



A California Distinguished School
20661 Farnsworth Lane
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September 1, 2026

Dear Peterson Families,

Welcome to the 2026–27 school year! I am so excited and honored to join the Peterson Elementary community as your new principal.

As we begin our year together, one of my biggest priorities is getting to know our students, families, staff, and the wonderful community that makes Peterson such a special place. For some of you, this may be the first message you are receiving from me, so I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share how excited I am to be here!

As your principal, I am committed to being present, approachable, and supportive. I also understand how important consistency is for our students and families. As I learn more about Peterson, I will spend time listening, asking questions, and learning about the traditions, strengths, and culture that already make our school community so special.

I truly believe that a strong school is built through relationships and partnership. Families are an essential part of a child's educational journey, and I look forward to working alongside you to ensure our students feel safe, supported, connected, and excited to come to school each day.

Our PTA is an important part of that partnership. The time, energy, and support of our families help create so many of the experiences and opportunities that make school memorable for our students. I encourage you to look through the information included in this packet and find ways to connect and become involved that work for your family. Whether you volunteer, attend an event, join PTA, or simply stay connected to what is happening at school, your involvement matters and is appreciated.

A Few Important Dates & Reminders

The first week of school, parents can walk their students to class. Starting Tuesday, September 8th students will be dropped off and picked up at gate 1. Peterson is a closed campus from 8:30am to 3:15pm.

Please note: The first week of school's bell schedule is a little different. Below are the hours of school:

Tuesday, September 1st - Planning Day - 8:45am to 1:46pm (1st - 3rd)
8:45am to 1:55pm (4th & 5th)

Wednesday, September 2nd - Regular Day - 8:45am to 2:43pm (1st - 3rd)
8:45am to 3:06pm (4th & 5th)



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Thursday, September 3rd - Regular Day - 8:45am to 2:43pm (1st - 3rd)
8:45am to 3:06pm (4th & 5th)

Friday, September 4th - Planning Day - 8:45am to 1:46pm (1st - 3rd)
8:45am to 1:55pm (4th & 5th)

I know the beginning of a new school year comes with a lot of information, new routines, and sometimes a few questions along the way. Please know that our staff and I are here to support you and help make the start of the year as smooth as possible.

I look forward to meeting you at drop-off and pick-up, seeing you at school events, celebrating our Dolphins together, and continuing to build relationships with our families.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Peterson community and am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, connection, growth, and partnership.

In partnership,

Vanessa Angeles
Principal

2026-2027 Peterson Elementary Calendar



AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

18th & 19th TK / Kinder Assessment
28th Kinder/TK Meet-N-Greet 12:00pm-12:30pm
1st First Day of School - **Planning Day**
1st First Day Coffee 8:45am
1st PTA Meeting 9:00am
8th Board Meeting 6:00pm
8th Art Reflection Entries Open
11th Patriots Day (Wear Red, White & Blue)
15th Fall Picture Day
17th Back to School Night
18th Volunteer Orientation 9:00am
18th FV Skate Party 3:30-6:00
20th Garden Day - Welcome Back
24th Middle School Back to School Night

OCTOBER

6th 21st Color Fun Run - Fundraiser
7th Nat'l Walk to School Day
8th PTA Meeting 6:00pm
9th Spirit Assembly
9th Art Reflection Due
13th Board Meeting 6:00pm
18th Garden Day - Spooky
19th-23rd Teacher Conferences
20th Conferences - **Planning Day**
21st Conferences - **No School**
22nd Conferences - **Planning Day**
23rd Outdoor Movie Night

NOVEMBER

2nd Non-Student Day/PD
3rd Fall Picture - Make-up
5th PTA Meeting 9:00am
6th FV Skate Party 3:30-6:00
10th Veterans Day Assembly
11th Veterans Day - **No School**
12th Color Fun Run
15th Garden Day - Giving Thanks
17th Board Meeting 6:00pm

DECEMBER

4th End of 1st Trimester
4th Donuts with Dolphins
4th Spirit Assembly
11th Report Card Distribution
13th Garden Day - Winter Solstice
15th Board Meeting @ 6:00pm
18th A/R Party
21st Jan 1st Winter Recess - **No School**

JANUARY

7th PTA Meeting 9:00am
8th FV Skate Party 3:30-6:00
11th KROC Registration Opens
17th Garden Day - New Year
18th MLK - **No School**

FEBRUARY

4th PTA Meeting 6:00pm
5th Spirit Assembly
7th Love our Garden Day
12th Tall/Small Ball
8th Lincoln's Bday - **No School**
9th 19th Open Enrollment
11th Kinder Round-up 6:00
15th Presidents Day - **No School**
18th KROC Training Starts

MARCH

1st 12th Read a Thon Fundraiser
2nd Dr. Seuss Bday - Read Across America
4th PTA Meeting 9:00am
5th Spirit Assembly
7th Garden Day - Spring Planting
12th End of 2nd Trimester
19th Report Card Distribution
19th FV Skate Party 3:30-6pm
26th AR Party
29th April 2nd Spring Break - **No School**

APRIL

8th PTA Meeting 6:00pm
9th Spirit Assembly
11th Garden Day - Flower Harvest
22nd Earth Day School Clean Up / Social Dinner
30th Spring Fling - 4:30-7:30pm

MAY

1st KROC Final Mile
Staff Appreciation Every Thurs
6th PTA Meeting 9:00am
6th Middle School Open House
7th Spirit Assembly
14th Yearbook Deadline
16th Garden Day - Celebrating Moms
26th- 27th Used Book Fair
27th Open House Elementary
28th FV Skate Party 3:30-6:00
31st Memorial Day - **No School**

JUNE

3rd PTA Meeting 6:00pm - **Honorary Service Awards**
11th Spirit Assembly
11th A/R Party
13th Annual Peterson Garden Day
16th 5th Grade Promotion
17th Report Card Distribution
17th Last Day of School - **Planning Day**

School Hours:

TK 8:45am - 2:05pm
K - 3rd 8:45 am - 2:43 pm
4th 5th 8:45 am - 3:06 pm

Every Thursday (Planning Day)

TK 8:45am - 1:46pm
K - 3rd 8:45 am - 1:46 pm
4th 5th 8:45 am - 1:55 pm

Lunch Hours:

K - TK - 11:30 am - 12:15pm
1st-2nd3rd - 12:20 pm - 1:05 pm
4th 5th - 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm

**Dates and Events subject to change.
Please refer to our website for updated information
<https://peterson.hbcsd.us>



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2026-2027 Peterson Elementary Volunteer Contract

Volunteer Applicant Name: _____

Student Name: _____

All volunteers shall observe the following standards and regulations, established by Peterson Elementary School, to protect our students and to ensure a successful contribution by families and community members to our students' achievement.

Standards and Expectation

Initials:

- ____ 1. Volunteers must enter and exit campus through the front office to obtain a visitor's badge through Raptor which shall be visibly worn
- ____ 2. Volunteers will treat students, staff and the general public with respect and consistently be models of appropriate behavior.
- ____ 3. Volunteers shall not promote commercial products, religious beliefs, political parties or candidates while on campus.
- ____ 4. Volunteers are expected to contact the teacher if unable to follow through with their volunteer schedule.
- ____ 5. Being under the influence of and/or having in possession illegal substances, alcohol or firearms are grounds for immediate dismissal and notification to Huntington Beach Police Department will be issued.
- ____ 6. Volunteers must seek the aid of a school administrator in case of student discipline problems.
- ____ 7. Volunteers may not administer medication or give medical treatment. In case of a medical emergency, notify school personnel.
- ____ 8. All student information, to which a volunteer may have access, is confidential.
- ____ 9. Volunteers may not join students during recess or lunch, including their own child(ren), while serving as a campus volunteer.

Regulations and Procedures

Initials:

- ____ 1. Volunteers must submit negative TB test results to the front office in order to volunteer in the classroom.
- ____ 2. Volunteers shall only work under the direction and supervision of a teacher or other authorized staff member. The relationship between staff and volunteer is one of mutual respect and trust.
- ____ 3. Volunteers are responsible for the safety of their own personal property. We recommend all valuables be left at home. Cell phones are to be turned off and not in use while on school grounds except in non-student areas.
- ____ 4. Approved volunteers are not guaranteed automatic participation in school field trips. Participation will be at the discretion of site administrators and teachers.
- ____ 5. All volunteers are to use adult/staff restrooms while on campus.
- ____ 6. All volunteers are to comply with all current Huntington Beach City School District Visitor/Volunteer Procedures.

I understand that any violation of this volunteer contract may result in immediate revocation of my volunteer rights:

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

A negative TB test must be on file in the front office. Results are valid 4 years from the date test was administered.

PARENT'S APPROVAL, STUDENT, FAMILY, AND PARTICIPANT WAIVER

2327 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816-5014(916) 440-1985 • FAX (916) 440-1986 • Email info@capta.org • www.capta.org

Print the name of all family members who may participate in any PTA sponsored events for the 2026-2027 school year (including student, siblings and parents):

1. _____
Participant Name Age, if minor child
2. _____
Participant Name Age, if minor child
3. _____
Participant Name Age, if minor child
4. _____
Participant Name Age, if minor child

The undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) assume all risks in connection with the participation of all individuals listed above in any and all of the PTA sponsored activities.

I attest and verify that all individuals listed above are physically fit and able to participate in any PTA sponsored activities. Further I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to understand any inherent risks associated with PTA sponsored activities and communicate those risks to all individuals named above.

I do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all individuals named above are in good health. In the event that I, or other parent/guardian, cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to secure proper treatment for my child(ren). I/we do hereby consent to whatever x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care are considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician, surgeon or dentist and performed by or under the supervision of the medical staff of the hospital or facility furnishing medical or dental services. It is further understood that the undersigned will assume full responsibility for any such action, including payment of costs.

I/we hereby advise that the above named minor(s) has the following allergies, medicine reactions or unusual physical conditions, which should be made known to a treating physician: (If none, please write the word "none". If yes, put first name of child and the allergy/condition.): _____

I/we, as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor(s), do hereby, for my child/children, myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, release and forever discharge and hold harmless the California State PTA, the local PTA and all officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers of the organizations, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action which in any way arise from the participation of any individuals listed above in any PTA sponsored activities.

By signing below, I confirm that I have carefully read and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and signed it of my own free will.

1. _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Print Name Date
2. _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Print Name Date

Address City State Zip Phone (include Area code)

MIENTO DEL PADRE, EXENCIÓN DE RESPONSABILIDAD DEL

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Escriba el nombre de todos los miembros de la familia que puedan participar en cualquier evento patrocinado por la PTA para el año escolar 2025-2026 (incluyendo los estudiantes, los hermanos y los padres):

1. _____
Nombre del Participante Edad, si el niño es u menor
2. _____
Nombre del Participante Edad, si el niño es u menor
3. _____
Nombre del Participante Edad, si el niño es u menor
4. _____
Nombre del Participante Edad, si el niño es u menor

El (los) padre (s) o tutor (es) suscrito (s) asume todos los riesgos relacionados con la participación de todas las personas mencionadas anteriormente en cualquiera y todas las actividades patrocinadas por la PTA.

Certifico y verifico que todas las personas mencionadas anteriormente son físicamente aptas y pueden participar en cualquier actividad patrocinada por la PTA. Además, estoy consciente de que es mi responsabilidad entender los riesgos inherentes asociados con las actividades patrocinadas por la PTA y comunicar esos riesgos a todas las personas mencionadas anteriormente.

Por la presente certifico que, según lo que yo sé y mi conocimiento, todas las personas mencionadas anteriormente gozan de buena salud. En el caso de que no se pueda contactar a mí, u otro padre/tutor, en una emergencia, por este medio doy permiso para asegurar el tratamiento adecuado para mi(s) hijo(s). Por el presente documento, doy mi consentimiento para cualquier radiografía, examen, anestesia, diagnóstico médico, quirúrgico o dental, o tratamiento y atención hospitalaria que se consideren necesarios según el mejor criterio del médico, cirujano o dentista, y se realicen por o bajo la supervisión del personal médico del hospital o centro que presta servicios médicos o dentales. Además, se entiende que el abajo firmante asumirá la plena responsabilidad de cualquier acción que se tome, incluyendo pagar por los costos.

Por la presente, / nosotros notificamos que el (los) menor (es) mencionado (s) arriba tiene las siguientes alergias, reacciones a medicamentos o condiciones físicas inusuales, las cuales deben de informar al médico que va a brindar la atención: (Si no hay ninguna, escriba la palabra "ninguna". Si es así, poner el primer nombre del niño y la alergia / condición.): _____

Yo/nosotros, como padre (s) o tutor (es) del (de los) menor (es), hacemos por este medio, para mi/s hijo/hijos, yo, mis herederos, ejecutores y administradores, renunciamos y para siempre eximimos de culpa o responsabilidad a la PTA del Estado de California, la PTA local y todos los funcionarios, directores, empleados, agentes y voluntarios de las organizaciones, actuando oficialmente o de otra manera, a todos los reclamos, demandas, acciones o causas de acción que de alguna manera que surjan a causa de la participación de cualquiera de las personas mencionadas anteriormente en cualquier actividad patrocinada por la PTA.

Al firmar a continuación, confirmo que he leído cuidadosamente y entiendo completamente su contenido. Sé de qué se trata de una exención de responsabilidad y lo firmé por mi propia voluntad.

1. _____
Padre/Guardián Escribir Nombre Firma del Fecha
2. _____
Padre/Guardián Escribir Nombre Firma del Fecha

Domicilio Ciudad Estado Código Postal Número de Teléfono (incluir el Área)



JOIN PETERSON PTA

Being a member is easy, and everyone is welcome to join the Peterson PTA

(parents, grands, neighbors, kids, etc)!

Every membership helps fund our school initiatives and programs.

SIGN-UP NOW!

ONLINE at tinyurl.com/petersonpta OR scan the QR code below

EMAIL membership@petersonpta.org

or FILL OUT THIS FORM and return with payment to the front office

STUDENT MEMBER INFORMATION

Student's Name _____ Join PTA! Y/N _____ Teacher _____

Student's Name _____ Join PTA! Y/N _____ Teacher _____

Student's Name _____ Join PTA! Y/N _____ Teacher _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBER INFORMATION

Name _____ Name _____

Email _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Would you like to volunteer or attend meetings?

Volunteering?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Attending meetings?

☐ Mornings

☐ Evenings

☐ No

Scan
to sign-up now!



OF MEMBERSHIPS

- students _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

- general _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

- gift for staff _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

- gift for friend _____ \$ _____

- additional donation _____ \$ _____

TOTAL payable to Peterson PTA \$ _____

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A Peek at Peterson 2026-2027

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Ms. Vanessa Angeles, Principal

vangeles@hbcsd.us

Renae Ciulei, Office Manager

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School Hours	Regular Day	Lunch	Planning Day (Thurs)
TK	8:45 - 2:05	11:30 - 12:15	8:45 - 1:46
Kinder	8:45 - 2:43	11:30 - 12:15	8:45 - 1:46
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade	8:45 - 2:43	12:20 - 1:05	8:45 - 1:46
4th & 5th Grade	8:45 - 3:06	12:45 - 1:30	8:45 - 1:55

John R. Peterson PTA

Huntington Union Council, 4th District - PTA Unit #5250

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PTA Board Members

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PTA Association Meeting Dates

September 1st (Tues) 9am

October 8th 6pm

November 5th 9am

December - No Meeting

January 7th 9pm

February 4th 6pm

March 4th 9am

April 8th 6pm (Election)

May 6th 9am

June 3rd 6pm (Honorary Service Awards)



03.20.27
Save the Date

2nd Annual Peterson PTA Parents Gala

20 MARCH 2027

VENUE & TIME: TBD

Come celebrate the Peterson Community and enjoy a night out with Peterson Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Community Members. Ticket includes dinner and toast! Dance the night away with live music, DJ, silent auction and much more!

📺 Silent Auction Donations Needed! 📺

Do you have an item, ticket, experience, or getaway you'd be willing to donate to our Gala Silent Auction? We're looking for donations such as theme park tickets, sports tickets, concert tickets, Airbnb/vacation stays, restaurant gift cards, unique experiences, trips, and more!

Every donation helps make our gala a success & supports Peterson Students & PTA programs. If you have something you'd like to donate or know someone who might, please scan the QR Code.

Thank you for your support!





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Means to Me*

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the arts
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yourself!



Learn more and get involved! [PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/reflections)

- Entries open on September 8th, 2026
- A link to the digital submission form on this website.
- The digital submission form is due by October 9th.
- Scan the QR code or access via website :
<https://petersonpta.org/art-reflections>



Online Spirit Wear Store Now Open Until Monday, September 14th

Youth and Adult Sizes Available! Store open for a limited time only!
Visit: www.petersonpta.org or scan the QR Code to order!





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Welcome Back, Peterson Dolphins! 🐬

As we dive into another exciting school year, I am delighted to welcome both new and returning families to Peterson Elementary! It is truly an honor to serve a second term as your PTA President for the 2026–2027 school year, and I look forward to working alongside each of you to create a year filled with learning, growth, and community.

The Peterson PTA is proud to be a 100% volunteer-run, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting our students, teachers, and staff. Together, our parents, families, and community members contribute countless hours both on and off campus—helping to make Peterson such a special place to learn and grow.

☀️ What's Ahead This Year

We're excited to bring back some of our biggest fundraising events, including the always-popular **Color Fun Run In November** and our **Read-A-Thon In February**. We're also thrilled to continue a new tradition with our **2nd Annual Parents Gala In March** (Be on the lookout for the "Save The Date" in this packet!) These events—and your support—help us fund essential programs and opportunities for all students, such as:

- Binder Reminders (Grades 3–5)
- Studies Weekly
- Assemblies & Guest Speakers
- ASB Programs
- Field Trip Transportation & Admissions
- Library Books
- Teacher Reimbursements
- 5th Grade Promotion
- Accelerated Reader Parties
- Playground Upgrades & Equipment
- Campus Beautification & Garden Projects
- ...and so much more!

🌈 Building Community Together

In addition to fundraising, the PTA is here to foster connection and joy. This year, we'll be hosting **family movie nights**, **garden days**, and our **much-loved Spring Fling in late April**—a fun-filled event that brings together our entire Peterson community. These activities promote health, wellness, and most importantly, togetherness.

📅 Stay Connected

Inside this packet, you'll find the 2026–2027 school calendar, upcoming event flyers, volunteer information, PTA meeting dates, and contact details for our hardworking volunteers serving on the PTA executive board. Whether you're able to give a little time or a lot, your involvement makes a world of difference.

Together, let's continue to build a culture of excellence, belonging, and joy at Peterson Elementary—for every student, every family, and every member of our community.

Here's to an amazing year ahead—Go Dolphins! 🐬💙

Kevin Suggs
26/27 PTA President
John R. Peterson Elementary



Let's Connect!

Download, Signup, and Follow Peterson at:



Download the
Parent Square App



Check out what's new on our website
petersonpta.org



Like us on Instagram
[@peterson elementaryhb](https://www.instagram.com/peterson elementaryhb)



Connect with us on Facebook
Peterson School & Families HB



Visit our other Websites
peterson.hbcsd.us



WELCOME BACK

GARDEN DAY

SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

GOLDEN SUNSET HOURS

SEPTEMBER 8, 9 & 10

5:00-7:00 PM

*Drop in and help us get the garden ready
for September 20!*

GIVE AN HOUR, GET A CHAIR!

Volunteer for one hour during Golden Sunset Hours
and receive a cute folding children's chair,
generously donated by The Home Depot.
While supplies last.



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