

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLENDALE COUNCIL PTA PRESIDENT:

As we approach the holiday season I am reminded of how thankful I am and how important it is to be thankful for the awesome PTA Boards and volunteers that the Glendale community has. Each member, no matter how big or small their role may be, makes a difference. Without them PTA would not work. The folks that volunteer get the same paycheck we get! Be sure they know you appreciate all that they do. We are fortunate to be in a district that is so supportive of PTA. Be sure to thank your Principals and other Administrators for allowing us to partner with them so all of our students enjoy thriving, productive lives in a future they create. Thank you for being willing to go above and beyond to help fulfill the PTA vision of making EVERY child's potential a reality.

Also, I am really proud of our membership numbers so far, and looking forward to another spectacular report from First District PTA! Remember that membership is a year-round job, so never give up trying to build up your numbers. Obviously, the more members we have, the more support and volunteers we have, and the better prepared we are to advocate for our children. Always be prepared to explain the benefits of PTA. Explain how PTA focusses on parent involvement, parent education, and child advocacy. How about having a "membership moment" at each meeting that gives a quick update on the number of members, new members, etc . Take time to thank those volunteers who have been so helpful. We all love to be acknowledged for our efforts. Let's continue to build on the relationship between your unit PTA's and Council. We are proud of each of our local PTAs and know great things are happening for the families in our community.

On behalf of Glendale Council PTA, I would like to thank everyone who helped out this year in so many ways. Your contributions of time and funding help our schools provide programs and projects and make Glendale a great place to be. The PTA's goal is to make every child's potential a reality. We have a great community of involved parents that work towards that goal. What a year it has been! Thank you for your constant support. You have supported our classrooms, our schools, our PTAs, and most importantly our children. You have shown me this year; Glendale has passionate parents!

Great teachers and supportive Principals play a big role in Glendale pride, but so do the many activities that dot the school calendar. You came out to events with smiles on your faces and always offered a helping hand. Although this month is synonymous with hustle and bustle, I hope you will all take some time to reflect and participate in the wonderful things happening around us in the community with friends and family.

Whether you celebrate Midsummer with the Southern Hemisphere, a Yalda night in the Middle East, Midwinter Yule in the Northern Hemisphere, Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanza, I wish you and your families a fun-filled, wonderful winter break! See you in the new year!

The newsletter will resume on January 8, 2017. Council Holiday Greeting Card Attached.

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