

AUG/SEPT 2017

CALENDAR:

Aug 17: School Begins,
PTA Meet & Greet

Aug 25: Kindergarten
Ice Cream Social

Sept 4: Labor Day holi-
day

Sept 8: Welcome Back
Dinner

Sept 11: PTA Meeting
@ 6:15pm

Sept 21: Restaurant
Fundraiser-Red Robin

Sept 29: Breakfast with
Dad

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Camino Grove Elementary School Newsletter

Principal's Message: Mrs. Popovich

Dear Camino Grove Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. This is an exciting time of year filled with anticipation and excitement. I am thrilled and honored to be the Principal of Camino Grove. Camino Grove is an outstanding school committed to providing a quality "value added" education that builds not only the academic mind of a student, but also the student's character. At Camino Grove, we believe that students deserve academically challenging curriculum that meets district and state expectations, while equipping them with the necessary tools to be successful in the 21st century. It is paramount that in an ever-changing diverse society, students be prepared to face the world with the ability to creatively solve problems. As an educational leader, I believe it is my role to foster an environment that is positive, safe, and student-centered. Children are our most treasured resource and we must do everything possible to develop and strengthen this resource.

We cannot hope to achieve these goals without parents as our partners in education. We value the talents and knowledge you bring to our school. Your role is vital to the success of your child. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to join the PTA. PTA is a wonderful place to make new friends, connect with other parents, and get "plugged-into" Camino Grove. Please feel free to contact your teacher, the office, or myself with any questions or concerns you might have throughout the year regarding your child's progress. Working together as parents and educators, we can have a profound impact on the life of every student.

Our teachers and staff eagerly await to open their hearts and doors to this new class of students. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Warmest Regards,

Danae Popovich, Principal



PTA is going green! In an effort to be more green and use less paper, PTA is transitioning to using more electronic communication. Be on the lookout for announcements and sign-ups through Peachjar and Sign-up Genius. Keep up-to-date through the PTA website (accessed through the Camino Grove website) or the "Camino Grove PTA" Facebook page.

PTA President's Message: Pearl Cheung

Hello Camino Grove Families,

Welcome to the new school year 2017-18. My name is Pearl Cheung. It is my honor to serve as your PTA President. Sadly, this will be my final year as a Camino Grove parent. I still vividly recall holding my older daughter's hand and waving goodbye to her on her first day of kindergarten. It seems like only yesterday, but now she is already a 7th grader. It is truly amazing how fast children grow up! I am grateful that I have the opportunity to be part of the PTA to learn and grow together with my daughters in this big family.

The CG PTA is an integral part of the Camino Grove Family. Not only do we host fun events during the school year such as Halloween Trunk or Treat, Carnival, and ice cream socials which the whole family can enjoy, but we also provide funds for teacher grants, school field trips, and assemblies. PTA works closely with the school and teachers to build a strong and healthy environment where our children can grow and excel.

I urge you to join me, the executive board, and our entire volunteer team as we embark on the quest to make Camino Grove reach its fullest potential. And with your help, we can improve our school and reach new heights. Even one hour of time is valuable, so please be a part of our amazing volunteer team. There are numerous opportunities to become involved which can accommodate everyone's schedule. So please consider participating this year!

The PTA executive board members and I look forward to getting to know your family. We hope you will join us for our PTA meetings (second Monday of most months. Times vary). I hope to see you there and personally welcome you.

On behalf of the PTA Executive Board and all the volunteers, we wish everyone a very productive year ahead and look forward to your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact me at cgpta.president@gmail.com if you have any questions or interest in being part of the volunteer team.

Best Regards,
Pearl Cheung
Camino Grove PTA President 2017-18
Mom of 5th Grader Kimberly Ng and 7th Grader Charlene Ng



Upcoming Events



August 25: Kindergarten Ice Cream Social

This year's Kindergarten Ice Cream Social will be on Friday, August 25, at 5:30pm at the Kindergarten Playground. Kindergarten students and their families are encouraged to come and meet other families and the Kindergarten teachers while enjoying a sweet treat!

September 8: Welcome Back Dinner/Luau

Kick off another school year with other Camino Grove families and teachers at our Welcome Back Luau from 5:30-7:30pm. Pre-order dinners or bring your own and picnic out on the Camino Grove field. Flyers and order forms have been sent home.



September 11: PTA meeting

Come to our first PTA meeting of the year at 6:15pm in the MPR. Learn about what is going on at the school and ways that you can get involved, while connecting with other parents.

September 21: Restaurant Fundraiser-Red Robin

Enjoy a meal at Red Robin while supporting our school. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to our school. Be on the look out for a flyer with more information.



September 29: Breakfast with Dad

Calling all dads! Come have breakfast with your student(s) before school. This event starts at 7:30am. A Sign-up Genius will be sent out for those who wish to attend. Breakfast is provided by the PTA at no charge.



Arcadia Child Health Council

The Arcadia Child Health Council, a local, independent non-profit agency, was organized in 1937, during the Depression, to meet the health needs of Arcadia's children from limited income families. It continues to offer this help today, assisting with access to needed health care, on a round-the-clock basis, to children who live within or attend school in the Arcadia Unified School District. Treatments include medical exams, surgery, dental, optical and pharmacy needs, counseling, lab work, hospitalization, and more. If you, or a family you know, would benefit from this service, please contact the Camino Grove health office.

Operation School Bell

Operation School Bell is a community service program of the Assistance League of Arcadia. It provides new clothing, shoes, underwear, socks, backpack, school supplies, and outerwear to students in the Arcadia Unified School District from limited income families. If you, or a family you know, would benefit from this service, please contact the Camino Grove office.



2017-2018 PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs

Executive Board:

President	Pearl Cheung
Executive Vice-President	Helen Han-Liu
1st Vice-President: Programs	Jennifer Mark & Juno Kim
2nd Vice-President: Communications	Jelin Truong
3rd Vice-President: Room Representatives	Lauren Shalabi
4th Vice-President: Membership	Regina Shay & Jenni Yang
5th Vice-President: Ways and Means	Audrey Her
6th Vice-President: Legislation	Bertha Monterrey
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Corresponding Secretary	Jennifer Shiuan
Parliamentarian	Debbie Woods

Committee Chairs:

5th Grade Activities/Yearbook	Pat Ta
Art Docent Program	Lisa Chan
Book Fair	Jackie Chou & Veronica Ryu
Breakfast with Dad	Dean Radle
Bring Your Family to Lunch	Audrey Her
Caminotes Editor	Jelin Truong
Canned Food Drive	Lina Myrvold
Child Health Council	Jelin Truong
Graphics	Regina Shay
Honorary Service Awards	HSACommittee
Hospitality	Thelma Wong & Juno Kim
Kindergarten Welcome	Pearl Cheung
Kindergarten Ice Cream Social	Kimberly Jaimes
Open House	Jean Chang
Red Ribbon Week	Riona Fujinaga
Reflections	Arnold Chien
Roadrunner Days	Pearl Cheung
Scholarship	Margaret Chu Budiman
Spring Carnival	Jen Vargo, Audrey Her
Staff Appreciation	TBD
Traffic and Safety	Traffic and Safety Team
Translator	Audrey Her
Workroom Coordinator	Dean Radle



If you would like to join our volunteer team, please email us at camino.grove.pta@gmail.com.