

# RESOURCES

California State PTA knows that communication is one of the most important tools in a Unit, Council, or District's toolbox, and when done well, improves every aspect of your and your members' PTA experience. Every month we will be sharing with you sample social media posts, images, and ideas that you can easily use on your PTA social media accounts.



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## Social Media (SM) Vocabulary

- Analytics - reports and raw data of your SM activity
- Audience - who you're talking to on SM - i.e., parents, members, etc.
- Benchmark - a multiplier or numbered aspirational goal for SM activity
- Channel - an individual method of communicating - i.e., website, FB
- Content Calendar - planning tool for communicators
- FB - abbreviation for Facebook
- Follow - when a SM user chooses to have content sent to them
- Hashtags - words or phrases, presided by the # sign that are searchable
- IG - abbreviation for Instagram
- Like - when a SM user indicates approval or positivity to a specific post
- Native - built into the SM app (vs. a third party application or website)
- Retweets - sharing someone else's tweet
- Share - sharing someone else's FB post or IG post
- Scheduler - allows you to schedule posts in the future. Type 1) native (FB and Twitter) 2) 3rd party options (include IG & other channels).
- Stories - short video clips or slides on IG and FB (usually at the top of the app, presented as a separate option from posts)
- Tweets - posts on Twitter - under 280 characters (including spaces!)

# Communication Resources in the California State PTA

## Online ToolKit

Communicating Strategically: [https://bit.ly/CAPTA\\_Strategic\\_Comms](https://bit.ly/CAPTA_Strategic_Comms)  
(includes advertising, sponsorships and copyright):

Communicating with Confidence – PTA Publications: [https://bit.ly/CAPTA\\_Publications](https://bit.ly/CAPTA_Publications)

Social Media Guidelines for PTAs in California: [https://bit.ly/CAPTA\\_SM\\_PTAs](https://bit.ly/CAPTA_SM_PTAs)

Social Media Guidelines for PTA Leaders and Members in California: [https://bit.ly/CAPTA\\_SM\\_Leaders](https://bit.ly/CAPTA_SM_Leaders)

Brief Statements on Current Issues: [https://bit.ly/CAPTA\\_Issues](https://bit.ly/CAPTA_Issues)

## Branding Resources from California State PTA & National PTA

California PTA Visual Identity and PTA Logos:  
[https://bit.ly/CAPTA\\_Visual\\_ID\\_Logos](https://bit.ly/CAPTA_Visual_ID_Logos)

National PTA Branding & Web Guidelines:  
<https://bit.ly/NationalPTABranding>

National PTA Visual Identity Guide, Quick Reference

[https://bit.ly/NationalPTA\\_Branding\\_Logos\\_QuickRef](https://bit.ly/NationalPTA_Branding_Logos_QuickRef)

## Tools to Make Social Media Easier:

- Canva - limited free -graphic creator w/ templates
- Adobe Spark - limited free - graphics creator w/ templates
- Emojipedia - free - emojis by platform type
- Grammarly - free - grammar and spelling checker
- Tweetdeck - free - native scheduler for Twitter accts
- Hootsuite - limited free - schedule and manage SM posts
- MailChimp - limited free - email/newsletter
- Eventbrite - limited free - event registration
- Google Forms - free - surveys, registrations, collect info
- SurveyMonkey - limited free - simple surveys
- GroupMe - free - group texting for iPhone and Android

### Resources

### Download Folder:



### Social Media & PTA Advocacy

GREEN	YELLOW	RED
Sources you can retweet or share immediately.	Sources you should consider/research before retweeting or sharing.	Sources you should never retweet or share from a PTA owned/named account.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National PTA</li><li>• California State PTA</li><li>• Your District PTA</li><li>• Your Council PTA</li><li>• Your County Office of Education</li><li>• Your School District</li><li>• Your School</li><li>• Your PTAs events</li><li>• Ed100</li><li>• Items pre-approved for distribution</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Other State PTAs</li><li>• EdSource</li><li>• California Department of Education</li><li>• State elected officials: Governor, Assembly Members and Senators</li><li>• Federal elected officials: President, Members of Congress, Senators</li><li>• Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO)</li><li>• Allied Agencies</li><li>• Other PTA officers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political Parties</li><li>• Support for a political candidate</li><li>• Federal legislative positions or national issues that differ from the National PTA position</li><li>• State legislative or ballot positions that differ from the California State PTA position</li><li>• Local ballot, tax or bond positions that differ from your PTA council or district position, OR those you haven't voted to support</li><li>• Anything that is mean spirited, accusatory, or not true</li></ul>
Go for it!	Think*Research*Ask	Not from a PTA account

National PTA and/or California State PTA positions can be found on the following websites:  
<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/position-statements>  
<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/resolutions>  
<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/current-legislation>

Elections and candidates have their own section in the California State PTA online Toolkit:  
<http://toolkit.capta.org/advocacy/election-campaigns>

Quick responses are important for social media; so this guide can help you feel comfortable re-tweeting, sharing and posting on social media. Some pre-planning can also help with quick responses. BUT always remember, if in doubt leave it out. This is offered as a guide it is not an all inclusive list.

**Be respectful | Be honest | Be discreet | Be responsible**

Everyone needs this document for content CREATION!

