# Organizational Structure of PTA - How it all fits together

#### **National PTA**

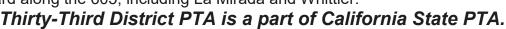
(National Congress of Parents and Teachers) is a volunteer educational organization, founded in Washington, D.C., in 1897. Branches of the National PTA have been established in all fifty United States, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and in schools for American dependents in Europe and the Pacific area.



The California State PTA (California Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students, Inc.) is a branch of the National PTA, serving as a connecting link between the national organization and its membership within the state. The California State PTA shall provide training and support for its units/councils/districts. Each unit is chartered under California State PTA.

California State PTA is a part of National PTA.

**District PTAs** are geographical divisions of the California State PTA, established to carry out its programs. District PTAs provide training and support for their units and councils. While the size of Thirty-Third District is small on the map, it is one of the biggest districts in the state representing 350 units. For perspective, the geographic area includes Santa Monica/Malibu to the north, continuing along the coastline to Long Beach, and stretching eastward along the 605, including La Mirada and Whittier.



**Council** PTAs are created by the California State PTA for the purpose of collaboration, leadership training, and coordination of efforts of its member units. Councils provide more individual support to units/schools and assist with the required paperwork due to California State PTA. Council PTAs generally include a school district. Long Beach Council PTA includes roughly half of all Long Beach Unified schools.



## Long Beach Council PTA is a part of Thirty-Third District PTA



**Unit** PTAs are organized and chartered in conformity with rules and regulations as prescribed by the bylaws of the California State PTA. These units are self-governing bodies for the purpose of planning programs and activities to meet local community needs. However, they are required to observe the policies and procedures of the California State PTA and National PTA. Your school's PTA is referred to as a unit.

Your unit is a part of Long Beach Council PTA

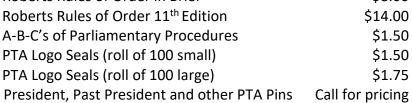
# Reaching out through the channels of PTA

**Thirty-Third District PTA** - Office Hours: **M-F** 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE BEFORE VISITING TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE).

Mailing Address:	Office Location:	Email: office@33rdpta.org	
P.O. Box 1235	(on the campus of Stephen Foster Elementary)	<b>Phone #:</b> (562) 804-4519	
Lakewood, CA 90714	5629 Pearce Ave Ste. 75	Fax#: (562) 804-5460	
	Lakewood, CA 90712		
	(do not mail items to the physical address as the post office		
	will not deliver them)		



# Materials available at the Thirty-Third District PTA Office: Copy of Existing Unit Bylaws \$1.00 Roberts Rules of Order in Brief \$8.00



Treasurer's Ledger 5.00 Assorted Pins 1.00



## **California State PTA**

Address:	Email: info@CAPTA.org	Phone #: (916) 440-1985
2327 L. St.		
Sacramento, CA 95816-5014	Website: CAPTA.org	Fax#: (916) 440-1986

### **National PTA**

Address:	Email: info@PTA.org	Phone #: (312) 670-6782
541 N. Fairbanks Ct., Ste. 1300		
Chicago, IL 60611-3396	Website: PTA.org	Fax#: (312) 670-6783

# **CAPTA Insurance Broker – Association Insurance Management (AIM)**

Address:	Email: capta@aim-companies.com	Phone #: (800) 876-4044
8144 Walnut Hill Ln Suite 900	Website: https://capta.org/pta-	
Dallas TX 75231	<u>leaders/services/insurance/</u>	Fax#: (214) 360-0802

# **Publications & Resources**

CAPTA Toolkit – toolkit.capta.org  PTA how-to information Book	PTA in California – capta.org  CAPTA Newsletter
Our Children - pta.org/home/family-	In Touch – talb.org
resources/Our-Children-Magazine	Teachers Association of LB Newsletter
National PTA Magazine	





# **Unit Support**

Who should I contact?

As of this school year, Long Beach Council PTA is made up of 43 PTA units at schools in LBUSD. We are a large council, divided into "areas" with an advisor or mentor for each. Area Advisors collect and help keep track of unit reports and materials that are due to council. They are also available to assist unit presidents and other board members by answering questions and providing guidance.

Units with questions or concerns should follow these steps, subscribing to PTA's notion of "going through channels":

**Step 1** Contact Area Advisor – if further assistance is needed proceed to step 2

Area 1 Advisor:
Stacey Castro
aa1@longbeachcouncilpta.org
Area 2 Advisor:
Jessica Reed
aa2@longbeachcouncilpta.org
Area 3 Advisor:
Kelley McCarty
aa3@longbeachcouncilpta.org

#### Step 2 Contact:

LBCPTA Director of Leadership – Nora Howit @ <u>leadership@longbeachcouncilpta.org</u> or LBCPTA President – Andrea Wader @ president@longbeachcouncilpta.org

# **BUILDING YOUR UNIT THROUGH INCLUSION & LEADERSHIP**



#### September

- \*Smile A smile can be contagious
- \*Break the ice Start a conversation with someone new
- \*Demonstrate mutual respect- Inclusion means being respectful regardless of position or title.

#### October

- \*Say "Hello" You could make someone's day! \*Treat others the way they want to be treated
- \*Say "Thank You" Gratitude is a gift that is never too small.
- \*Be a relationship builder Seek ways to expand your network.

#### **November**

- \*Be open Try to experience new thoughts and April as learning opportunities.
- say, but how you say it.
- \*Get someone else's point of view After sharing your perspective, give others a chance to share theirs.

#### December

- \*Practice patience Take time to get the full story.
- \*Seek understanding It is better to not fully understand than to fully misunderstand.
- \*Listen People feel respected when they know you are listening to their point of view.

#### January

- \*Do the right thing Be fair
- \*Get involved Make a difference. Get caught being good.
- \*Lend a hand A little help can go a long way.

#### **February**

- \*Reinvent the wheel Do something that has not already been done.
- \*Be flexible Things do not always go as planned. Adapt to changing conditions when necessary.
- \*Remember, we all make mistakes Resist the urge to point out the one's others make.

#### March

- Find out what respect means to others.
  - \*Be culturally competent Differences are barriers only if we allow them to be.
  - \*Find common ground Discover what you have in common.

- \*Sweat the small stuff It is often the small things, \*Communicate respectfully - It is not what you such as being kind and courteous that make a difference.
  - \*Be considerate Your words and actions affect others.
  - \*Join the team Do your part to support teamwork.

- \*Ask It is ok to ask when you are not sure.
- \*Share your point of view Everyone has a perspective. Let others benefit from yours.
- \*Take a healthy step Do something good for your health and encourage a friend to join you.

#### June

- \*Lead the way Let your inclusive behavior light a path for
- \*Become a mentor You, yes you can help others realize their potential.
- \*Be a champion of dignity and respect Encourage others to do the same