

Rainbow Installation

A rainbow is made up of seven different colors — red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Each one of these colors is exquisite. However, when they all come together to form a rainbow, they become unequaled in beauty. Likewise, PTAs are made up of many types of people. Each person is unique, but in joining a PTA, a new member becomes a part of a colorful group unequaled in strength.

Although there are only seven colors in the spectrum, there are over two million tints and shades of these basic colors. The tints and shades of the colors can be compared to the many talents and skills that individual members bring to a PTA. Some members have creative abilities, some have organizational skills, and some have leadership qualities.

Today, the officers of the _____ [name of PTA] will be installed using the colors of the rainbow. Just as each color of the spectrum is distinctive, each office of this PTA has specific tasks. When officers successfully perform their duties, they help keep their PTA running smoothly. Will the newly elected officers please come forward? [Have the officers line up with the treasurer first.]

[Give the treasurer their gift.] The color red symbolizes the treasurer. Red represents energy, vitality, and perseverance. It is also known as a sacrificial color, indicating one's willingness to give of oneself.

As treasurer, your duties include collecting all dues and monies, paying all approved bills, and keeping accurate financial records. You will be giving of yourself in many ways to this PTA as you handle its financial responsibilities. May the red color of your ribbon give you the energy, vitality, and perseverance needed to fulfill these obligations.

[Give the secretary their gift.] The color yellow symbolizes the secretary. Considered to be bright and optimistic color, yellow stands thought and mental concentration.

As secretary, your duties include keeping an accurate record of all of this PTA's business. Writing up each meeting's minutes will require a great deal of thought. May the yellow color of your ribbon give you the mental concentration and optimism needed to fulfill your commitment.

[Give the vice-president of membership their gift.] The color orange symbolizes the membership. Orange stands for thoughtfulness and consideration and persuasion.

Remember to take the time to think before you begin your recruitment. Your words are a reflection of this PTA and its members. May the orange color of your ribbon always remind you to be thoughtful and considerate and very persuasive.

[Give the vice-president their gift.] The color blue symbolizes the vice-president. Blue represents healing love, faith, loyalty, and inspiration. Blue is a calming color.

As vice-president you are in training for the office of president. Your faith and loyalty are important to this PTA's members, and especially to the president who will rely on you for help. As chairman of the membership committee, inspire members, old and new, to become active in your PTA. As a source of healing love, you must strive to keep

members in harmony about projects and goals. May the blue color of your ribbon give you the inspiration needed to face the challenges of this office.

[Give the president their gift.] The color purple symbolizes the president. Purple represents leadership, greatness, and unselfish efforts. A regal color, purple is associated with royalty, or persons of high rank.

As president, you will be treated royally for you have been elected to the highest office in your PTA. Being president is an honor and a privilege, but with this esteemed office comes many responsibilities. Duties of the office include presiding at all meetings, dealing with internal PTA matters, and handling any PTA crises. As president, you are also this PTA's representative to the community. May the purple color of your ribbon remind you to give unselfishly of yourself as you lead your PTA.

During this ceremony, each officer has been installed with a different color. Alone, each color is striking, but when the colors come together, a larger more beautiful thing occurs. [Pull all the streamers together.] A rainbow is created. Each color is needed to make this rainbow, just as each officer is necessary to make this PTA run properly.

[To the membership.] Members, you are also a part of the rainbow. You are the tints and shades of these basic colors. You bring various talents and skills to this PTA. Work with your officers, and together you can make this PTA a beautifully productive one.