



**Hickory Elementary PTA**

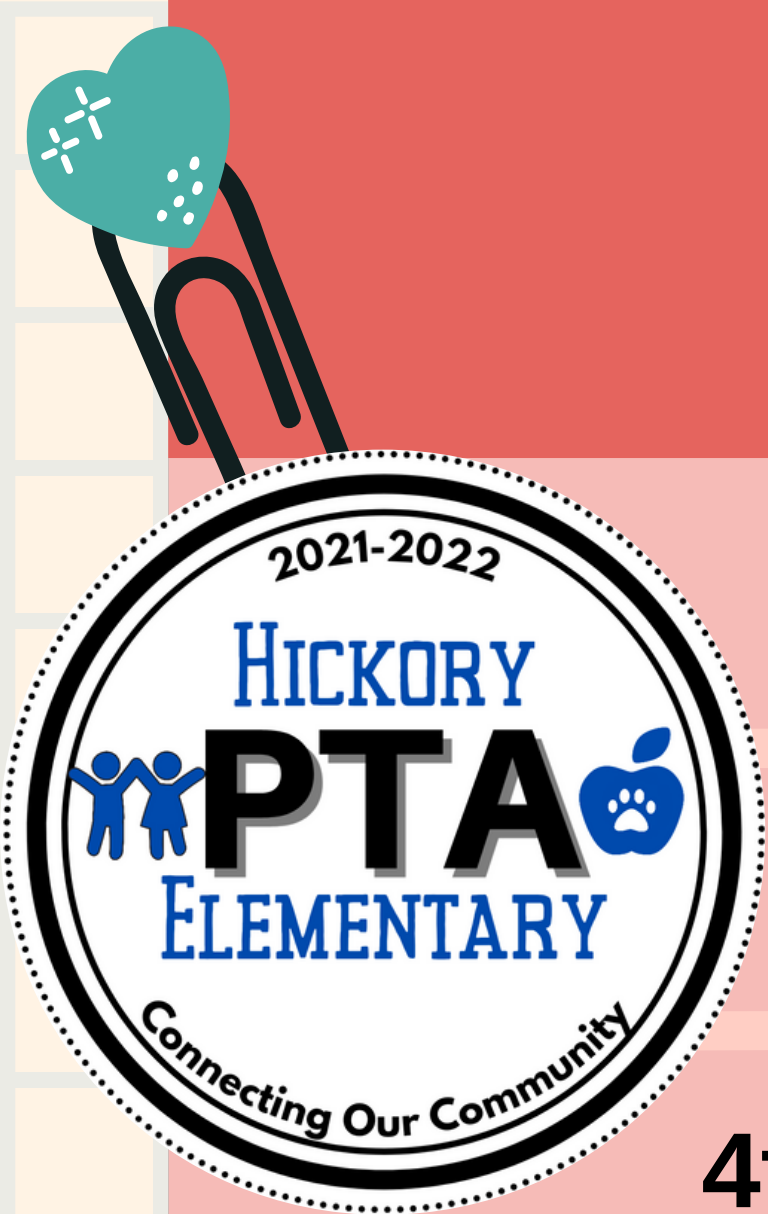
*Welcomes You*



to Back to School Night &  
Our Association Meeting



# Meet Your PTA Board



**President:** Sunny Joo

**1st VP (Programs):** Christina Choi

**2nd VP (Fundraising):** Mary Ishida

**3rd VP (Volunteers):** Vidya Yakkundi

**4th VP (Communications):** Sara Romero

**Recording Secretary:** Shivani Kraus

**Treasurer:** Winnie Nguyen

**Financial Secretary:** Liana Osborne

**Parliamentarian:** Christa Malsbury

**Historian:** Keri Kaba-Dien

**Auditor:** Liv Yuki

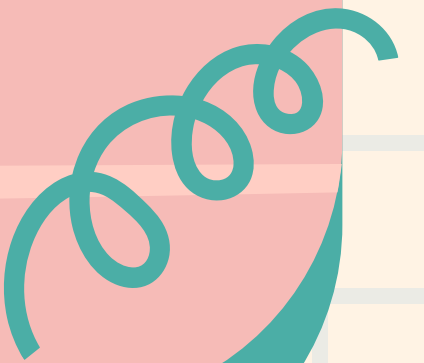
**Advisor:**

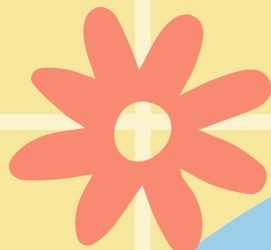
Mrs. Mabery

**Teacher Reps:**

Mrs. Tyrrell


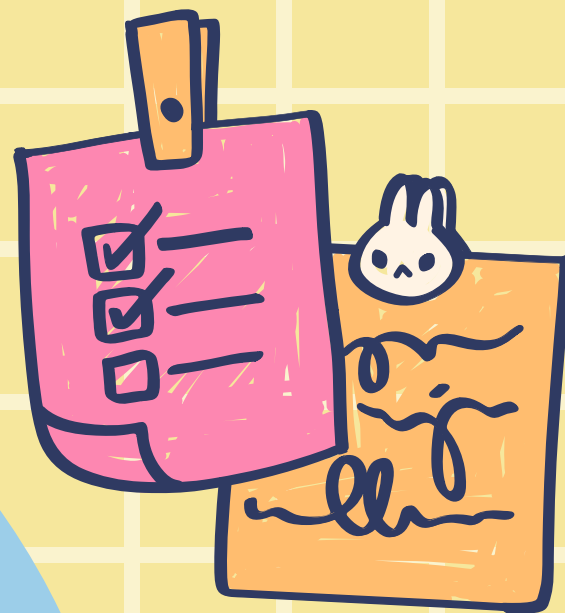
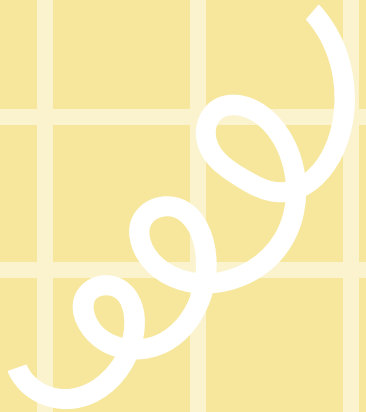
Mrs. Risk





# What is the PTA?

## Parent Teacher Association



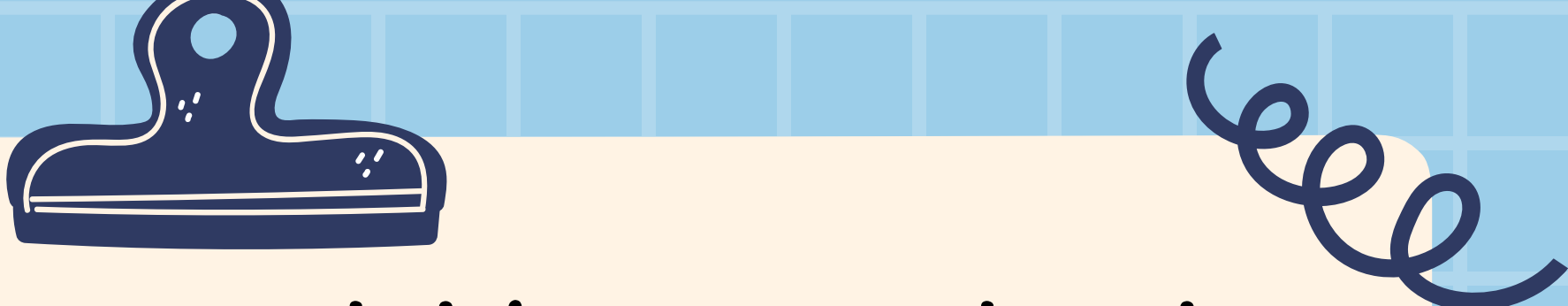
Volunteer  
Driven

PTA is a **non-profit organization**, run entirely by volunteers. Members include: parents, teachers, staff, students, and the community.


We put on programs to **enrich, educate, and promote** the welfare of students and to bridge the gap between the school and the general public.

We also provide **teacher grants and scholarships, and purchase supplies, academic apps, and books** for the library. And so much more!

- Funded
- entirely by
- donations,
- fundraisers, &
- memberships



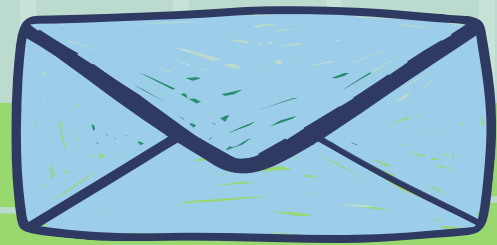
Why should I  
join the PTA?

- Support your children's school
  - Have a say in how money is spent
  - Exclusive member perks & discounts
  - Access to PTA-sponsored events and member pricing
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<https://jointotem.com/ca/torrance/hickory-pta>





Send in those  
green forms!  
Or donate  
online!



Classroom Supplies  
Teacher Grants  
School Library  
Chromebooks  
Academic Apps  
Adventures in Art  
Field Trips  
Talent Show  
Family Movie Night  
Spring Fair  
School Dances  
5th Grade Celebration  
Special Assemblies  
and more!

Where Does My  
\$\$ Go?































Direct  
Donations

**Hickory PTA Building Dreams**  
**2021-2022 Direct Donation**

Your support benefits our Hickory Hounds through PTA sponsored programs, materials and events.

We ♥ Dollar a Day  
Suggested Donations per Child  
\$80 = \$1 per school day  
\$5 = \$1 a day for the year

	 Blue	 Bronze	 Silver	 Gold	 Diamond
	\$1—\$99	\$100	\$180	\$365	\$500
Spirit Stick					
Communicator Recognition					
Spirit Keychain					
\$10.00 Spirit Wear Voucher					
Emergency Kit					
1 Yearbook					



# Essential Programs

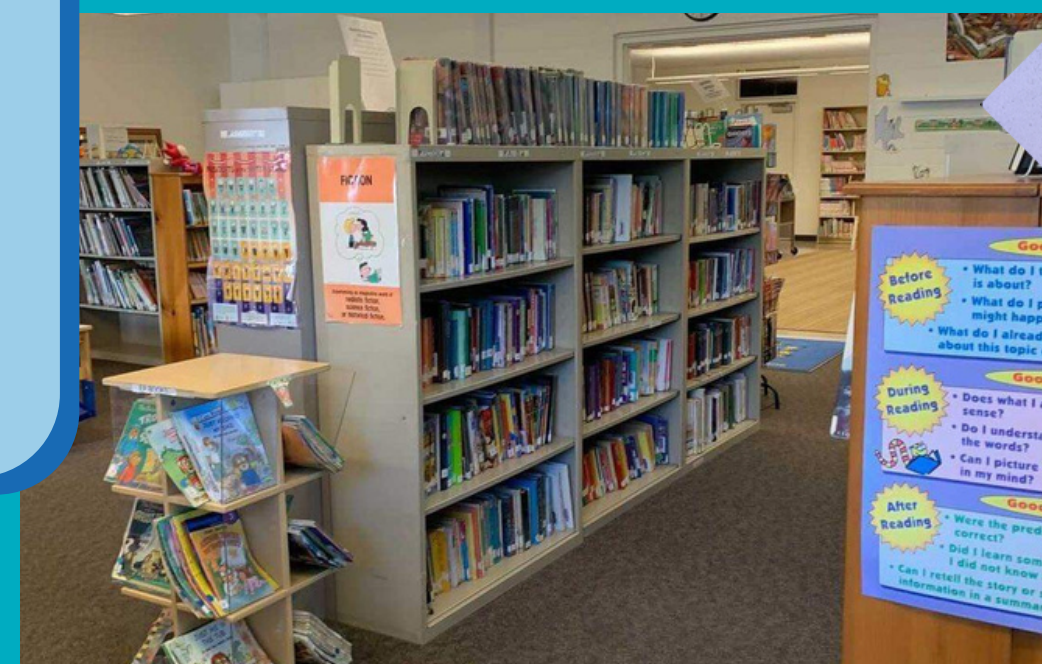


Currently  
recruiting  
volunteers!

AIA

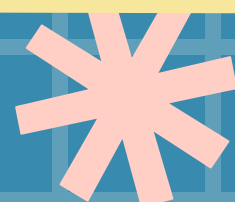


Amanda Kirsch  
hickoryaia.amanda@gmail.com



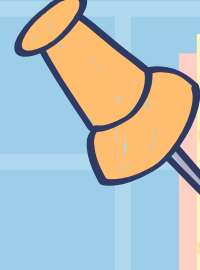
School  
Library

Xindy Velazquez  
xindyv@me.com

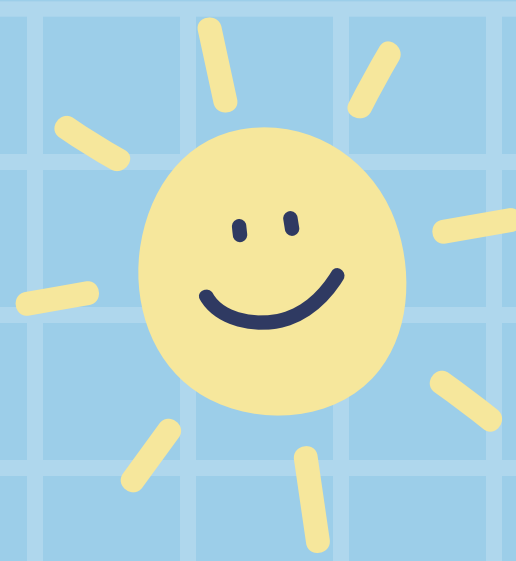


Please email the above program chairs for more info.





Volunteers must be verified and approved by the District using an online application process.



# How To Volunteer

No classroom volunteers allowed at this time, but ask your teacher if she needs a room rep. PTA can help you with that role throughout the year!



1

Fill out application online and upload required documents (TB test, covid vaccine card or negative covid test results).

2

Submit and wait for approval email.

3

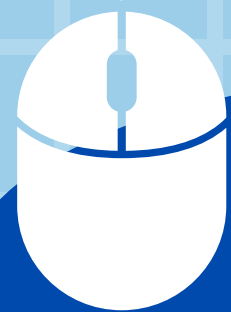
Forward email to: **VP of Volunteers**  
**Vidya Yakkundi vdyakkundi@gmail.com**

4

Contact your teacher or essential program chair.

5

You're **READY** to volunteer!



To learn more, visit:  
[www.hickorypta.net/volunteer](http://www.hickorypta.net/volunteer)

<https://hickoryelementary.secure-decoration.com/>

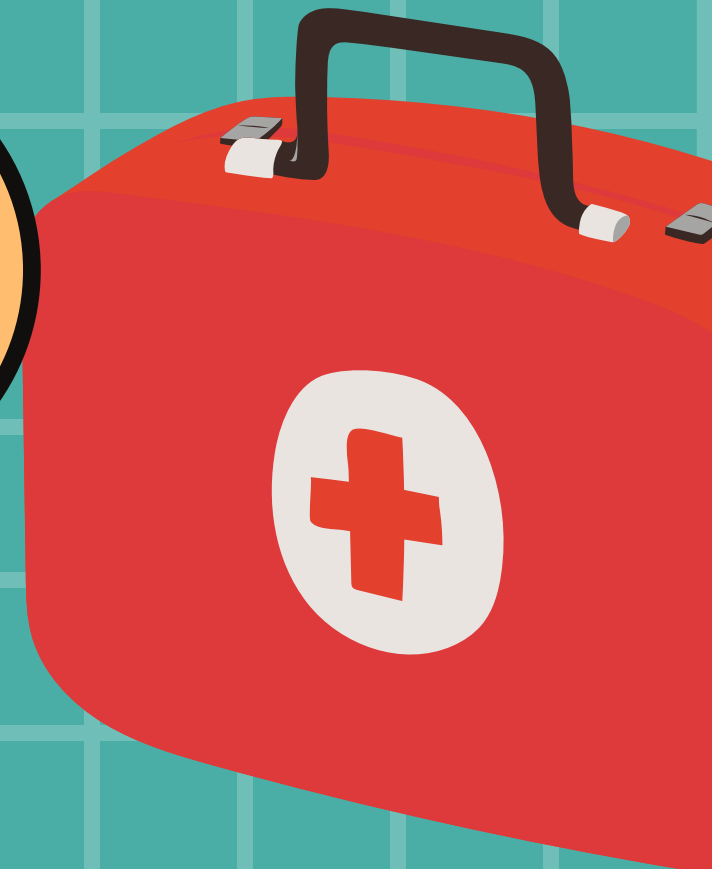
You can still purchase a class shirt.  
More spiritwear and products  
**COMING SOON!**



**\$10**

**S.O.S**

Emergency kits available to purchase  
on [hickorypta.net](https://hickorypta.net)



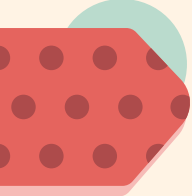





Board met on Tuesday, Sept. 7 @ 5:30pm



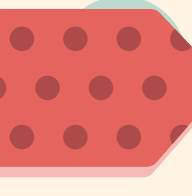
Recording Secretary: Shivani Kraus







The minutes from the May 13, 2021 Outgoing and Incoming Association Meetings were reviewed and accepted for audit.




Board Recommendations:




Ratify the appointment of the following board positions and standing committee chairs (they have voting rights):

- Liana Osborne, Financial Secretary
  - Christa Malsbury, Parliamentarian
  - Nelly Nevarez, Membership Chair
  - Christina Choi, Hospitality Chair
  - Xindy Velazquez, Library Chair
  - Amanda Kirsch, Adventures in Art Chair
  - Vidya Yakkundi, Healthy Ever After Chair
  - Laura Martinez, Copy Center Chair
  - Shivani Kraus, Safety Chair
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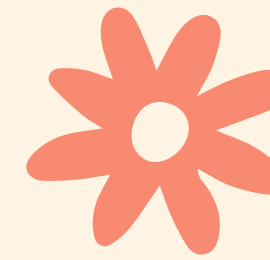
# Association Meeting Business



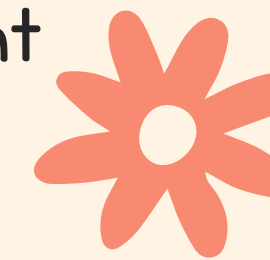
Ratify the appointment of our Parliamentarian Christa Malsbury as By-laws Committee Chair in order to update our by-laws.



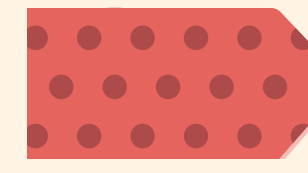
Ratify the appointment of our two voting delegates Shivani Kraus and Tricia Cole and alternate Winnie Nguyen to represent our school at Torrance Council of PTA association meetings.



Mrs. Mabery made a motion to approve these board recommendations as a whole. Assistant Principal Ms. Kim seconded. No discussion. No opposition. Motion carried.



Auditor: Liv Yuki



Finding no errors in the Treasurer's Reports of the General and Scrip accounts, the auditor's report is adopted as presented for the audit period January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

# Committees

## Special committee chairs:

- Munazzah Lathief, Spiritwear Chair
- Alexa Davis, Movie Night Chair
- Christa Malsbury, Direct Donations Chair & Jogathon Chair
- Aileen Su, Readathon Chair
- Laura Martinez, Copy Center Chair
- Keri Kaba-Dien, Teacher's Appreciation Chair
- Sunny Joo, Reflections Chair, Yearbook Chair
- Stacey Wong, Career Day Chair
- Mary Ishida, Silent Auction Chair
- Tricia Cole, Box Tops Chair
- Ryan Kitagawa, Toy Drive Chair

## Open Positions:

- Blue Ribbon Week Chair (this week includes Fire Prevention Day and Bike Rodeo)
- 5th Grade Culmination and Reception Chair
- ELMAC Liaison (English Learner Multicultural Advisory Committee)
- GATE Liaison
- Legislation Chair
- Food Drive Chair

Mark your  
calendars!

Future PTA Association  
Meeting Dates

December 9  
March 10  
May 13

Please email: [hickorypta@outlook.com](mailto:hickorypta@outlook.com)  
for more information.

# Project HOPE: Helping Our People Everyday

Project HOPE is a collaboration of the heart. Torrance Council of PTAs mission is to positively impact the lives of all children and families. We work hand in hand with TUSD and other entities to support our homeless students and their families. We rely on generous donations from the 30 schools in TUSD and local businesses and churches to supply food, toiletries, school supplies, hotel vouchers and other items as the need arises. Another way we support the students is by supplying the kids with costumes for Halloween, and dresses, hair and makeup and tuxes for Prom.

**Questions or want to see how else you can help?**

**Contact Denise Spellman, Project HOPE Chair**  
**[tcptaprojecthope@gmail.com](mailto:tcptaprojecthope@gmail.com)**



Currently asking for sign ups  
to donate new  
Halloween costumes

**Sponsor-a-Senior (High School Senior)**

**To Contribute:**

Visit [tcpta.myschoolcentral.com/](http://tcpta.myschoolcentral.com/)

Use the drop down menu to "sponsor a senior"  
from a specific high school, or sponsor a student  
from any T.U.S.D. high school.





Thank you  
for listening!



Any questions?



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