



**When you join the PTA, the  
child that benefits most...  
is your own!**

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**Dear Brookhaven Parents,**

The Brookhaven Elementary PTA welcomes all new and returning families to the 2009-2010 school year! The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was created in 1897 and continues to be the only organization whose one goal is to support children. As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, PTA reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child. When government budgets get tight and our leaders look to education for needed cuts, PTA represents our children to ensure that their rights are not overlooked.

Locally, Brookhaven PTA provides our students with many programs, services and events to enrich the excellent education they receive in our classrooms. While **your membership fee does not pay** for this enrichment, it creates the infrastructure to provide them. Our strength is in our membership numbers on all levels - national, state and local.

**Our Membership Drive is not a fundraiser at Brookhaven:**

**\$4.00 of each membership fee is passed on to the State and National PTA to pay for:**

- \* Your California PTA Membership
- \* Your National PTA Membership

**\$4.00 stays at Brookhaven to pay for:**

- \* Brookhaven PTA's annual insurance premium
- \* Brookhaven Newsletter/Communications and School Handbook
- \* Brookhaven PTA Website
- \* Printing, mailing, and incentives for this membership drive and other fundraising campaigns.

Joining the Brookhaven PTA is an easy and meaningful way for you to support your child, your school and the community. Membership is \$8.00 and Junior Membership for your student is \$5.00. Please review this information as well as the attached letter explaining the PTA drive and the fun competitions we have planned for their success in returning their envelopes and memberships. Let's make it a family affair!

Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and older siblings - anyone who cares about kids can join the PTA. Every member makes the organization stronger! - remember "Working Together, Works!"

By joining the PTA, you are NOT committing to volunteer activities. However, without volunteers the PTA cannot provide the programs typically made available to Brookhaven students. So, if you would like to volunteer and further support our student programs and services, please contact PTA President Debi Grant at (714) 232-9425

Keeping in mind our theme this year, "Superheroes Working Together, Works", many of you are so generous at the Membership Drive and submit additional donations. In meeting the challenges this year of a Brookhaven operating budget cut in half, we would encourage you to continue to do so by submitting a separate check in your PTA Membership Drive envelope, marked "Write a Check". Please see Our "Write a Check" campaign flyer running simultaneously with our Membership Drive.

**Here's to a great year! Be a "Superhero" to your child because "Working Together, Works!"**

*Pam Ek and Debi Grant*

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