

# **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

## **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

The Village View Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a volunteer group of parents, educators, students and community members who work together to promote the education and well being of all children and youth in the home, school and community. This unit is part of the National PTA which makes children their first priority through its involvement in advocacy, education and parenting issues.

### **Objects of the PTA**

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school community and place of worship.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the California State PTA is three-fold:

To support and speak on behalf of all children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.

To assist parents in developing the skills they need to nurture children.

To promote parent and public involvement in schools and communities.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Village View is involved in the School Improvement Program from kindergarten through fifth grades. This is a state-supported program, which provides money for improvement of the instructional program. The money is used to provide instructional assistants in kindergarten and first grade and physical education for fourth and fifth grades. It also provides a limited amount of money for instructional materials, equipment and staff development. Elected volunteer parents, as member of School Site Council, are an integral part of this program and meet monthly to make recommendations for school improvement.

## **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL**

Parents, teachers and staff are elected yearly to the School Site Council to represent staff and community in a shared decision-making process. The Council meets once a month to discuss concerns and make decisions about various issues, such as: school goals, curriculum areas of emphasis, budget considerations, community concerns and programs and activities for our students.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Village View School is very fortunate to have a strong volunteer force. Parents, grandparents and other adults are needed and welcomed in the classrooms, in the library and at special events throughout the school year. If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom or help prepare materials from home, please send a note to the teacher indicating the day and time you are available or contact your Room Parent. If you would like to help at a PTA event, contact a PTA officer listed in this directory. Remember that **all** volunteers are required by state law to have a Mantoux tuberculosis (TB) test with results on file in the school office. Volunteers must check in daily and wear a volunteer sticker while on campus.

## **TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SCREENING**

All staff and school volunteers are required by the State of California to have a Mantoux tuberculosis test every four years with results on file in the school office. Call the school office for information about free TB screening.



