



Victory Villa Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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A message from the President:

I would like to welcome everyone new and returning to the Villa for the 2010-2011 school year. We are looking forward to a great year with lots of fun activities. We are excited about our new events for this year and of course looking forward to all our returning ones.

Remember we need volunteers for each event we do, so if you have some time and/or a talent you would love to share with us, please contact us anytime! And remember you **MUST** be an approved volunteer.

Our first event of the year will be our Membership event on September 24th from 7-9pm, so don't miss it!! I look forward to working with all of you this year!!



What is the PTA and who can be a Member?

Our PTA is part of the national Parent/Teacher Association that strives to enhance children's educational experiences. Being part of a national organization, we must pay annual dues. To offset these dues, every year, we have a membership drive. Becoming a member does not mean you automatically sign up to volunteer, it just means you support our group and believe in what we're doing. **All parents and caregivers, along with school faculty can be members, for only \$7!** Please enroll or renew your membership for 2010-2011 and help us achieve our membership goal!

Your membership helps pay for the dances, special actives nights, field trip funds, programs and more. By joining the PTA you have a voice in planning and making these events happen. Join by September 30th and your name will be put in for the early bird contest. One staff member and one Victory Villa family will win a prize. There will also be a class contest, the top 3 classes with the most PTA members will win prizes; the first place class will win a pizza party, the second place class will win a ice cream party, and the third place class will win a popcorn party. The class contest runs till November 30th. Join the PTA today and help your child's education grow!



Become a Volunteer...Why YOU should get involved!

As you can see, we are a busy group. This is where you can come in! We need your help, and so do your children. **Over 500 independent studies on parent involvement show that when parents get involved in their children's education grades go up, test scores improve, children are more likely to attend better schools after high school, they have fewer discipline problems and they're less likely to use drugs and alcohol. Get involved TODAY!**

Please look at the PTA volunteer sheets that come home, indicate what events/activities interest you, and we'll contact you to discuss it further. A volunteer table will also be set up at all of the PTA meetings. Stop by to see all of our volunteer opportunities! Volunteering doesn't have to mean a huge time commitment. We understand it is increasingly more difficult to find time to give, but please, whatever your time schedule allows, we are in need of you. We even have tasks that can be performed in the evenings, during the day or that don't even involve coming to the school at all.

Family Fun Night – Chuck E Cheese – September 30, 2010 3-9pm. Please join us for a fun evening. A good time to meet other parents in the school and the children to play with their friends outside of school. Chuck-E-Cheese donates 15% of all register sales generated by that night. This includes all food, merchandise, and token deals purchased that evening.



Facebook:

Become a friend of Victory Villa Elementary PTA on Facebook. Do not forget to check out VVE PTA on facebook for PTA News!



Box Tops and Campbell Labels:

Hey help your school by collecting box tops. We will pull 3 student names who participate each month to win a prize. At the end of the year the top 3 classes with the most collected box tops will win! 1st place - pizza party 2nd place - ice cream party and 3rd place is a popcorn party. Last year we received a check from box tops for \$1,134.90 for all the box tops we collected. Let's see if we can break that record this year! Keep them coming!

We collect soup labels that get us points for special school items. We also collect ink cartridges and old cell phones, (but no toner please) to earn cash for our school! If you have any questions please contact Karen Rode at victoryvillapta@yahoo.com. All you need to do is just cut, collect and send to school if you are not sure about the soup label, just send the whole label thank you.



Coke Rewards:

You can continue this all year!!

Go to www.mycoke.com to enter codes on the bottle caps of all coke products.



On behalf of the Victory Villa Elementary School PTA we would once again like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful school year! Please contact any of us with questions or comments.

Email: victoryvillapta@yahoo.com or on our PTA website: www.victoryvillapta.com



Upcoming Events:

- September 16 – Fall Fundraiser Ends
- September 24 – Membership Event 7-9pm in the Victory Villa Cafeteria
- September 28 – Money due for Family Hayride at Land of Promise Farm
- September 30 – Chuck-E-Cheese Family Fun Night – 3-9pm
- October 3 – Annual Hayride at Land of Promise Farm at 2pm
- October 13 – PTA meeting at 6:30pm in Victory Villa Library
- October 22 – Fall Festival
- October 28 – Chick-Fil-A Night – 5-8pm

Please see the attached calendar for a complete listing of the 2010-2011 Calendar of events.