

Welcome to a new school year and a new year of PTSA at Rio Norte! I am **Kathlene McCarty**, PTSA President for 2009-2010. I am new to Rio Norte but not to PTA. At my children's elementary school I've seen how PTA can be a strong link between parents and the school. PTA/PTSA supports every child's educational experience. Our new Executive Vice President, **Bernadine Smalley**, has many years of PTA involvement, too, as well as a year at Rio Norte. We are teaming to guide this great organization through many projects and programs this year.

The PTA/PTSA is a local, state, and national organization that has advocated for children for over 100 years. The Rio Norte PTSA has been recognized by the California State PTA for doing just that for our kids. We support every team, every teacher, the ASB, and every student at the school for the benefit of all.

Check this PTSA page on the Rio Norte Website often. We will keep it up to date with the latest forms and information about PTSA.

Calendar of Events – 2009-2010 is going to be a busy year!

Roster – Contact information for Board Members and Committee Chairs

Volunteer Opportunities Form – volunteer with PTSA

The Volunteer Opportunities Form goes to every family in the Summer Registration Packet or you may print one here. You may also contact me or our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteerforkids@sbcglobal.net. There are lots of ways PTSA parents can volunteer on campus, at events, and even working from home.

PTSA meetings for the upcoming year are on Thursdays:

September 3 at 7 p.m.

October 1 at 9 a.m.

November 5 at 9 a.m.

December 3 at 9 a.m.

January 28 at 7 p.m.

March 4 at 7 p.m.

April 1 at 9 a.m.

May 6 at 9 a.m.

I hope to see you at a PTSA meeting. Meetings are scheduled both mornings and evenings to accommodate as many members as possible. You can email me as well.

I look forward to a great year,

Kathlene McCarty

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