It's all about the kids…

Invest In Activities That Really Pay Off

Boost Student Achievement

- National PTA's *Reflections* Program
- Spelling Bee
- Breakfast Book Club
- Math-A-Thon
- Robotics Teams
- Book Swaps Program
- Drama & Dance* Performances
- Assemblies on Writing & Grammar
- History Detectives Night
- Student Talent Show
- Prime Time Reading Night
- Math & Science Fair
- Mission Geography
- Art & Music Shows
- College Information Night
- Poetry Slams
- Battle of the Garage Bands
- Play Writing Workshop
- Summer Jobs Fair

Promote Wellness & Safety

- *Coordinated School Health* Initiative
- Health & Wellness Committees
- Health & Safety Fair
- Field Days *
- *Safe Routes To School* Program*
- Jog-A-Thon*

Leadership Services Commission

- Bullying Awareness Program
- Lunch Time Walking Club
- *Red Ribbon Week*
- Fun Runs*
- Iron Chef Competition
- Walk To School Days*
- Dating Issues for Teens
- Nutrition & Cooking Demonstrations
- Drug & Alcohol Awareness Programs
- Teen Driving & Cell Phone Safety
- 'No TV' Day or Week
- HIV & STDs Prevention Program
- *Healthy Schools Project*
- Student Panel on Teen Depression
- Bike Safety Fairs*
- Student Panel on Campus Safety

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3 – TO – 1 Rule

For every one fundraising activity, there should be at least three non-fundraising projects aimed at helping parents or children, or advocating for school improvements.

Source: *California State PTA Toolkit – 2009, p. 206*

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Strengthen Character

- Pal-O-Grams
- Service Projects to Support Local Food Pantries, Nursing Homes, Family Shelters, Our Troops
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Character Education Essay Contest
- 'Caught Being Good'
- Student of the Week
- Merry Messages
- Volunteers for Special Olympics

Engage Parents

- College Readiness Forum
- Study Tips Guide
- Preparing for Drivers Education Workshop

- Underage Drinking Prevention Talk
- Internet Safety Presentation
- First Aid Workshop
- Child Abduction Safety Class
- Healthy Kids, Attendance & ADA Talk
- College: Planning & Saving Workshop
- Testing & API Scores Presentation
- Teen Depression & Suicide Forum
- Parenting Gifted Students Panel
- Understanding Special Needs Talk
- Tech-Savvy Learners Guide
- School Funding Workshop
- Earthquake Preparedness Class

Build Community

- Three For Me (National PTA)
- Principal's Coffee & Conversation
- How To Be An Advocate Workshop
- Neighborhood BBQ
- Multicultural Diversity Night
- Voter Registration Promotion
- School Garden Project
- Recycling Programs
- Cinco de Mayo Potluck
- School Beautification Days*
- Distributing *Easy Voter Guides*
- Celebrating Kwanza
- Sponsoring Candidates' Forums
- Adopt-A-Family Program
- School Websites and Newsletters

Celebrate Family

- Back To School BBQ
- Family Sock Hop*
- Flea Market Giveaway & Fiesta
- Family Fun Bingo Night
- Family Fitness Night*
- Family Math Night
- Movie Night
- Who's Smarter Than a 5th Grader Quiz
- Sports Equipment Exchange
- Family Potlucks
- Take Your Family To School Week
- Family Games Night
- Books & Bingo Family Night

Leadership Services Commission

- Family Art Night
- Ice Cream Socials
- Read-A-Thon
- Family Sing-A-Long
- Catch Up With Dad
- Muffins For Moms
- Donuts For Dads
- Grits & Grandparents
- Grandparents/Grand-friends Breakfast
- Annual Father's Breakfast
- Story-Telling Night

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*For all activities refer to the California State PTA Insurance and Loss Prevention Guide. Contact the PTA insurance broker, BB&T Insurance Services of California, Inc., by phone at 1-800-733-3036 or at **www.pta.bbt-knight.com**. Locate your username and password on the guide send to every PTA unit, council and district.

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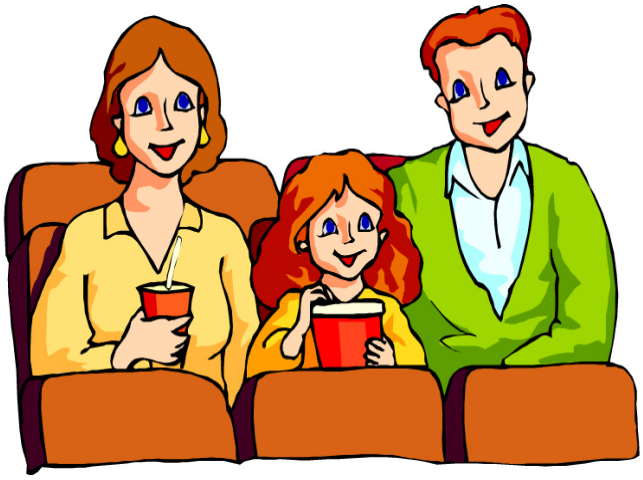
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