

South Lake Middle School

PTSA Newsletter

"Enriching Each Student's Experience"

EDITION 3

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A few bits of info we thought you might want to know:

- We met our Direct Donation goal and cannot thank you enough (in fact we've been so busy working on the Direct Donation, doing the water balloon toss, pizza parties, etc. that we had to combine the Oct. and Nov. newsletters). We are aware that it is December (oof) and we will send that one out by the end of the month.
- IUSD denied the charter petition for the Chinese Cultural Center for language immersion (a new petition can now go to the County along with IUSD's denial).
- CA Governor signed into law SB 328 (mandatory late start schedule for CA middle and high schools), which will go into effect for the 2021-2022 year.
- CA Teacher Association wants to remind parents that the OC Board of Education elections are in March. They are endorsing Andy Thorburn.
- IPSF reminder - Irvine (through a grant) will match dollar for dollar money donated to IPSF and contributions are tax deductible. They also reported that Five Point is making a \$1 million donation to IPSF.
- Direct Donation money is being spend on kids immediately - we already donated \$500 to PBIS and ordered water bottles for the Shark Store, bought new EZ ups – hello shade! More details to follow in the next newsletter on how your money is being spent.
- Irvine police – there has been a rise in the use of Xanax and Vicodin by teenagers – kids getting from parents' prescriptions; talk to kids about drugs, vaping, and guns (and lock up your medicines and guns).

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

- CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT <https://southlakeptsa.com> & SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES
- JOIN OUR CORPORATE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS BY LINKING YOUR RALPH'S CARD AND USING AMAZON SMILE AND BOX TOPS (THERE ARE NEW WAYS TO DO THIS) – VISIT <https://southlakeptsa.com/fundraising>
- JOIN US AT OUR RESTAURANT NIGHTS – NEXT ONE IS AT CHIPOTLE ON DECEMBER 16TH ON BARRANCA/CULVER

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

A few tidbits of info that were shared at our PTSA meeting:

- The Staff is working with the Woodbridge Center and police to ensure all of our kids are acting appropriately and properly guided as to their behaviors in public places after school hours.
- IUSD is implementing an anonymous tip hotline so that if someone sees something, they can say something (similar to Sandy Hook). A live responder will be on every tip. There will be training for students and teachers.
- IUSD offers several vaping workshops both mornings and evenings so please try to attend one for pertinent information about teenage vaping and safety.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

- Red Ribbon Week concluded – kids worked with YAT to pair up with each other. YAT is doing a Toy Drive as part of the Be Kind program.
- In the Speak Up We Care program, we will be working on "Be Kind" next.
- Stress management and resources were rolled out to 8th graders. Mindful meditation was also rolled out to all grades.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER 16th – Chipotle Restaurant Night – fundraiser – on Barranca 4-8 p.m. – tell them you are with South Lake

DECEMBER 18th – PTSA Executive/ Volunteer Holiday meeting

DECEMBER 20th - Minimum day and last day before winter break.

JANUARY 6th – kids return to school in 2020!

JANUARY 29th – Next PTSA meeting at 8:15 a.m. in the staff lounge– we hope to see you there!

FEBRUARY 11th – Mile Challenge (more to follow before then about how we need your support)!