conversation titled **Helping Kids Process Violence, Trauma, and Race in a World of Nonstop News.** [Click here](#) to watch.

- Last week CNN and Sesame Street co-hosted a town hall called **Standing Up to Racism.** [Click here](#) to watch.
TOTEM E-MEMBERSHIP PRE-REGISTRATION IS STILL AVAILABLE

Electronic membership pre-registration through TOTEM is available until the end of June! Send new members this join link to give them a head start on getting enrolled for next year.

**Please note:** Pre-registration is only available for **NEW** members – those who are currently active will receive an email from TOTEM on or shortly after July 1 asking them to renew their membership.

If your PTA isn’t registered yet in the TOTEM e-membership system, register now. It’s free! You can set up an account quickly and easily by clicking here. Contact emembership@capta.org if you have questions.

COMING SOON: VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Summer is the perfect time for PTA leaders to hone their leadership skills in preparation for the coming school year! That's why we're offering a "virtual" summer leadership academy to help get you up to speed on what you need to know to more effectively run your PTA.

This training will happen in July and August and will include sessions on topics such as:

- Finance, budgeting, taxes, compliance and audits
- Membership recruitment, retention and marketing
- Distance learning and advocacy for different student learning styles
- Legislative advocacy
- Effective fund raising
- Family engagement

Later this month we will provide details on the dates, time and cost for the virtual leadership academy via email, social media and on our website.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE RESOURCE LIBRARY THIS MONTH? WATER!!

This month's featured resources are all about H2O! Here's a preview of what you'll find:

- **Monterey Bay Aquarium:** Classroom lessons, activities to do at home, and great videos - including live-cam action of animals in various onsite exhibits.
- **Project WET:** Classroom-ready teaching aids and programs from the Water Education Foundation, which promotes awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources.
- **The California Department of Water Services:** A variety of resources for K-12 teachers and other educators to encourage water education and conservation.
- **Aquarium of the Pacific:** AOP's new online academy includes both on-demand videos and activities for all ages, and a schedule of interactive live programs with Aquarium educators.

If you've never used the Resource Library before, why not give it a try? It's chock full of at-home learning activities, videos and documents that support the Next Generation Science Standards – and a whole lot more!
And it's easy to use – the search function can help you quickly find what you need by keyword, category, topic, audience type, grade level, and language. Click here to browse.

TAKE ACTION!

Stay Connected During the Outbreak

CETF can help families affected by COVID-19 find low-cost or free internet and computer solutions.

LEARN MORE

Reflections Items Available in PTA Online Store

Celebrate the winners of the 2019-2020 Reflections Art Program with a badge or ribbon, or get a poster or yard sign for the 2020-2021 program.

SHOP NOW

Student Leadership Academy Deadline Extended

The deadline for students to apply to join Ed100's online summer leadership academy has been extended to July 6!

READ MORE

This email is being sent to all PTA members and leaders, as well as to all California principals and superintendents.