



Portola Valley PTO

Dear Portola Valley School District Parents:

The Portola Valley School District Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) welcomes you to the 2020-2021 school year! We know that this year looks a little (a lot!) different with COVID-19 and starting off the school year distance learning, but our hope is that the PTO can continue to provide a sense of community for the students, families, teachers, and staff in our district during this challenging time.

As you may know, **the purpose of the PV-PTO is to foster and support our unique school communities through:**

- **Community outreach via the PTO Weekly**
- **Volunteer recruitment and assistance**
- **Teacher support and appreciation**
- **School directory**
- **Organization of popular community events like Back to School Picnics & Bingo Night (on hold)**
- **Funding of cultural assemblies (on hold)**

While some of our programs are on hold for the time being, we look forward to bringing them back as soon as possible. We have also added several new programs that we are really excited about:

- **A partnership with Common Ground to provide parent education**
- **CMS and ORM branded facial coverings for each child and teacher**
- **Funds for school supply kits for home use during distance learning**

All parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the PV-PTO's activities. Your involvement in your child's school really does make a difference! If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities go to www.pvpto.com/volunteer. Head Room Parents will be especially important this year in helping with class communications and building community.

Funds to support all PTO-sponsored programs are generated through direct donations from parents and parent-coordinated fundraisers. We are excited about the fundraising events we have planned for this school year, including community businesses such Bianchini's Market, Honey Bear Trees and Minted. Watch the PTO Weekly for more info!

We ask parents to donate to the PTO in the first few weeks of school to support the coming year's programs and activities. Click here to donate: <http://www.pvpto.com/membershipdirectory> You'll receive a free directory with a donation of \$100 or more. **Your financial support is a *critical* way to ensure that the programs that make our schools (and the PVSD community) so special continue year after year.**

We look forward to your support! If you have any questions or suggestions on how the PTO can help our school community during this time, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

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