

OSA 2007-2008

Allen at Steinbeck

Our honoree should be Peggy Hertzberg. She has done so much around our school. She is our VP of Communications and she has done so much to increase communication/visibility this year. Also, she did a bang-up job with our Fall Family Festival, involving hundreds of parent volunteers who had never darkened the door of a PTA meeting before. She has chaired our uniform closet, our Box Tops for Education project, and she's done so with a sunny disposition, trying to ignore the politics of petty parents.

Almaden

Robin Jean Langston

Robin Jean is a great, energetic, involved parent who has served the students and community of Almaden Elementary for the last five years. She will always be a part of the Almaden Family.

Autism Project

The Autism Project PTA would like to recognize Trisha Burkhart as our Outstanding Service Award Honoree. Can you still add her to the lunch? Do we need to send a separate check? Sorry we didn't have her on our original list.

Trisha has been an active member of our PTA for years. She does not have a child with autism and does not teach for the Autism Project. Yet she selflessly gives her time and energy to our PTA. You can find Trisha jumping in and helping out constantly. She volunteers at every function we host. She arrives early to help set up and is often one of the last to leave. Her dedication and commitment to our kids and our community is remarkable. Not only is she extremely active, she encourages her husband and adult children to participate in all of our activities. Trisha and her husband have been the hit of our Christmas party playing Santa and Mrs. Claus for the past 5 years, giving our Autism Project students and their families a safe and delightful holiday experience. She has helped raise awareness by participating in our yearly Cure Autism Walks and Rides, proudly representing our organization wearing our PTA t-shirt. In addition to all of that, she prints all of our PTA communications (flyers, posters, cards etc). She promptly prepares our PTA announcements and never asks for a thing in return. Trisha voices her opinion, concerns and suggestions to our board and general membership, while always keeping our children's best interest at heart. I don't believe there is anything Trisha does that is "not valuable" she touches our children, parents, schools and community by her strong involvement in the PTA. We are so grateful to have a loving and dedicated person involved in our organization and Trisha is a valued and honored member.

Bachrodt

John Gutierrez

Mr. Gutierrez is an on-campus counselor and has served as PTA treasurer. He has dedicated his time 100% for two years to the children and community of Bachrodt Elementary School. The Bachrodt PTA is very grateful.

Carson

Scott and Dianne Conry have dedicated numerous years to Carson PTA and the school community. Their assistance in raising funds through walkathons and other community events has been invaluable. Their commitment was exhibited through classroom volunteering and participation in school and PTA events. Their leadership and mentoring of others has ensured that the PTA will continue to be successful in support of the students.

Empire

Diana Greenhalgh is an awesome individual and volunteer. As the PTA president, Diana organized a Harvest Festival, a book fair, a Valentines dance, and a Reading Night. In addition, Diana implemented a new system that has tripled the amount of Box Tops collected. All the proceeds go towards the Dragon Store. Thank you Diana for sharing your talent as a leader and your energy to organize the educational and fun activities for all the students and families at Empire Gardens!

Hammer/Galarza

Judy Renteria, Hammer and Galarza PTA

Judy is our V.P. of Family Events. On a shoestring, with minimal help, she pulls off well-attended, creative, fun, and educational events. She says yes to almost every request for help, always with a smile on her face. I wish I could clone her!



Los Alamitos

Reed Canerday is one of the most fun guys to have around! The kids love to see him at school. he almost never says "no" when asked to help. He volunteers tirelessly for Scrip Sales and Parent Patrol weekly, every school event, the classroom, the library, field trips, staff luncheons, and Art Vista! There isn't anything he hasn't done for PTA!

Reed

Reed PTA would like to nominate Leigh Dewis for the honorary service award.

Leigh Dewis is a quiet, "behind the scenes" personality at our school. She is the chairperson for our Script program, the moderator for our online Yahoo group and the liason for our music program. Any time that we have had to ask for her help she is always willing to be there to help in any way possible. She is fantastic at writing up beautiful email's in an instant to help resolve issues or to encourage parent participation. She faithfully puts the school yearbook together every year with her husband. Leigh is rarely in the forefront but is the one quietly supporting all of our PTA programs from "behind the scenes". Leigh never complains and always smiles. Her support is a cornerstone for Reed PTA.



Simonds

Our honoree is Persi Kanga.

Persi has served on the PTA Board in several positions, the last three years as co-President/Executive Vice-President.

Persi was the driving force behind getting new picnic benches for our school as well as the painting of the map of the United States on our blacktop (twice!, as our blacktop was resurfaced). He has a leadership role in the K-kids club, a community service organization sponsored by the Kiwani's, where 4th and 5th grade students learn leadership skills and through which they serve our school and community. Furthermore Persi is always there for all school events, helping with set-up, clean-up at movie night, bingo etc. and having the Canadian booth with his wife at our Multicultural Fair. Last but not least, he is equally involved in educational activities like the science fair and most recently as a coach of a Lego Robotics team.

Terrell

This year, Terrell has selected Nancy Bautista to receive the Outstanding Service Award for all the hard work she has done for our PTA, in addition to her normal job duties.

Nancy has supported Terrell PTA in so many ways from ensuring communications from PTA makes it to parents to keeping track of the money raised by for Science Camp

Williams

Don Preble has been a dedicated parent at Williams Elementary School for almost 11 years, and has two more years to go! Over the years Don has supported our school in many ways. Several years ago an enormous project was undertaken to build a fenced-in garden with 30 wooden garden boxes. Don was one of the main contributors to this project, and to this day Don supports the garden through his involvement in Cub Scouts. Don is currently serving as the Pack Leader for Williams Pack 272, enabling over 100 Williams families to participate in Cub Scouting. Living right across the street from school, Don and his family are easy targets for last-minute requests for help. Because of his willingness to help - not to mention his tools, truck, and muscle! - the Principal and the PTA always know they can count on Don. From building shelves to putting up the stage for school events and a hundred other jobs both big and small, Don's help is often needed and always appreciated. Thank you, Don, for contributing so much to the Williams Community!



Burnett

Burnett Academy wishes to honor:

teacher Melissa Scott

for her outstanding contribution to our organization and to the school throughout the year. Ms. Scott has actively encouraged the participation of other teachers, championing the cause of the PTSA at every opportunity. She stepped into leadership for our annual walk-a-thon, and did an outstanding job of overseeing every aspect. She makes wonderfully creative fliers to promote PTSA activities. As a teacher Ms. Scott has a

terrific relationship with her students. She puts in the extra effort to make sure students have every opportunity to succeed. Her values of hard work and community involvement are present in her words and actions, and inspire her students to get involved. The Burnett community greatly appreciates all the contributions Ms. Scott makes to continually improve our school and our community!

Castillero

Shana Moore is our nominee for this year, because last year we could only have one (no team stuff). She was the other half of last years.

She has done an incredible job of Cornerstone project with the two special student lunches last year and the last blast party for the students at the end of the year. She is repeating that again this year and taking on the role of PTA president next year. Her enthusiasm is contagious. She always goes above and beyond what needs to be done. Her goal is to inspire the students and increase their confidence, and really make them feel cared about. For those of you who are familiar with Cornerstone I believe that you would agree that she is the 43rd asset of Cornerstone.

WGMS

I would like to present Barbara Bremner as our Outstanding Service Awardee. Her work is an example of the efforts put forth by all our volunteers. When asked to help she might wince but does not say no. She is always able to think of a way to make a project work. Her efforts re-energized our Ice Cream Social/Open House and are the reason the new Spring Fundraiser was a community success. She is the person who when the PTA receives a last minute emergency request for help says "we can do this." And then she gets it done with grace, dignity, humor and perhaps a glass of wine.

Gunderson

Trish is an unsung hero at Gunderson. She is compassionate about our students and a tireless advocate for our school. She does whatever she can to make families, the students, the community and her colleagues feel welcome. She is a model Grizzly!

Lincoln

Amy attends almost every meeting, from Principals coffee, to Brown bags, to PTSA and is so active being the Vice-President of Activities. She has taken on a fabulous Teachers Staff meeting surprise of goodies of all kinds.....fruit, homemade cookies and treats from many parents. She has a son and a nephew at Lincoln who both play sports. When she can she attends her sons games as well as her nephews swimming events. She is an awesome friend, Mom, & volunteer.

Pioneer

Jacquelyn Dreher has served on the Pioneer PTSA board for many years. Currently she is the Parliamentarian there where she is helping to coordinate our Senior Cruise. She is a past President of the Pioneer PTSA and has held numerous other committee positions. She recently completed the installation and dedication of a memorial bench in honor of Marcus Keppert, a former Pioneer student. In addition to her work with PTSA she is active in the San Jose Unified School District Classified Employees Union. She is working at Willow Glen Middle School in their office and volunteers at her church as well. Jacquelyn is moving on with her youngest child graduating from high school this year. She has been a strong advocate for PTSA and we will definitely miss her!

SJHA

Lorraine Winings has been a treasure to our current PTSA. With all the positions that she has held over the years, it is no wonder that she is the "go to" person for ANY question or situation that comes up. Lorraine keeps giving her time and knowledge to San Jose High Academy's PTSA- unconditionally! Her sons have graduated from SJHA, but she still continues to be a PTSA member and attends all meetings---lending support, guidance, encouragement, humor and her endearing smile! Lorraine GIVES SO MUCH and every bit is APPRECIATED!