

Pony Express Newsletter

October 2017

Gino Dobrescu, Principal

Rodney Fong, PTA President

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Hello humankindess! What an honor and great privilege it is for me to be part of this school! After just a few days here at Pony I can inform you that we have extraordinary educators teaching extraordinary students. Every single student, parent, teacher, and other staff have been extremely welcoming and very kind. This means we belong to a very special community where people are happy to report to work/school each and every day. And when we are happy and feel comfortable and safe we all perform. Thus we can maintain the slogan, "Pony Express best in the West!"

Follow directions

As we approach the end of the first month of school we need to remember to remain focused, follow directions, be respectful at all times, and come to school each and every day ready to learn!

I kindly ask all of you to please be very careful with the parking situation both in the morning and afternoon. To avoid any possible issues, we ask that you and your student(s) designate a drop off/pick up area. We all know that a student population of over 400 generates traffic. Please remember that when everything else fails, we must follow directions. The parking lot is for STAFF ONLY and therefore we kindly ask you to use the main roads adjacent to the school when you drop off or pick up your children. We must keep the fire lanes clear at all times for buses and emergency vehicles only.

Kudos

Kudos to all volunteers that decided to be part of the PTA as well as the School Site Council. Your time, energy, talents, ideas, and dedication to excellence are second to none. We all appreciate your efforts and I personally am honored and excited to work with all of you to make sure that Pony is the destination elementary school in South Sacramento.

I would also like to thank all of our teachers, our teacher assistants, office manager, plant manager and cafeteria staff for their commitment to excellence. I feel so fortunate to be part of such a team!

Remember:

I am here to serve all of you to best of my ability. I promise you that we will strive to maintain the best and safest campus conducive to learning where everyone is validated, treated with fairness and respect, where fighting and bullying are not tolerated, where every student feels at home away from home. Thank you all for your continued support!

With much love and respect,

Gino Dobrescu
Principal

Important October Dates:

October 3 rd	ZBest Coupon Books Due
October 5 th	School Site Council Meeting 3:20PM-4:20PM
October 10 th	PTA Meeting 6:00PM
October 27 th	Harvest Festival 5:30PM-8:00PM

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PTA President's Message

Hello Pony Parents:

Being the first newsletter of the school year, I'll begin by introducing this year's PTA Board and standing committee, starting with Raleigh Klein, Vice-President; Matina Bragas, Secretary; Rebecca Ramirez, Treasurer; Erin Fong, Historian; Wendy Lee, Auditor; Audrey Hemesath, Parliamentarian; Jennifer Fischetti, Assembly; Teresa Kim, Box Tops; and yours truly, Rod Fong, President. And with this introduction, please join me in welcoming Pony Express' new Principal, Mr. Dobrescu.

A quick reminder to everyone that the Pony PTA membership is **\$6.00 per adult**, and is open to parents, guardians, and grandparents. Joining PTA does not obligate anyone to attend meetings or in any way volunteer their time. So, if you would like to join Pony PTA, please leave a note with your **name, email address, student's name and room number**, at the front office and I will get a membership envelope to you.

October 27th is the date for our annual Harvest Festival, 5:30pm to 8:00pm, rain or shine. This event is sponsored and coordinated by PTA, but all proceeds go directly to each respective participating teacher's classroom allotment. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact ponypta@gmail.com, or leave a message at the front office.

If you would like to hear more about this and other activities, please join us on Oct 10th, at 6:00pm, in the multipurpose room for our next PTA meeting. Aside from Harvest Festival, if there is a topic you would like to have included, please let me know so that I may have time to amend the agenda. In the meantime, the agenda for the October meeting is as follows:

Call Meeting to Order

- Introduce Newest Board Member, Mr. Dobrescu

Report of Meeting Minutes

- 12 SEP 2017 Association Mtg
- Approve/ratify expenditure since last mtg

Financial Report

- 2017/18 financial report
- Approve/ratify expenses (checks)

President's Report

- Current PTA membership
- Kick-off fundraiser
- Important dates/planned activities
- Final Words

Principal's Report

Old Business

- Purchasing PTAEZ financial software

New Business

- Nothing to report

Committee Reports

- Fundraising
- Assembly

Motion to Adjourn

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rodney Fong

PTA President
