



**Justice Street School PTA**  
23350 Justice Street • West Hills, CA 91304

September 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to what promises to be another fantastic year at Justice Street School. We hope you had a wonderful summer, full of new adventures and lots of fun. Whether you are a new family or are returning for another school year, we are looking forward to working together to continue making Justice a truly special school.

As most of you know, the Justice Street School PTA (JSSPTA) works closely with the administration, staff and parents to support the school with a variety of fundraisers throughout the year. All the money raised by the PTA directly benefits our school, our students, and our teachers and staff. Over the past few years, JSSPTA has spearheaded efforts to create a wonderful Wonder of Reading library, a technology center, and purchase brand new computers and audio-visual equipment.

During the 2007-2008 school year alone, JSSPTA paid for buses for field trips for each student, spelling books, educational assemblies for the entire school, school planners, the Art Docent program, the physical education program, physical education equipment, and five educational aides (three teacher aides, an intervention aide, and a technology center aide) for the coming school year. Additionally, PTA supported many activities and programs such as Red Ribbon week, Spirit Days, Spirit Nights, WAMU Bank Days, the school yearbook, after school snack sales, the annual Father Daughter Dance, a mother-son bowling event, the art show, book fair, teacher appreciation activities, and much more.

As of the writing of this letter, we do not yet know the extent of state-wide budget cuts that will affect our school, but we are expecting a substantial loss of funding. Therefore, our goal this year is to raise enough money to maintain and expand our Art Docent program, to continue to pay for our educational aides, and to fund our Physical Education program, in addition to funding all the wonderful programs and activities our students have come to enjoy over the years.

Although we offer several fundraising alternatives throughout the year in which you can choose to participate, our ability to raise funds through those programs is somewhat limited, and sometimes is not sufficient to pay for all the activities our parents have come to expect at our school. And even though we are a public school, we need your help to maintain what the PTA has already achieved and to reach new goals. Therefore, JSSPTA is once again holding a **Pledge Drive**.

Following are some examples of how your funds will be spent during the coming year:

- Your pledge of **\$50** can fund the **Art Docent** program for an entire classroom for the year.
- Your pledge of **\$100** can fund the purchase of **P.E. equipment** for an entire semester.
- Your pledge of **\$250** can pay for an entire **school bus** for a classroom fieldtrip.
- Your pledge of **\$1,000** can pay for one **educational assembly** for the entire school.

Whatever amount you donate, you can be sure that 100% of the funds will be put back into Justice Street School. We hope you'll agree this is a small price to pay for continued excellence in the classroom and an enhanced educational experience for your child. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive an acknowledgement letter upon receipt of your payment which shall serve as evidence of your donation for tax purposes.

Please consider contributing what you can to help ensure that Justice Street School is everything we imagine it can be for our children. And if you would like to have a voice in how we spend these funds, your membership in JSSPTA and participation at our meetings and on our committees is welcomed and encouraged.

Sincerely,

Marlene Widawer  
JSSPTA President

Jill Frieze  
Justice Street Elementary Principal



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2008 – 2009 Pledge Response Form

Name
Address
City
Phone Email Address
Child's Name Teacher Grade
Child's Name Teacher Grade
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I would like make the following donation to the 2008 - 2009 Justice Street School PTA Pledge Drive:

- Principal's Circle - \$1,000
Teacher's Circle - \$500
PTA President's Circle - \$250
JAG Circle - \$100 ← Most popular
School Yard Circle - \$50
Friend of Justice Street School - \$25 (or any other donation)

Special Giving Options
I'd like to help JSSPTA throughout the year! Repeat my donation of \$: \*
Monthly (10 payments)
Bi-Monthly (5 payments)
Three times
Twice

I plan to honor my commitment as follows:

- Attached is a check payable to JSSPTA for the full amount of my pledge
Charge my credit card for the full amount of my pledge
Charge my credit card in (10 / 5 / 3 / 2) installments of \$ each\*
Please contact me to discuss other ways in which I can help JSSPTA

Credit card: Visa / MasterCard / AmEx (circle one)

Account No: Expiration Date:

3-digit security code on the back (4-digit for Amex):

Name as it appears on the card:

Authorized Signature:

Yes, my employer, has a matching gift program and will match this donation.

(For purposes of the matching gift program, the Justice Street School PTA Tax ID number is 95-6205050). You will receive an acknowledgment letter upon receipt of your payment which shall serve as evidence of your donation for tax purposes.)

Thank you for your support! Please return this completed form and pledge to your child's classroom, or return by mail to: JSSPTA, 23350 Justice Street, West Hills, CA 91304.

\* INSTALLMENT PLAN OPTIONS
In order to use an installment plan, payments must be at least \$20 each.
Monthly (10 payments): The first installment will be on September 15, 2008 and will be repeated on the first of each subsequent month. The last installment will be June 1, 2009.
Bi-Monthly (5 payments): Your credit card will be charged on October 1, 2008, December 1, 2008, February 1, 2009, April 1, 2009 and June 1, 2009.
Three times: Your credit card will be charged on October 1, 2008, February 1, 2009 and June 1, 2009.
Twice: Your credit card will be charged on October 1, 2008 and February 1, 2009.