



# Forest Hill PTA Monthly Newsletter

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Oct. 1** – Direct Donation/  
Membership Extended Deadline

**Oct. 13** – PTA General Meeting

**Nov. 17** – PTA General Meeting

“The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child.”

-National PTA website



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## **WELCOME** from Ram (President) and Alvin (Co-President)

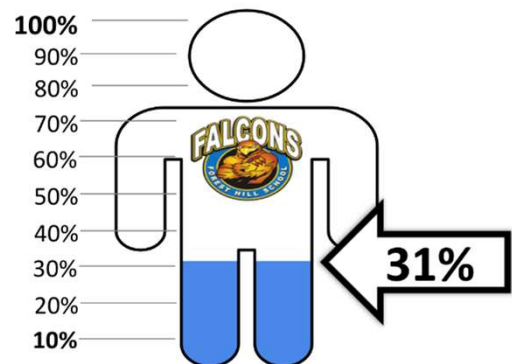
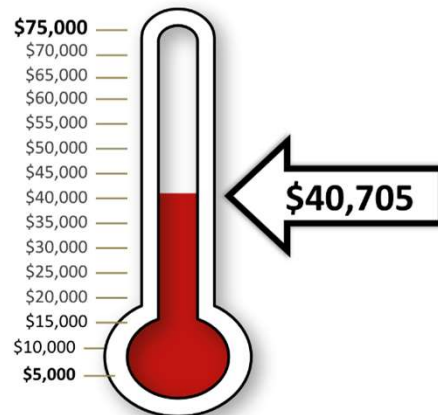
On behalf of the Forest Hill Parent Teacher Association (PTA) we would like to welcome you to a new school year. Although the school year will look a little different, the goal of the PTA remains the same, “to enhance the educational experience of children and their families, as well as establish a sense of community.” Forest Hill is a school community committed to growing students in academic, social and emotional learning. The PTA has allowed us to support programs such as art, assemblies, library, technology, playground heroes, living garden and teacher funds/grants. To continue these and other programs, we **need** your help.

1. Volunteer. Currently, volunteers are not allowed on school campus, but there are various areas we need help. Go to <https://www.foresthillpta.com/volunteer>. Contact us with the areas you are interested in and we will reach out to you.
2. Participate in the Direct Donation Fundraiser. Please see update below.
3. Become a PTA member.

We look forward to working with each of you. Please reach out to us with any comments, questions or ideas. **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

## **DIRECT DONATION UPDATE** (<https://www.foresthillpta.com/donate>)

The Direct Donation Drive is our primary school fundraiser. This year, it is all digital. Please see below for our current status as of 9/18. Our goal this year is **\$75,000**. Please check to see if your company provides corporate matching. We received over **\$35,000** in corporate matching last year. Families should have received a **Direct Donation flyer** via e-mail and in the white envelopes. Any questions may be directed to Vartika at [fundraising@foresthillpta.com](mailto:fundraising@foresthillpta.com). Since we haven't reached our fundraising (\$75,000) and participation (100%) goal, we have extended the deadline to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Donate today!!!



## **BECOME A PTA MEMBER** from Theresa (Membership VP)

The National Parent Teacher Association comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, businesses and community leaders. PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. We hope you will become a member of the Forest Hill PTA, which is also part of the 6th District Council, California PTA, and National PTA. Get your membership today: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/donation-2021-2022>

## PROJECT CORNERSTONE *from Claire*

Would you like to volunteer in your child's classroom and create a positive community impact? With Project Cornerstone's virtual parent readings, you can lead special 30-min. Zoom book readings in the class each month.



**\*NEW\*** Want to support the class, but unable to do monthly readings? Sign-up to be a Bucket Filler Friend (BFF). These parent partners show small tokens of appreciation for their classroom teacher throughout the year (encouraging note, snack, etc.). We love our FH staff and teachers. Join with us today in "filling their buckets" and showing our appreciation for their dedication each day to the safety, education and emotional support for our students. For questions or to sign-up for either or both opportunities please contact Program Lead Claire: [FHProjectCornerstone@gmail.com](mailto:FHProjectCornerstone@gmail.com)



### Multi-cultural Update *from Vartika*

Do you want to showcase your culture or run an engaging program?



This past school year, we celebrated Halloween, Diwali, Hanukkah, Korean and Chinese Lunar new year and Holi. We made memories, heard stories, cooked and did activities that helped to strengthen our diverse community. Contact Vartika at [family@foresthillpta.com](mailto:family@foresthillpta.com) if you would like to help organize an event or program.

### ART Update *from Mrs. Hardt*

I am very excited to be back in the classrooms teaching art with my cart. I will see all K-3 classes weekly and 4/5 every other week. Our first projects will be art for the Square1 Art fundraiser. Thank you PTA for all of your support.

### Assemblies/Field Trips

*(from Mohit and Maryam)*

The Assembly/Field Trips Committee is working hard to provide as many events as possible for our children. We are currently in the research phase of finding engaging and educational options, while ensuring COVID safety precautions.

### PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2021-2022

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Teachers' rep: Siobhan Schubert

### PTA Committee Leads

Emmy Gregory-Bryson, Anastasia Kolendo, Vartika Srivastava, Theresa Reese, Deepika Gajaria, Claire Tamburovic, Richard Wong, Shilpa Gavali, Sangeetha Katta, Mrs. Hardt, Arthi Ramaswamy, Mohit Vora, Kristin Grundhofer, Heidi Pereira

### OPEN Committee Leads

- Community Outreach
- Spirit Wear
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Walk/Read-A-Thon

### STAY INFORMED

1. Forest Hill Community Group on Facebook: PASSWORD="FALCON"  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ForestHillCommunity>
2. School Calendar: <https://foresthill.campbellusd.org/calendars>
3. Falcon Features Newsletter: <https://foresthill.campbellusd.org/newsletter/signup>

## PTA TOP PROGRAMS



ART TEACHER/  
WEEKLY ART  
CLASSES  
K- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!



TECHNOLOGY



VIRTUAL  
EDUCATIONAL  
ASSEMBLIES/  
FIELD TRIPS



SCHOOL LIBRARY/  
LIBRARIAN



TEACHER/STAFF  
CLASS SUPPLIES



STEM EVENTS