DEADLINE FOR 15 MEMBERS’ DUES TO MAINTAIN UNIT IN GOOD STANDING

DEADLINE FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION FORMS (RECEIVED IN 2D OFFICE)

JANUARY

Start Election process by selecting a Nominating Committee

Mid-Year Audit should be done this month.

15 2D Deadline for Workers Compensation forms/Premiums (received in 2D office)

18 Women’s March Participation

20 SFUSD CLOSED – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

24 SFUSD Schools Closed – Start of Lunar New Year (SFUSD Offices open)

FEBRUARY

1 2D Winter General Meeting (Roosevelt Middle School)

11 Deadline for Graduating High School Senior Scholarships Award applications (due in CAPTA Office)

3 Remit membership dues to Second District PTA

4 Second District Board Meeting – Unit Presidents invited

17 SFUSD CLOSED – Presidents’ Day

28 SFPTA Annual Founders Day Dinner

JOIN US AT THE WOMEN’S MARCH THIS SATURDAY!

The Second District PTA invites you and all your members and their families to join us in our first ever contingent for the Women’s March this Saturday, January 18, at the Civic Center Plaza. Please share the Facebook event with your school so we have enough sign-making
supplies and food. We will also have signature pages available so you can help us get the Schools and Communities First initiative on the November 2020 state ballot (more on that below).

- 9 am - Come make a sign for the rally (Intersection for the Arts, 1446 Market Street)
- 11 am - Rally in Civic Center Plaza
- Whichever the rally is over - Meet at the southwest corner of the Plaza to march together with our banner

Questions? Email our Legislative VP, Michelle Parker.

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**SFPTA WINTER GENERAL MEETING: SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT**

Join us on Saturday, February 1, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Roosevelt Middle School (450 Arguello Blvd.) Parents for Public Schools and SFUSD will be hosting a community workshop immediately following our business meeting. SFUSD is developing a new student assignment system for elementary schools, and this is your chance to share your ideas and provide input to help SFUSD develop a new policy that better meets the needs of San Francisco children and their families. Food, childcare, and interpretation will be provided. Register [HERE](#).

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**ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY DINNER REGISTRATION OPEN**

[Registration](#) is now open for the Founders Day dinner on Friday, February 28, 2020 at Canton Seafood and Dim Sum Restaurant (655 Folsom St. @ Hawthorne St.) from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Bring your principal, PTA board members, students, and anyone else who has contributed to the goals and mission of your PTA or PTSA. We also recognize Honorary Service Award recipients so if you'd like to nominate someone in your school community, check our [website](#) for details and the [form](#) to fill out and turn in by January 31, 2020.

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**HELP PTA SECURE MORE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!**

California State PTA endorsed the Schools and Communities First initiative, which is collecting signatures along with a broad coalition of stakeholders to be included on the November 2020 state ballot. It will:

- Reclaim $12 billion per year for K-12 schools, community colleges and local communities
- Close commercial property tax loopholes that corporations and wealthy investors use to avoid paying their fair share of property taxes
- Protect all homeowners and renters by maintaining tax protections for ALL residential property
- Ensure strict accountability so that money goes directly to our schools and communities

Our goal is for the Second District PTA to collect 2,000 signatures. Will you help? We would like each school to collect 100 signatures. No prior experience is needed, and we will explain how to do this. We suspect that by organizing a few parents at your school to stand outside on the sidewalk at drop-off for a few days, or at a school event, we will easily get there!

Please contact Michelle Parker for more information. We can drop off a packet to you on the weekend. Thank you!

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We want to share four quick things with you this month:

- **Calling all school PTA Legislation Chairs!** We know that many of our PTAs have someone designated to lead advocacy efforts (it doesn’t matter what their title is), but we don’t have a list of who those people are! Please fill out [this form](#) so that they can be included in new monthly legislative updates and advocacy opportunities. We’ve got several advocacy-related activities coming up in the next few months and since advocacy is at the heart of PTA’s existence, we know you won’t want to miss out on these opportunities for your school.

Questions? Want to say hello? Contact Michelle Parker, VP of Legislation at legislation@sfpta.org or 415-260-8572.

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There were about 50 entries from about 7 schools this year. The visual art pieces are currently hung outside the Visual and Performing Arts office at 135 Van Ness Avenue. A full list of the finalists that were sent on to the State competition are on our [website](#).

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**NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR’S OFFICERS**

The purpose of the nominating committee is to recognize and seek qualified nominees for the elected leadership of the PTA. Most units should be electing the nominating committee no later than January or February for the election of officers in March or early April. For additional guidelines, visit the [CAPTA](#) site.
HOW THE STATE BUDGET AFFECTS YOUR SCHOOL

The budget process for the coming school year has begun with the release of the Governor’s proposal. It’s complicated, and not all great news. Past CAPTA President, Carol Kocivar offers a map through the maze.

HOW OUR PTA CAN ADVOCATE ON PUBLIC ISSUES

PTA is a tax exempt IRC 501(c)(3), non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-commercial organization. The PTA may take positions and advocate on public issues but not on candidates. Taking positions on candidates would jeopardize our tax-exempt status. Please see our website for additional guidelines.

PTA Insurance Guide: For guidelines and information, click HERE.

SFUSD Emergency Notification Process: If an emergency does occur at a school, parents will be notified as quickly as possible using a variety of means including text, email and phone call. In order to receive messages, your child’s school must have your current contact information. To receive text messages you must opt-in to receive them (by law we cannot text you more than once without your permission). Once your mobile number is in the student information system, you will receive a message from SchoolMessenger. You can respond with a “YES.” If you already received a message from SchoolMessenger and did not opt-in, the system cannot message you again but it’s not too late to take steps to opt-in. To receive emergency text notifications, text “YES” to 67587 from your mobile phone. Please note, this will only work if your mobile number is entered correctly in the district’s system already.

Click HERE for more information about SFUSD’s safety and emergency plans.

San Francisco Second District PTA Executive Board can help you and answer your questions. Click HERE for the full list.

PTA Toolkit

Ed100

Ed100 is a free online resource to help you understand the education system—FAST. Each lesson takes about 5 minutes. This year, reserve 15 minutes of each PTA board meeting for learning with Ed100. Here’s the plan. Questions? Send a message to Carol@Ed100.org.

Here are Great Resources for Your Parent Meetings