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Thirty-Third District PTA, California State PTA

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**Martha Deutsch, President  
Cindy Wermers, Editor**

## President's Message

I begin this message with a huge thank you and a sad farewell to Tish Carney, past Torrance Council President. Tish submitted her resignation as Financial Secretary this year due to the loss of her dear mother. Her leadership, financial wisdom and superb organizational skills will be missed. Thank you for your many years of dedication to our children and youth.

Thank you to all of the Units that participated in the Reflections program. Many of our talented students have moved on to compete at the District level and quite possibly at the State level, good luck! Thank you to all the Reflections Chairmen and Caren Dutton for undertaking this huge endeavor and congratulations to all of our talented participants, we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Thirty-Third District Mid-Winter Conference. The speaker, Professor Elizabeth Brewer from Loyola Marymount University candidly addressed "Cyber bullying". The statistics she reported are staggering. Did you know that 58% of kids have not told their parents or an adult about something mean or hurtful that happened to them online. 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful to another person online. 4 in 10 say it has happened to them more than once. "Cyber bullying" occurs when aggressors use personal communication technologies such as computers, cell phones, websites, email, instant messaging, and blogging to assault their victims.

Resources to learn more about "cyber bullying" are as follows: <http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/>, [www.safeyouth.org](http://www.safeyouth.org), [www.isafe.org](http://www.isafe.org), <http://www.stopbullyingnow.com/>, and [www.cyberbullying.us](http://www.cyberbullying.us).

Thank you to Kelly Gottlieb for organizing and hosting the training workshops and brainstorming sessions at Hickory and thank you to all the trainers and participants that attended. The training seminars included elections, historian report, audits, financial annual report and scholarships. The brainstorming session topics included HSA awards, teacher appreciation, installations, bike rodeo, Blue Ribbon and e-blast ideas.

Thank you to Cindy Shields and her team for organizing the College Fair. Also, thank you to Sandee Asato and North High School for hosting the event. It was great to see our high school counselors and college representatives from around the country fill the gym while our students and parents listened intently to advice and collected valuable information to plan for their higher education.

In conclusion, thank you to Melissa Wright and the "Backpack" committee for starting to plan and organize the back-to-school supply assistance program with the TUSD administration. Thanks to Torrance Council and all the Units for the \$3100 contribution that was collected, we will be able to provide the school district with school supplies and backpacks. Each school site Administrator will confidentially identify student candidates for these resources.

Martha Deutsch

***"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."***

***~Winston Churchill***



## Upcoming Dates:

### MARCH:

- 14 President's Roundtable
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 20-22 Sacramento Safari
- 25 Torrance Ed Foundation Dinner
- 30 Council Brd of Director Meeting
- 31 Board of Education Quarterly  
Construction Update

### APRIL:

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 4-8 Spring Break
- 11 President's Roundtable
- 11 Board of Education Meeting
- 13 Torrance Council Meeting
- 15 Tax Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Bike Rodeo
- 27 Admin Professionals Day
- 27 Council Brd of Director Meeting



**Torrance Elementary  
Kindergarten Class at  
Wilson Park on  
100th Day of School**



**Fern Elementary's  
Adoption by  
Health Care Partners**



**Yukon Elementary's  
Adoption by  
Lucky Strike Bowl**

**Next Meeting of the Board  
of Education**

March 21, 2011  
7:30pm

Location: TUSD Board Rm  
Educational Materials Bldg  
(EMB), 2nd floor  
2336 Plaza del Amo  
Torrance, Ca 90501

For more information, contact  
Tammy Khan  
[tkhan@tusd.org](mailto:tkhan@tusd.org)

To subscribed to the  
TUSD Online Newsletter,  
go to  
<http://www.tusd.org>

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

Once again West High won the L.A. County Academic Decathlon for the third year in a row. Winning six out of the last seven years, this year's three-peat was a sweet victory for the students. In addition, North, Torrance, and South also took top honors in the competition. South High students also experienced much success as they participated in the L.A. County Science Olympiad and came in the top ten in their respective contests. I am so proud of our students, who consistently demonstrate unparalleled academic achievements and exemplify the highest educational standards.

It is ironic, that while our students continue to be successful, the State, rather than protect their educational funding, continues to thrash it, reducing it to the bare bones. The Governor and Legislature are still debating on whether or not they will call a special June election to extend certain taxes and fees. Having already reduced our budget by \$50 million, the State could cut our funding by another \$14.3 million over the next three years if those ballot measures fail. Torrance has two new State representatives, Assembly member Betsy Butler and Senator Ted Lieu, I urge parents and community members to contact them and voice their concerns over any additional cuts to education. We must protect the educational futures of our students.

On a positive note, our Measures Y and Z projects are successfully moving forward. Torrance schools had not been modernized in over forty years and now, in just a few months, we will see the opening of the first brand new school in decades.

We have continued to excel in tough times. This mantra rings true everyday in our classrooms, with every student success story. We are fortunate to have devoted teachers, hard working classified employees, and committed administrative staff educating our students. Thank you for daily contributions and dedication!

*Dr. George Mannon*



## **Arnold Elementary's Adoption by First Financial Credit Union**

## SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

### Torrance Education Foundation Presents the South Bay Enrichment Academy Summer School Program



South  
Bay  
Enrichment  
Academy

Registration Begins April 1, 2011

#### High School

*Classes at North and West High Schools  
Begin June 21*

#### Middle School

*Classes at Richardson and Casimir  
Begin June 27*

#### Elementary

*Classes at Arnold and Arlington  
Begin June 27*

Summer School Classes Offered for Enrichment and Credit Recovery

Visit our Website at [tefsbea.org](http://tefsbea.org) or call (310) 320-7232 for more information

## ROSTER OF OFFICERS—2011/2012

Please join me in welcoming our newly elected Torrance Council of PTAs board of directors.

<b><u>President:</u></b>	Martha Deutsch
<b><u>1st VP Leadership Services:</u></b>	Cindy Shields
<b><u>2nd VP Organization &amp; Programs:</u></b>	Caren Dutton
<b><u>3rd VP Education:</u></b>	Nicki Gerdes
<b><u>4th VP Community Services:</u></b>	Katie Saavedra
<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> VP Health:</u></b>	Amy Paris
<b><u>6<sup>th</sup> VP Hospitality:</u></b>	Sumi Arnheim
<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> VP Communications:</u></b>	Camilla Seferian
<b><u>Recording Secretary:</u></b>	Michelle VanLerberghe
<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	Debbie Russell
<b><u>Financial Secretary:</u></b>	Karen Cristy
<b><u>Budget/Finance:</u></b>	Bobbi Lim
<b><u>Auditor:</u></b>	Terry Ragins
<b><u>Historian:</u></b>	Maude Choy

Appointed by the President and have graciously accepted to return,




<b><u>Parliamentarian</u></b>	Keith Musick
<b><u>Corresponding Secretary</u></b>	Adele Kaplan
<b><u>Legislation</u></b>	Kelly Gottlieb

Thank you to Janet Tajji and the nominating committee for all your hard work, time and effort.

## CALIFORNIA STATE PTA CONVENTION



April 28–May 1, 2011  
REGISTRATION—3 WAYS TO REGISTER

 Online <a href="http://www.capta.org">www.capta.org</a> Feb 2–Mar 31, 2011	 Mail to SMART-Reg International February 2–April 15, 2011	 On-Site Visit the Registration Booth April 27–May 1, 2011
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*“Come Spend a Day at the Beach –  
Long Beach”*  
**2011 California State PTA Convention**  
**Join the fun on April 27-May 1, 2011.**

Volunteer at this year’s PTA Convention and your **mileage** and **parking** will be paid by CA State PTA. Attend exhibits, conferences and general meetings **FREE** on the days you volunteer (space permitting). Plus, receive a **special volunteer t-shirt!**

Sign up to volunteer today! Go to [capta.org](http://capta.org)

**The best shifts are available for those who volunteer early**  
Contact your **District Volunteer Coordinator** or complete the online form at <http://www.capta.org>  
and follow the convention volunteer links.

**District Volunteer Coordinators:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> District – Sandy Brown – [sandraleebrown@earthlink.net](mailto:sandraleebrown@earthlink.net);
- 12<sup>th</sup> District – Mary Benton – [bentonbits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bentonbits@sbcglobal.net);
- 33<sup>rd</sup> District – Linda Haines – [craigandlinda2@hotmail.com](mailto:craigandlinda2@hotmail.com)

# CALIFORNIA STATE PTA CONVENTION VOLUNTEER FORM



## Volunteer at the 112<sup>th</sup> California State PTA Convention April 27 - May 1, 2011 in Long Beach

Volunteer and join the fun! 1<sup>st</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 33<sup>rd</sup> are joining together to host the California State PTA Convention this year! Volunteers are entitled to admission to the general meetings, exhibits and workshops (space permitting) on the days they volunteer for, at least 1 three or four hour shift. Volunteers from the host districts will be reimbursed for mileage and parking. Student volunteers must be at least 12 years old and must be accompanied by their parent or a guardian.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Most volunteer positions require standing and lifting. Do you have any physical limitations (stairs, lifting, standing, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you speak Spanish and could you do interpretation? \_\_\_\_\_

Please look at the schedule below and check the boxes of the times you are available in the area in which you want to volunteer. You may volunteer in more than one area and for more than one shift. We will make every effort to assign you to the area of your choice; however, it may be necessary to assign you as needed.

	Wednesday, April 27	Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29	Saturday, April 30	Sunday, May 1
<b>General meetings</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:45-7:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:15-7:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:45-10:45am <input type="checkbox"/> 2:45-7:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:45am-1:00pm	
<b>PTA Store</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:45-8pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30-11:30am <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00am-2:00pm <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30pm-4:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00-11:00am <input type="checkbox"/> 10:30am-1:30pm <input type="checkbox"/> 1:00-3:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:15am-1:30pm <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30pm-3:45pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00am-11:00am
<b>Registration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am-12:00pm (Stuffing Tote Bags) <input type="checkbox"/> 4:00-8:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 7am-10:30am <input type="checkbox"/> 10:30am-1:30pm <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30- 4:30pm <input type="checkbox"/> 4:00pm-6:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00am-10:00am <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00am-1:00pm <input type="checkbox"/> 1:00-4:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00-10:00am <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00am-1:00pm <input type="checkbox"/> 1:00pm-4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00-10:00am <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00am-1:00pm <input type="checkbox"/> 1:00pm-4:00pm
<b>Workshops</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:45am-1:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:45-11:30am	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:45am-12:45pm & 1:45-3:45pm		
<b>Place me where Needed</b>	Hours I can volunteer: (ie: 9-noon)	Hours I can volunteer:	Hours I can volunteer	Hours I can volunteer	Hours I can volunteer

Contact your District Volunteer Coordinator or complete this form online at <http://www.capta.org> and follow the registration links or fax this sheet to 714-808-1280

**District Volunteer Coordinators:** 1<sup>st</sup> District – Sandy Brown – [sandraleebrown@earthlink.net](mailto:sandraleebrown@earthlink.net);

12<sup>th</sup> District – Mary Benton – [bentonbits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bentonbits@sbcglobal.net);

33<sup>rd</sup> District – Linda Haines – [craigandlinda2@hotmail.com](mailto:craigandlinda2@hotmail.com)

**Volunteers under 18 years of age** must obtain Parent/Guardian Approval and Consent for Treatment Form from their district PTA or at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) AND must bring signed form to the Volunteer Room at convention.

**Local Convention Committee Chairman: Maureen Christensen** – [conventionvolunteers@capta.org](mailto:conventionvolunteers@capta.org)

California State PTA: 2327 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816-5014 (916)440-1985 FAX (916)440-1986 [info@capta.org](mailto:info@capta.org)

## **TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

March 5, 2011

Subject: City of Torrance Disaster Expo 2012

Dear Prospective Participant:

The City of Torrance has begun its pre-planning stage for our 2012 Disaster Preparedness Expo. This event has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 9th, 2012 at City's City Yard. This Expo will be in correlation with the City of Torrance Centennial Celebration. It is anticipated that several thousand community members from across the South Bay will be in attendance.

The Expo will provide an excellent opportunity for the business and nonprofit community to inform the public about their services and products. For our residents, the Expo will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about disaster preparedness and to see what is available in the community to help their families become better prepared. As part of this event, the City will have static displays and live demonstrations of its Emergency Services programs.

In preparation for this magnum event we are contacting all previous vendors to verify that we have the correct contact information for your organization. As more details become available for this event, we want to make sure we share them with you.

Please advise if you are still the contact person for your organization. If you are not, kindly provide the name and information of the person we should be sending correspondence to.

Thank you in advance for your interest in helping the City of Torrance provide vital safety information to our community members. If you have questions, or need more information, please feel free to contact me at (310) 618-6392 or e-mail me at laceves@TorranceCA.gov.

Sincerely,

Services Officer Luz Aceves  
Torrance Police



## TORRANCE RELAY FOR LIFE



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate.

Remember.

Fight Back.

Relay For Life is a life changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people to...

**Celebrate** the lives of those who have battled cancer

**Remember** loved ones lost to the disease

**Fight Back** against a disease that takes too much.



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Hey Y'all! Torrance's 9th Annual **Relay For Life** is just around the corner! "**Hometown Relay**" will be **May 14-15, 2011** at **South High School** again! 'Relays' are world-wide community events where teams take to the track for 24 hours because, "Cancer never sleeps." They are American Cancer Society's top fundraisers. At **Relay For Life** we **CELEBRATE** cancer survivors and their caregivers, **REMEMBER** those who lost their battle, and **FIGHT BACK** through education and donations used for research! There will be live entertainment, food/craft booths, special activities for kids... and *so much more!* For more information, please go to their website [www.relayforlife.org/Torranceca](http://www.relayforlife.org/Torranceca). You may also contact Cindy Shields, TRFL Entertainment Coordinator, at [lafngirl@verizon.net](mailto:lafngirl@verizon.net). If you or someone you know has been touched by cancer, this event is for you. Please join us ... you'll be so happy you did!

## DESPITE BUDGET CUTS...COLLEGE FAIR GOES ON!

This year's College Fair at North High School was a particular success~considering that many schools weren't able to participate due to budget cuts! Despite that, six new schools came on board and we came very close to having the same number of schools represented. *And* we were still able to offer the same helpful workshops parents and students have come to expect.

Also on hand to lend their help and support were Counselors from all four high schools, Torrance Education Foundation (TEF), Torrance Council of PTAs, Dr. George Mannon (TUSD Superintendent), Mrs. Terry Ragins (school board member), Dee Hardison (former Mayor), and Mrs. Martha Deutsch (President, Torrance Council of PTAs.)

657 attended (including 46 middle schoolers!)with the majority being 11th Graders (315.) A few of the parents I spoke with mentioned how grateful they were to not only get information and inspiration from the school reps they spoke with, but also the wealth of information regarding financial aid/options, how to better prepare for college interviews/essays, and tutoring resources to help increase SAT scores.

College Fair is sponsored by TUSD and Torrance Council of PTAs. Extra special thanks to its Chair, Kim Lee (teacher extraordinaire at Calle Mayor Middle School) and to her team of high school reps: Roseanne Villalobos (North), Cindy Shields (South), Camilla Seferian (Torrance), and Sara Berman (West.) Special shout-out to all the North High Student volunteers (lead by our incredible host, Roseanne!) for their invaluable help setting up and the day of the event, and to all the parent volunteers~ we are grateful! Here's to bright futures and endless possibilities for all our kids! :)

*Cindy Shields, 3rd VP of Education*

## AUDITOR WORDS OF WISDOM

IT IS AUDIT TIME.....IT IS TIME TO GET GOING ON SECOND MID-YEAR AUDITs COVERING JANUARY 1 THRU FEBRUARY 28, 2011. WHEN YOU SUBMIT YOUR AUDIT, AFTER ASSOCIATION APPROVAL OF COURSE, PLEASE SUBMIT **BOTH** THE AUDIT CHECKLIST AND THE AUDIT REPORT...**BOTH FORMS ARE INCLUDED HERE. BOTH FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE AUDITOR DURING THE AUDIT PROCESS. BOTH FORMS ARE NECESSARY, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED, IN ORDER FOR YOUR AUDIT TO BE CONSIDERED TO BE COMPLETE.**

Thanks in advance for your time and attention to this important financial recordkeeping requirement. PLEASE SUBMIT BOTH FORMS WHEN YOU SUBMIT YOUR AUDIT TO TORRANCE COUNCIL.

Terry Ragins, Auditor, Torrance Council of PTAs

## LET VOTERS DECIDE!

Public education in California continues to be threatened.

Despite more than \$18 billion in cuts in recent years, a further reduction of at least \$2 billion (or \$350 per student) will occur unless the Legislature takes action soon.

March 1 is the deadline for lawmakers to place a ballot measure before California voters to extend current tax rates.

**Your legislators need to hear from you right now!**

California State PTA supports a balanced approach to solving the state's \$26 billion budget deficit. This approach includes additional revenues to protect against even deeper cuts to education and children's services. The Governor has proposed putting an extension of certain current tax rates for five years on a special election ballot. This proposal will provide voters with a direct opportunity to help stabilize the budget and protect education and other essential programs from further cuts.

**The first step is to persuade two-thirds of legislators in both the Senate and the Assembly to vote to place this measure on the ballot for a special election in June.**

***Contact your legislators TODAY to urge them to place this measure on the ballot.***



## NEW REQUIREMENTS FROM 33rd DISTRICT

**ATTENTION ALL UNIT PRESIDENTS!**

Please note the following Financial Records Request:  
New request from Thirty-third District PTA

**Current requirement:** All Units need to turn in #1.) a copy of their monthly Treasurer's Report to Torrance Council.

**New request/requirement:** IN ADDITION, all units need to please submit #2.) a copy of the minutes of the meeting in which the submitted treasurer's report was presented, considered, and filed for audit.

From this time forward, Please submit both  
#1.) monthly treasurer's report and  
#2.) relevant minutes;  
Please staple together both portions.

THANKS,  
Terry Ragins, Torrance Council of PTAs Auditor

## GOVERNOR BROWN'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

### GOVERNOR BROWN RELEASES SOBERING BUDGET PROPOSAL

**SACRAMENTO** - California State PTA President Jo A.S. Loss released this statement about the budget proposal introduced earlier this week by Gov. Jerry Brown.

*"This is a difficult, sobering budget proposal that reflects the magnitude of our state's budget problem. We appreciate the Governor offering a more straightforward, balanced approach to solve the state's \$25.4 billion deficit - one that does not rely solely on cuts. California State PTA has consistently called for such a balanced approach, which would include revenues to prevent even deeper cuts to the programs and services most important to California's future - our children.*

*"We also appreciate the Governor's efforts to limit further cuts to K-12 education, especially since our students have already endured more than \$18 billion in cuts during the past three years. However, this proposal includes a \$2 billion deferral of K-12 funding that, in conjunction with the looming expiration of one-time federal funds, will further reduce the amount of funding for education. Additionally, even deeper cuts would occur unless voters approve a future ballot measure to extend current temporary taxes.*

*"We must be clear that this budget proposal does not make K-12 education 'whole' from previous cuts. Instead, it would help curb the unprecedented lack of investment in our public education system that has occurred.*

*"At the same time, the Governor's budget also proposes severe cuts to services that are vital to so many parents and families, including higher education, child care, Healthy Families, public libraries, CalWORKs and foster care. We fully recognize there are no 'easy' choices. We understand the need for everyone to make sacrifices in this budget - but we urge the Governor and Legislature to put the long-term needs of children and students first when ultimately weighing the difficult decisions about where to cut. Many of these services have long-term fiscal and social benefits that far outweigh the near-term expenditures.*

*"A strong public education system - kindergarten through college - and stable support programs and services for children and families are essential to California's future prosperity and a thriving economy. We look forward to analyzing the Governor's proposal in greater detail, and engaging in the dialogue to help craft a final budget that puts children first.*

*"PTA leaders from throughout the state overwhelmingly identified the need for adequate school funding as the top priority. We will continue to raise our voice on behalf of the state's more than 9 million children."*

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The California State PTA can help keep you up to date on pressing issues affecting the children and families of California. Be sure to [sign up](#) to receive our e-mail Legislative Alerts. Also, consider attending **The 2011 California State PTA Legislation Conference, Monday, Feb. 7, and Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Sacramento.** You will hear directly from experts about what the state is facing, and you will have a hands-on opportunity to hone your skills as an advocate for the children in your community. For more information and to register for the conference, please click [here](#).



# TORRANCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## Torrance Education Foundation

Annual Dinner & Auction



### Join us as we Celebrate Education



**FRIDAY, March 25, 2011**

Torrance Marriott Hotel

**Please join us at 5:30 p.m.**

for a social hour and opportunity drawings, followed by dinner, scholarship presentations plus silent and live auctions.

Our grand prize drawing is a **2011 Toyota Prius Hybrid**  
*(Donated by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.)*

This year's dinner theme:

**Techno Dreams  
4 Tomorrow's Classrooms**

Proceeds from this dinner will be used to complete the wireless capability at all T.U.S.D. school sites.



You won't want to miss this exciting evening!

Reservations can be made for \$75 per person.  
(\$125 per person after March 11, 2011)

Visit

[www.torranceeducationfoundation.org](http://www.torranceeducationfoundation.org)

or email at

[TorranceEdFoundation@Hotmail.com](mailto:TorranceEdFoundation@Hotmail.com)  
for more information.

*Business Friends* of the Foundation underwrite dinner costs so that tickets sales revenue directly benefit Torrance Unified School District students.

*"The Foundation wants to continue to provide financial support for the students of T.U.S.D. With your participation in this "special evening, we will"!*  
Mary Hoffman - President

**Make checks payable to TEF and mail to:**

Torrance Education Foundation \* PO Box 1397, Torrance, CA 90505  
Phone: 310-972-6418 or FAX: 310-972-6155



**Please Note:** Attendees are required to check in at the event to receive table number assignments. No tickets will be issued prior to the event. Tables of ten are available. Please call for additional information. All proceeds will directly benefit TUSD students.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

Check  
 Visa

MasterCard  
 American Express



Names of those attending:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending @ \$75. \_\_\_\_\_  
\$125 after March 11, 2011

Credit Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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TEF 501 c(3) Tax ID # 33-0506936

**TORRANCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

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EDUCATION  
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"WHERE  
EVERY  
STUDENT  
BENEFITS"

**Seventh Annual Spectacular  
Raffle Drawing**



*TOYOTA PRIUS graciously donated by  
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You Could Win a  
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**Standard Features:**

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- 60/40 split rear seat/Two power outlets (12v)/Steering wheel with audio and HVAC controls/Rear spoiler/Shift-by-wire/Air conditioning with electric A/C compressor

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- Rear intermittent wiper

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(based on availability at time of product order):**

- Options: Solar powered sunroof; Voice-Activated DVD GPS Navigation System; Am/Fm 6-Disc CD Changer With 9 Speakers; Mp3 Playback Capability; Satellite Radio Capability; Phone Capability via Bluetooth; Floor Mats, Cargo Mat & Cargo Net; First Aid Kit; Universal Garage Door Opener; Alarm.

Raffle drawing for **2011 Toyota Prius** will take place at the Torrance Education Foundation "Celebrate Education" dinner to be held March 25, 2011 at the Torrance Marriott.

**WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT**

Proceeds will benefit select Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) student programs. Designate a participating school/group and \$10.00 will be donated to that approved school group.

Ticket order **MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN March 18th**. Fill out this form and return to the school office or mail to: **Torrance Education Foundation P.O. Box 1397 Torrance, CA 90505**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Group/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ number of ticket(s) at \$20.00 each.

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **TEF or Torrance Education Foundation**



Additional information about the raffle or the "Celebrate Education" dinner can be obtained by contacting TEF by telephone at 310-972-6418, by email at [torranceedfoundation@hotmail.com](mailto:torranceedfoundation@hotmail.com) or on the TEF website at [www.torranceeducationfoundation.org](http://www.torranceeducationfoundation.org)

## HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS

Please join us in congratulating and thanking our Honorary Service honorees for all the incredible things they have done for our youth of Torrance.

Continuing Service Award – Karen Cristy  
Honorary Service Award – Mary Hoffman  
Honorary Service Award—Stuart Nimeroff  
Honorary Service Award—Exxon-Mobil



## A PARENT'S GUIDE—to helping your teen get the most out of high school

### *Help organize time and materials*

Just because students are in high school does not guarantee they are all prepared to do high school work, especially long term projects, on their own.

- Help your teen keep an assignment calendar with dates for long-term projects as well as daily homework. Review the calendar at the beginning of the week to plan how time will be used and make allowances for other activities such as sports and clubs.
- Help your teen divide long-term assignments into smaller tasks and develop a timeline for when tasks should be finished in order to have the entire assignment completed on time.
- Make sure there is a place for quiet study away from the television and telephone along with a place to keep school materials, including materials necessary for long-term assignments.

### *Help your child show up at school with a good attitude and ready to learn*

Studies indicate that showing up is important but not sufficient for school success. Physical and mental states are important factors in getting the most from school.

- Keep tabs on school attendance. Check report card attendance reports. If you suspect a problem, immediately call the school. Do not encourage your child to skip school for special trips or activities not related to school such as a family vacation or an outing with friends. That makes school seem less important than having fun.
- Make sure your teen gets plenty of sleep. Recent studies show that teenagers need nine or more hours of sleep nightly and that students earning As and Bs generally are getting to bed earlier than students with lower grades.
- Don't accept the "I'm never gonna use this after high school" excuse for not working hard in a particular class. For example, algebra may not be everybody's favorite subject, but studies show that courses like algebra are critically important in college acceptance decisions and achievement.

- If you have a senior, beware of "senior slump." Recent reports indicate that students may consider the last year of high school a waste of time. However, students who waste their senior year are often unprepared for college-level work even if they took challenging courses during their earlier high school years.

### *Take an interest*

Studies show that parent involvement drops dramatically as students move from elementary school into middle and high school. Yet given the complexities of today's high schools, this is a time when many students are most in need of parental support and involvement.

- You might not understand a subject such as physics or early American literature but you can still listen to your teen talk about what is happening in class. Also listen to what is happening outside of class. Listen to what your teen is trying to say without immediately judging or offering advice.
- Encourage your teen to join a club or sport at school. Outside activities are educational and often increase students' interest in school.
- Help your teens put their concerns or problems into words and encourage them to try and figure out possible solutions or coping strategies.
- Try to find at least one teacher with whom you can communicate regularly for updates or advice on your teen's general well-being in high school.

The ultimate goal is to help students become self-sufficient managers of their time and resources in order to get the most out of high school. They may need your help even if they don't realize it. Help them to develop habits and strategies for greater achievement while encouraging them to take increasing responsibility for their work.

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*Parents will learn about working with their pre-teen children and school staff at this next level of education.*



When: **Wednesday, March 23, 2011**  
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Where: Stephen Foster Elementary Cafeteria  
5223 E. Bigelow Street  
Lakewood 90712

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes materials and refreshments)

*Spanish translation and materials provided.*

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH**

# Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

V G D H V C T Z K Q W P V A R  
X Z L U S I F O S Y O C Q D Q  
Y C E Q B P A N O T B N B R Z  
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CELTIC	DUBLIN	GREEN
IRELAND	IRISH	LEGEND
LEPRECHAUN	LIMERICK	PATRICK
POTOFGOLD	RAINBOW	SAINT
SHAMROCK	SNAKES	



## **FUN FACTS ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

St. Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 because that is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is believed that he died on March 17 in the year 461 AD. It is also a worldwide celebration of Irish culture and history. St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday in Ireland, and a provincial holiday in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The actual color of St. Patrick is blue. Green became associated with St. Patrick's Day during the 19th century. Green, in Irish legends, was worn by fairies and immortals, and also by people to encourage their crops to grow.

St. Patrick did not actually drive snakes out of Ireland; the snakes represent the pagans that he converted to Christianity.

The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland. It was in Boston in 1737.

In Chicago, on St. Patrick's Day, the rivers are dyed green. Mayor Daley is also of Irish descent.

In Seattle, there is a ceremony where a green stripe is painted down the roads.

Most Catholics attend mass in the morning and then attend the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Shamrocks are worn on the lapel on this day.

In Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, people traditionally wear a small bunch of shamrocks on their jackets or caps. Children wear orange, white and green badges, and women and girls wear green ribbons in their hair

Many young people dye their hair green for the special day.

Many people wear green on this holiday to avoid being pinched.

The phrase, "Drowning The Shamrock" is from the custom of floating the shamrock on the top of whiskey before drinking it. The Irish believe that if you keep the custom, then you will have a prosperous year.

Many bars in the United States, and abroad, serve green beer to celebrate St. Patty's Day.

Lucky Charms, a favorite cereal brand among many, young and old, was created in 1963, with its popular mascot, Lucky the Leprechaun. Its jig is a memorable tune for many, including the young at heart:

*Hearts, Stars, and Horseshoes  
Clovers and Blue moons  
Pots of gold and rainbows,  
And the red balloon  
That's the luck of me lucky charms!  
Their magically delicious!*