





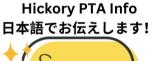
Welcome Hickory families! The Hickory PTA is here to serve our school and community through a variety of enrichment programs and events.

Visit our website www.hickorypta.net to find out more about how you can stay involved and support your child at school. Sign up for our mailing list and follow us on social media for the latest news. Access and download the full welcome packet online.











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Membership

- 🔗 Digital membership card and easy renewal 🤝 PTA is completely non-profit and
- Access to member perks & discounts
- Have a voice in Hickory PTA meetings and elections



Direct Donation

- volunteer run.
- 🔗 We accept donations in any amount to fund all the amazing programs we offer such as the Hickory library and Adventures in Art program.





Hello Hickory Hounds and Families!

My name is Amy Brownstone and I am excited to serve the PTA this year as President. My family has been Hickory Hounds since 2019 and I have been an active volunteer from the very start. I truly enjoy volunteering for this community and have so much fun every time I'm on campus with the kids.

The PTA mission is to positively impact the lives of all children and families. Your Hickory PTA accomplishes this in multiple ways by fundraising, volunteering, and organizing to bring programs and events to the school. Our PTA-funded programs like Adventures in Art, school library, assemblies, and study trips enrich the learning experience for our students. We strive to provide opportunities for all parents to volunteer on campus so they can be a part of their child's school day. Lastly, our PTA funded events like Movie Night and Carnival allow students and their families to enjoy the school outside of the normal learning experience and just have fun together.

Everything we do as a PTA for Hickory Elementary depends on your support through membership, fundraising, and volunteering. As we get ready for the upcoming school year, please consider supporting the PTA in any way you can. No dollar amount or volunteer hour is too small!

Please visit our website at <u>www.hickorypta.net</u> to see how you can support the PTA and the Hickory Community. If you have any questions, you can always email us at <u>hello@hickorypta.net</u>.

With gratitude, Amy Brownstone Hickory PTA President

Torrance Unified School District

2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Board Approved 03-21-22/Board Revision 05-01-23

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2023 - 2024 Hickory School and PTA Events Calendar

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24	First Day of School	8	School Picture Day	13	Movie Night
24	Direct Donation Starts	20	ELMAC Meeting	13	Progress Reports
		14	Back to School Night	15	Reflections Deadline
		<u>25</u>	<u>No School</u>	20	Make-Up Picture Day
		28	Association Meeting #1	23-27	Red Ribbon Week
		TBD	Reflections Contest Kickoff	29	Skechers Walk
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14	PTA Board Meeting	11	TUSD Spelling Bee	<u>12</u>	No School
14	Association Meeting #2	12	5th Grade Panoramic Picture	<u>19</u>	<u>No School</u>
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		22-31	Parent Conferences		
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11	PTA Board Meeting	4	TUSD Bike Rodeo	TBD	Field Day TK-3rd
15-19	Blue Ribbon Week	9	PTA Meeting	TBD	4th Grade Olympics
16 5	5th Grade Promotion Pictures	23	Association Meeting #4	TBD	5th Grade Park Day
17	Hickory Bike Rodeo	<u>27</u>	<u>No School</u>	13	5th Grade Culmination
18	TUSD Academic Pentathlon	31	TUSD Track Meet	13	Last Day of School
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PTA MEMBERSHIP & DISCOUNTS

https://jointotem.com/ca/torrance/hickory-pta

Join Hickory PTA as a member for **\$10** and you automatically become a member at the state and national PTA levels. This means big discounts and savings! A sample of the most popular perks are listed below.

Visit: <u>pta.org/offers</u> and <u>capta.org/join/member-perks/</u> for even more discounts and offers (Dell, credit unions, AARP, and Farmers Insurance to name a few).

Aquarium of the Pacific

Don't miss the Aquarium's new Babies exhibit! Meet some adorable new arrivals and learn about the Aquarium's breeding programs that promote ocean conservation. **Save \$10** on your adult or child admission ticket or dual/family membership. Go to: https://affiliatetickets.aquariumofpacific.org/ to access your member savings and input **password: CAPTA3**

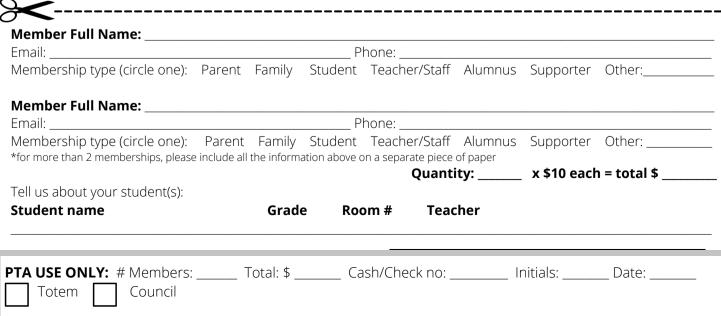
Farm Fresh to You

Farm Fresh to You has been farming organically since 1976 and has built a sustainable network of California farms that deliver organic produce, meat, dairy, eggs, and so much more straight to your doorstep all year! California State PTA members can get an **ongoing 15% discount by using promo code CAPTA** when ordering through the Farm Fresh to You website. Go to https://www.farmfreshtoyou.com/ and simply enter your zip code, then select your delivery options, box size, and items.

Hertz Benefits

Save **up to 20%** using discount **CDP# 1929580 FREE** Child Seat with every rental Additional savings on Affordable Prepaid Rates Special promotions in addition to your discount **FREE** Hertz Gold Plus Rewards enrollment! Earn free rental days and receive expedited service!

Sign up online and view your digital ID card at **jointotem.com/ca/torrance/hickory-pta** or scan here: **OR** you may send in a check (payable to Hickory PTA) or cash, along with the order form below and drop off in Room 31 by the front gate. You will receive an invitation to register online at your convenience.





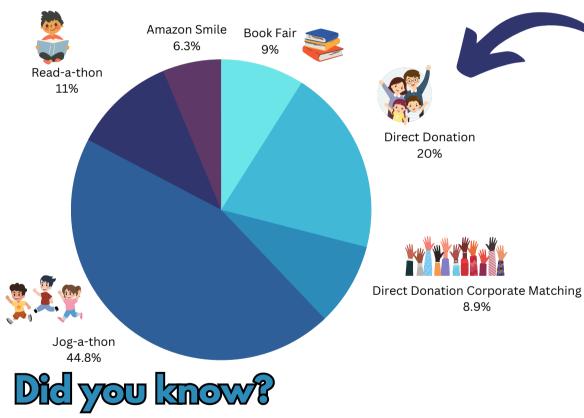








We are a volunteer-led organization that works alongside Hickory Elementary staff, teachers, and TCPTA. A total of 100% of funds raised goes towards enhancing Hickory student education, enrichment programs, and to fill in gaps due to budget cuts or underfunding.



Many employers participate in a corporate matching program for non-profit organizations like PTA! Please consider asking your employer about their corporate matching program.

Hickory PTA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations may be 100% tax deductible.

do we raise money?

What

is Direct Donation?

Rather than ask our families to sell candies or wrapping paper, we ask for donations directly to the PTA, ensuring that 100% of your gift goes directly to the school and students. This year Direct Donation will be our primary Fall Fundraiser and we will not be participating in Read-a-thon. Additionally, Amazon Smile is discontinuing their program. This means Direct Donations are more important than ever to ensure our programs are well funded to start the year.

Hickory Elementary P.T.A. DIRECT DONATION DRVE

Contact: fundraising@hickorypta.net

DIRECT DONATIONS SUPPORT

Adventures in Art Library Study Trips Assemblies Teacher Copy Center Healthy Ever After Movie Night Spring Festival And so much more!

WHAT IS DIRECT DONATION?

Rather than ask our families to sell candy or wrapping paper, we kindly ask families to donate directly to the PTA, ensuring that 100% of your gift goes directly to the school & students! <u>This will</u> <u>be our only fundraiser through</u> <u>the end of 2023.</u>





Ask your employer about corporate matching!

Hickory Elementary P.T.A. 2023 – 2024 DIRECT DONATION DRIVE

The Direct Donation fundraiser is our primary Fall Fundraiser. The amount raised during this campaign will determine how many programs, supplies, and activities the PTA will be able to support this school year. Thank you for supporting your Hickory Hounds!

Our Direct Donation fundraising goal for 2023 -2024 is \$19,000, which will only cover a portion of our programs and events.

That sounds like a big number, and it is, so let's break down where the money goes!

Study Trips, Buses, and Assemblies alone will cost \$31,000!

Student supplies for Adventures in Art will be \$5,000 for the year.

New materials for the Hickory Library are typically \$3,000.

The PTA fund teachers and classrooms with grants of \$250 per teacher for a total of \$9,750 this year.

Scholastic News is provided to all students at a cost of \$6,250.

Free Community Events, like Move Night and Carnival, are expected to cost \$5,250.

Administrative costs, taxes, and PTA required obligations are expected to cost us \$8,450 this year.

We also provide additional programs and events throughout the year totaling \$8,900.

We are proud to have been able to provide additional gifts to Hickory Elementary throughout the years for technology and educational subscriptions and we'd like to be able to do this again.

Every dollar we raise helps us give our students, teachers, staff, and families the best elementary school experience possible.



💥 2023 - 2024 Direct Donation Goal: \$19,000 💥

Suggested Donation Per Child \$180 = \$1 per School Day or \$365 = \$1 per Day for the Year

<u>Students</u> receiving a donation in their name will be entered into opportunity drawing for prizes throughout the fundraising period, receive Hickory SWAG, and be recognized on our Website and Newsletter. <u>Classrooms</u> with the highest total donated or most number of donations/class participation will receive a classroom reward.

NEW THIS YEAR: All donations of **\$365** or more will be recognized on our virtual **Donor Wall**. The Donor Wall will be displayed in our newsletter and PTA website. Please note on your donation if you would like your family, student, or business name to be displayed on the Wall. *Hickory PTA is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Your donations may be 100% tax deductible.*

Thank you for supporting the students of Hickory Elementary School!

Please Return your donation and this paper to the PTA in Room 31 (across from front office) OR you can donate at https://www.hickorypta.net/donations. Email fundraising@hickorypta.net with any questions.

Donor Name:_

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https://www.hickorypta.net/donations



CORPORATE MATCHING & SPONSORSHIP

Some employers match your donation dollar for dollar! This means that your dollars count twice as much in their support of our school! Other companies may wish to donate directly as a sponsor of our PTA. If your employer is on the list below, please complete this form and return it to the PTA. If your employer is not listed, check with your HR department to see if the company is interested in sponsorship opportunities!

- American Honda Motor Mattel Bank of America Northrop Grumman Blue Shield of California Raytheon Boeing Sony Pictures Chevron
- Torrance Refining Company Costco Toyota Disney UPS Edison U.S. Bancorp Electronic Arts Union Bank of California
- Goldman, Sachs, & Co. Unum Home Depot Wachovia Wells Fargo Johnson & Johnson Western Asset Management **...and many more!**

CORPORATE SPONSOR PROGRAM: Local businesses can support our school by making a 100% fully tax deductible donation, by sponsoring an event or activity, or by providing an in-kind donation! To learn more, email us at: <u>fundraising@hickorypta.net</u>.

Did you know that **Employer Donations** and **Corporate Sponsors** can help the Hickory PTA dollar go further in offering programs and services for our students? Our goal is to receive \$2,000 this year! Help us get there!

Please return to Hickory PTA by email at <u>fundraising@hickorypra.net</u> or drop off in Room 31:

My employer,	, has a matching program.
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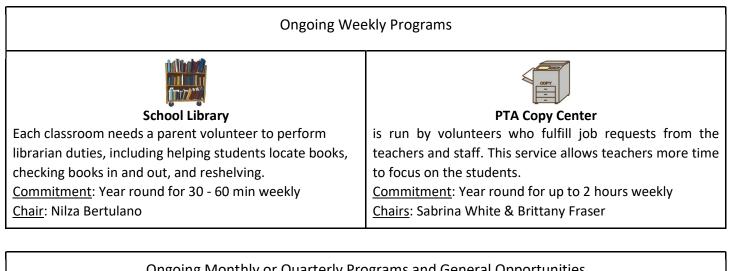
Hickory PTA Volunteer Opportunities 2023-2024

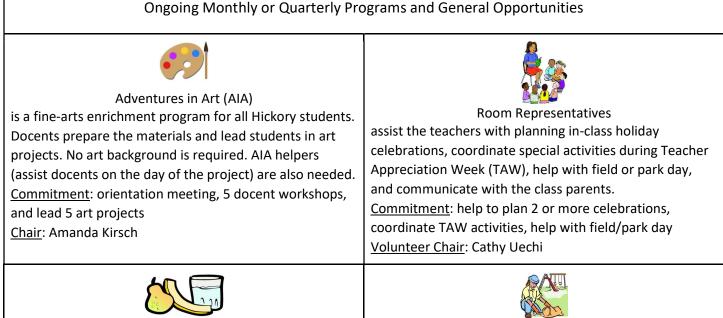
The PTA supports a large number of volunteer run and led programs and events that enhance the student experience and strengthen the Hickory community. We are seeking both volunteers and chairs for these important programs. We welcome whatever level of commitment of your time and effort you are available for. All training and supplies for these programs and events will be provided by the PTA.

How to Volunteer

Scan our QR code, go to https://forms.gle/UbGAyrHe4ztVnUu39 to fill out our online volunteer interest form, or fill out our paper form and return it to the PTA room (room 31). A PTA board member or program chair will follow up with you to let you know the next steps to get you involved. Note that volunteers for ongoing programs including school library, PTA copy center, room representatives, field trip chaperones, and AIA docents must complete a <u>TUSD Raptor application</u> including a <u>TB risk assessment form</u>.







Healthy Ever After (HEA) Student nutrition education program in partnership with the Torrance Memorial dietitians. Volunteers help with an education module and prepare and distribute healthy snacks to the students. <u>Commitment</u> : help with lessons and snack prep. <u>Chair</u> : Adrienne Downs	Miscellaneous Volunteers are needed throughout the year for various duties such as campus beautification or assisting at specific events. If you would like to volunteer but do not want to commit to a specific program or event, we welcome your helping hands. <u>Commitment</u> : your availability and as needed <u>Contacts</u> : Stacey Wong or Cathy Uechi
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Committees							
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is responsible for spreading awareness and advocacy throughout the year. Volunteers will help plan abilities awareness week and multicultural events. Language ambassadors for Japanese, Korean and Chinese are also needed. <u>Commitment</u> : as needed <u>Chair</u> : Lina Awshee	Spiritwear Committee assists with sales of Hickory t-shirts and gear throughout the year. Volunteers will help with sales at events or periodic sales before or after school. <u>Commitment</u> : as needed <u>Chair</u> : Lina Awshee						

Awards and Fundraisers								
Student Scholarships are given to local high school seniors from the Hickory PTA. Committee members will review their applications and work with the principal to determine which students receive this award. <u>Commitment</u> : A couple weeks in the spring <u>Chair</u> : Position Open	Direct Donation is the Hickory PTA's primary fundraising activity and where we would like to focus most of our efforts. The campaign kicks off in the fall and committee members will assist with planning and promoting it. <u>Commitment</u> : A couple hours weekly in the fall. <u>Chair</u> : Amy Brownstone							
Book Fair This week-long event is a favorite among the students and teachers. Help with setup, or cashier and provide customer service during the event. Dates: TBD Commitment: Single days or the whole week of event Chair: Yelli Alcantara & Nicole Carlson	Jog-a-thon This is a great opportunity for students to actively participate in raising money for our school. The committee will promote fundraising leading up to the event and staff the day of the event. <u>Date</u> : TBD <u>Commitment</u> : Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, and distribution of prizes to students. <u>Chair</u> : Position Open							

Yearbook (5th graders only) 5 th grade students are invited to apply to join. The committee chooses the cover art contest winners, collects photos and creates layouts. <u>Commitment</u> : Students meet regularly in the spring <u>Chair</u> : Sunny Joo	Community Efforts Community Efforts Volunteers and students will participate in week-long charitable events such as food, toys and personal and school supplies drives <u>Commitment</u> : Plan charitable drives in the fall/spring <u>Chair</u> : Position Open							
Week-long Events								
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Blue Ribbon Week

honors our Hickory Heroes who keep us safe: healthcare

Commitment: Volunteers plan activities and assemblies

workers, teachers, first responders, police officers,

firefighters and armed forces.

that celebrate community helpers.

Dates: April 1-April 5, 2024

Chair: Brittany Fraser



Red Ribbon Week

emphasizes the importance of making safe, healthy, and

informed choices, especially as they relate to our bodies

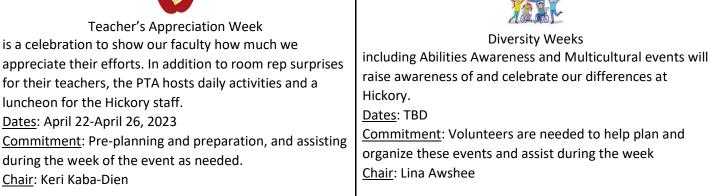
<u>Commitment</u>: Volunteers plan and promote week-long

Dates: October 23-October 27, 2023

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activities.

Chair: Brittany Fraser



Single Day Events							
Family Movie Night	Student Talent Show						
This is an event for the whole family to watch a film under	This spectacular event highlights all the amazing talent we						
the stars!	have at Hickory!						
<u>Date</u> : October 13, 2023	Date: TBD in February, auditions held in January						
Commitment: Volunteers are needed to help with	Commitment: The committee holds auditions, plans the						
planning and coordination, setup and cleanup.	event, and coordinates a group dance routine.						
<u>Chair</u> : Julie Yancy	Chair: Position Open						



Seasonal Festival

Commitment: Biweekly planning meetings for committee

and setup/cleanup the day of the event for single day

This family festival features carnival style games,

entertainment, silent auction, and food trucks.

Bike Rodeo (3rd-5th grade only) Students are tested on specific bike riding skills and safety rules, and the top grade winners compete in a district wide competition. Co-sponsored by local Torrance law enforcement.

Date: April 3, 2024

Commitment: Volunteers are mostly needed the day of, but may also assist in planning and promotion. Chair: Brittany Fraser



4th Grade Olympics

An annual tradition where the 4th grade classes compete in Olympics-style events at Hickory Park and can earn medals.

Dates: TBD, likely occurring during June 3-13, 2024 Commitment: Volunteers are needed to help plan, setup, facilitate games/activities, and clean up.

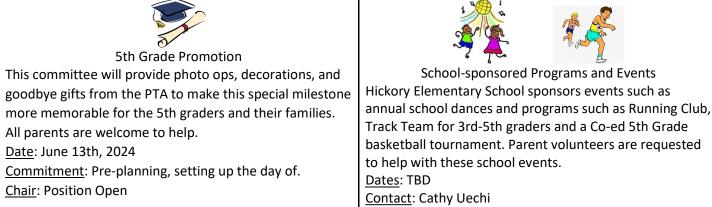
Chair: Adrienne Downs



5th Grade Career Day

This informative event exposes the 5th graders to different jobs that exist in their community. Date: TBD, likely occurring during June 3-13, 2024 <u>Commitment</u>: The planning committee will recruit career speakers and coordinate the event schedule. Day of speaker chaperones are needed to assist the speakers and grade student quizzes.

Chair: Alexa Davis





Field Day (TK-3rd grade only) Students enjoy a morning of fun activities and competitions with their fellow grade classes. Dates: TBD, a single day likely occurring during June 3-13, 2024 Commitment: Volunteers are needed for planning, setup, cleanup, and facilitating games and activities.

Chair: Position Open

Date: TBD

volunteers.

Chair: Position Open



5th Grade Park Day (House Cup) This annual tradition has 5th graders celebrating their last days at Hickory Elementary with a fun-filled day of activities and competition at Hickory Park. Date: TBD, likely occurring during June 3-13, 2024 Commitment: Volunteers are needed to help plan, setup, facilitate games and activities, and clean up.

Chair: Position Open





Hickory 2023-2024 SPIRITWEAR

Show your spirit every Friday by wearing your class shirt! Scan the code to visit our online



Store@hickorypta.net

Hound2Hound

*sustainability initiative

Donate your gently worn spiritwear to the PTA! we will wash, repackage and regive to another Hound! H2H bin can be found in the PTA room. please free to stop by and take a shirt if you find one you need!

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