



## Point Dume Marine Science School PTA

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### ***Stay Informed and Get Involved***

- **PTA Membership** Join the PTA and let your kids know that you care about their school and want to help it succeed. A strong PTA makes a school stronger and makes our teachers jobs easier. PTA members may vote at association meetings or ask for a matter to be put on the agenda of an association meeting. **PDMSS wants 100% membership participation.** Your involvement in PTA further supports the mission of the California PTA as it strives to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth as well as secure and promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, community and school. Please join—your participation is crucial to our success.
- **Get Connected**
  - ***PDMSS Yearbook:*** Reserve your PDMSS yearbook now...a wonderful keepsake you will treasure forever.
  - ***PDMSS Directory:*** This will become one of the most important books in your house! The PDMSS Directory provides the names and phone numbers for all your child's classmates, teacher's extensions at school, and critical information about PDMSS and PTA. A PDMSS Directory is provided **free to all PTA members.** The cost for non-members is \$15.00.
  - ***E-Mail:*** All school and classroom news will be sent via email – please be sure to update your email address
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
  - **PDMSS PTA** is an active volunteer organization. There are many opportunities available for you to volunteer whether in the classroom, the library, or in the evenings from the comfort of your home.
  - ***Book Fair:*** Work closely with the librarian to set up the library for our annual book fair. Assist in set-up, take down and work in the book fair itself.  
*Timeline: Date not confirmed – Fair lasts 1 week*
  - ***Campus Beautification:*** Help maintain the school grounds and raise awareness of environmental issues and appreciation of the outdoors. Coordinate and publicize events involving trash pick-up days, maintenance and enhancement of the school grounds.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
  - ***Community Service:*** Get into the spirit of giving! Help coordinate community service projects such as Malibu Labor Exchange. *Timeline: Year Round*
  - ***Copy Committee:*** Responsible for making copies for teachers and work with staff to maintain copy room.  
*Timeline: Year Round – approx 1 hour/ week*
  - ***Decorating/Bulletin Boards:*** Coordinate and design the displays on the bulletin boards around campus with seasonal themes, art, and community news. In addition, assist specialty teachers as needed to decorate the auditorium for musical performances and Open House.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
  - ***Disaster Preparedness:*** Maintain student and staff emergency kits. Make purchases when appropriate for emergency container. Work to improve the Emergency Preparedness plan and procedures for PDMSS.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
  - ***Drop-off/Pick-up Line:*** Nothing is more important than the safety of our children. Volunteers are needed everyday to help direct traffic, assist students in and out of cars and ensure that all traffic and safety rules are observed. Day-Glo vests provided free for all volunteers!  
*Timeline: Year Round –Choose your day(s)*
  - ***E-Fundraising:*** Promote enrollment and usage of eScrip and SchoolPop among family and friends of PDMSS.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
  - ***Environmental Action Team:*** Help organize and plan recycling efforts at PDMSS, i.e., trash free lunch days, battery collection, Cartridges for Kids. Work with staff and Student Council to empower PDMSS students and families to be better stewards of our planet.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
  - ***Environmental Science Committee:*** PDMSS Science Lab Committee needs a group of enthusiastic parents who donate their time and energy in direct support of the science program at our school. The marine science lab, part of the school's original vision, is what makes PDMSS unique.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
  - ***Family Nights:*** Organize fun family nights with music, food and entertainment for our parents and children. Past events have included movie nights, a sock hop and a western hoedown BBQ.  
*Timeline: approx. 4 events during the School Year*
  - ***Field Day:*** Help organize and plan an all-school celebration of wild and wacky races and activities, run by parents, and dedicated to fun and fitness.  
*Timeline: April-May*

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- **Hospitality:** This committee organizes and provides refreshments for various school functions. Examples include Back to School Night, PTA meetings and Staff Luncheons. Your involvement could range from setting up and decorating for an event or simply providing a favorite dish or refreshments.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
- **Kindergarten Roundup:** Responsible to plan and organize an orientation program, for prospective parents and their children that includes activities for the children, a school tour and refreshments.  
*Timeline: March*
- **Library:** Volunteers are needed in the library to assist in shelving and checking in/out books, processing new books and other jobs as needed.  
*Timeline: Year Round – Choose your day(s)*
- **Lost and Found:** Help sort through our lost and found items throughout the year, returning labeled items to their lost owners and decorating the fence with unmarked items several times a year.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
- **Lunch and Recess Duty:** Volunteers needed during lunch and recess to watch over students, making safety a top priority.  
*Timeline: Year Round – Choose your day(s)*
- **Marine Science Dinner:** Our Gala Fundraiser is the highlight of the year for PDMSS parents. This event requires many volunteers, including several of its own committees to work on decorations, set-up, soliciting donations for the auction, art moms to help create classroom art projects advertisement and promotion. The dinner will occur in March.  
*Timeline: September-March*
- **Nurse Assistants:** Help bandage boo-boos and make ice packs. This is a great way to get to know our school.  
*Timeline: Year Round – Choose your day*
- **Office Assistants:** Help Rosalee and Nidra in the office with phones, filing, Xeroxing, etc.  
*Timeline: Year Round – Choose your day*
- **Organic Garden:** Help your child's classroom teacher by being the leader of the green movement and providing support during classroom gardening, cultivating, weeding and harvesting  
*Timeline: Year Round – Choose your day*
- **Parent Enrichment:** Help organize and schedule lectures and programs on parent/child issues important to our PDMSS community.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
- **Red Ribbon Month:** Help plan and organize a month of activities for this national anti-drug education program that is dedicated to creating awareness of the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Help to organize and support healthy lifestyle activities for our youth.  
*Timeline: October*
- **Reflections:** A state PTA sponsored themed art contest that promotes creativity in the arts through literature, photography, visual arts, dance, film and video, theater and music. Responsible for inspiring student artists, promoting contest, displaying art, and participating in state or national competitions when necessary.  
*Timeline: September-November*
- **Spirit Wear:** Organizes sales promoting school spirit wear (i.e. monogrammed merchandise, including sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats and bags) throughout the year. Track inventory and create new designs and items to sell.  
*Timeline: Year Round*
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Schedule and coordinate teacher appreciation activities for the first week in May. Usually includes a lunch, among other things. This is an opportunity for students and parents to thank teachers, staff and specialists through various activities and gestures.  
*Timeline: April/May*
- **Teacher Raffle:** This fundraising event will occur in January. Volunteers are needed to promote and coordinate this project. Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for overnight field trips.  
*Timeline: December-January*
- **Yearbook:** The PDMSS yearbook is published at the end of the year and includes all the class pictures and many memories of the year. The Yearbook Committee coordinates the project and layout and works with the yearbook publisher. Committee members take photographs of school events throughout the year, and create page layouts for each grade and school event.  
*Timeline: Year Round – Yearbook Layout: February - April.*