# JOIN THE PTA AND BE PART OF THE WINNING EQUATION!



Parent

Teacher

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Positive experiences for ALL students

For just \$8, less than the cost of two lattes, you can join Brookvale's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Your membership dollars go towards field trips, assemblies, school supplies, facility improvements, computer equipment and much more.

#### **CLASSROOM GOALS**

Every classroom that reaches 80% of parents as PTA members will receive an Amazon.com giftcard to be used towards classroom supplies. Support your classroom!

#### SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Each family that joins Brookvale PTA will be included and receive the school directory, an invaluable resource for playdates, homework questions and connecting with other parents.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

All members will receive a special PTA membership card. When you activate your card, you'll receive a coupon for \$10 off your next instore purchase of \$50 or more at OfficeMax.

#### **MEMBER PERKS**

As a member of the California State PTA, you can get discounts at Jamba Juice, California Academy of Sciences, T-Mobile, and others. See www.BrookvalePTA.com for details.

Please complete the attached envelope, including \$8 for each member, and return to your child's teacher. Anyone can join: grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends, even pets!. For more information about PTA membership contact: Kristin Goldthorpe at keog413@yahoo.com





#### WHY GET INVOLVED?

"When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better."—Anne Henderson and Nancy Berla, from A New Generation of Evidence: The Family Is Critical to Student Achievement

Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- earn better grades
- score higher on tests
- pass their classes
- attend school regularly
- have better social skills
- show improved behavior
- be more positive in their attitude toward school
- complete homework assignments
- graduate and continue their education

(from http://www.ptotoday.com)

#### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED?**

- talk to your child's teacher about volunteering in the classroom
- become a PTA "class rep"
- volunteer to help out at an event
- volunteer your skills or expertise
- attend a PTA meeting to find more opportunities

#### **8 REASONS TO BE INVOLVED:**

- Your child benefits.
- We provide support for teachers.
- We provide resources for classrooms.
- Our number one goal is to get more parents connected to the school.
- We pledge to honor your time constraints.
   People are often reluctant to participate because they're afraid they'll get pulled into a black hole of never-ending time commitment. We won't push you to commit more than you want to or are able to.
- Learn more about Brookvale and the environment where your child spends their day.
- We are welcoming. Meet nice people who share your concerns, many of whom are neighbors and peers.
- We have fun. This work is very rewarding.

## THE PTA SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL BY:

- helping to fund Science Camp
- providing scholarships to students
- giving money to each classroom
- landscaping in the Kindergarten playground
- paying for F.A.M.E. supplies
- providing playground equipment
- supporting the new playground map art
- providing picnic benches
- buying blinds for the Multipurpose Room

Please join us at our monthly PTA meetings. You can make a difference! We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the school library.

Visit our website at www.BrookvalePTA.com for the latest news.

Join our Yahoo! Group at **groups.yahoo.com/group/BrookvaleParents** to join the conversation.