Stewart Shout Out

Elizabeth Stewart PTA



## Welcome Message from the President

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## Join the PTA!!

**Why should you join the PTA?** PTA membership dues are an important part of our fundraising efforts. Although only $10 a year per person, we can collectively raise thousands of dollars to support assemblies, teacher needs, and social events! To join the PTA, turn in the flyer from the first-day-of-school folders, find us at Back to School Night, or get an envelope in the office!

Another great reason to join our PTA are the discounts given to PTA members! Each member will get a free ice cream cone from Baskin Robbins! And check out http://www.capta.org/sections/membership/perks.cfm for more discounts including Legoland, Aquarium of the Pacific, California Academy of Sciences, Enterprise Car Rental, and much more!

Have questions? Contact our Membership Chair, Whitney, at volunteer@stewartpta.com!

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I am Susyn Normington, your Stewart PTA president for the year. We have a terrific PTA Executive Board and are excited about the opportunities we have to make Stewart a better place for our students, our teachers and our community this year!

We have three goals for 2014-2015:

**1) Improve awareness about what the PTA does** – Although fundraising is not the primary goal of PTA, it is a big focus of our efforts. At Stewart, your PTA money funds essential programs like school assemblies, 8th Grade Promotion and teacher stipends. We are also hoping to raise money this year to fund field trips, yard equipment, and an emergency supply shed! Look for our Stewart PTA newsletters every month!

**2) Create and foster a strong parent community at Stewart** – Through broad communications and family-friendly events, we want to make Stewart a fun and supportive environment for our children to grow and thrive. If you haven’t already, sign up for the school ETree by sending email to [stewart.school.etree@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.school.etree@gmail.com).

**3) Raise money to support our goals –** We need to raise about $10,000 every year to support our annual goals! Although we can’t have Hot Dog Wednesdays anymore, we have an excellent Fundraiser Chair, Timiza, who has many plans for us this year! If you would like to be on the Fundraising Committee please contact her at [fundraising@stewartpta.com](mailto:fundraising@stewartpta.com).

Although this will only be my third year as a Stewart parent, I’m continually impressed by the quality of students, parents and teachers we have! I love the diversity, the strong sense of community and am proud to be a Stewart Seal! Please contact me at [president@stewartpta.com](mailto:president@stewartpta.com) with any questions/suggestions. - Susyn

#### 2014-2015 Executive Board

#### Elected:

**President:**

Susyn Normington

(president@stewartpta.com)

**Vice-President:**

Trinh Joyner

**Treasurer:**

Tricia Spakousky

(treasurer@stewartpta.com)

**Secretary:**

Barbara Melton

**Auditor:**

Noberta Castro

**Historian:**

Mariam Alam

#### Appointed:

**Fundraising Chair:**

Timiza Johnson

(fundraising@stewartpta.com)

**Membership Chair:**

Whitney Liu

(volunteer@stewartpta.com)

**Parliamentarian:**

Mike Davis

August/September 2014

Susyn Normington

PTA President 2014-2015

Check out our web site! www.stewartpta.com

## We Have a Web Page!!

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Do you have a few hours or a few days a month to volunteer? Want to help at one of our events? Want to help with the Yearbook this year? Excellent! Contact Whitney at [volunteer@stewartpta.com](mailto:volunteer@stewartpta.com).

And Don’t Forget… Our PTA Meetings are a great way to hear what is going on! PTA Meetings are typically the second Tuesday of the month. Check www.stewartpta.com or the school calendar for details! The September meeting will be September 9th at 6pm in the library!

Our web site is a great way to keep in touch with the PTA!!

It contains:

 Calendar of Events

 Sign up for ETree

 Information about volunteering, including how to get a District Volunteer Badge

 PTA Meeting Agendas

 PTA Monthly Newsletters

 Contact information for the PTA Executive Board

 T-Shirt Sale Information (coming soon)

Have feedback? Send it to webmaster@stewartpta.com!

## Interested in Volunteering?

We are planning many fundraisers and social events this year! Mark your calendar for the upcoming events and be on the lookout for more! If you would like to help with planning or setup, contact Timiza at fundraising@stewartpta.com!

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| **Event** | **Description** | **Date** |
| **PTA Meeting** | Come join us to hear about PTA plans for the year and how you can help! | Tuesday,  September 9 @ 6pm |
| **Back to School Night** | At the PTA table, you can buy T-Shirts, join the PTA, and buy cookies. Also, don’t forget to check out the School Book Sale! | Thursday,  September 11 @ 6pm |
| **Yogurtland Fundraiser** | Come eat yogurt at Yogurtland by Trader Joe’s between 5 and 7pm. 50% of money goes to Stewart PTA! Bring a friend! | Monday,  September 15 @ 5-7pm |
| **Movie Night** | Bring your pillow, sleeping bag and chairs. Join us for pizza, popcorn and a FREE movie! | Friday,  October 17 @ 6pm |

## Mark Your Calendar!