



James Franklin Smith PTA

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Parents,

Welcome to 2017-18 James Franklin Smith school year!

Thanks to the work and dedication of parents, teachers, staff and our community, JFS is one of the top-rated elementary schools in California. The JFS PTA plays a major role in this effort. We support many JFS school programs, and offer enrichment programs, instructional support, community service, and financial resources not provided by the District or supported by State funding. You are a critical part of our continued success.

There are many ways that you can play a role:

Pledge

Your contributions during the Pledge/Membership Drive help enhance your students' education and learning environment. Funds from the Drive contribute to classroom supplies, special science assemblies, keeping art, PE and science closets stocked, and programs and events like Odyssey of the Mind, Math Olympiad, Carnival, Girls on the Run, and "Starting Arts" Drama.

This year, one of our major goals is to fund a much-needed update of the audio/visual equipment in the Multipurpose Room (MPR). As many of you have witnessed, the MPRs A/V system is severely outdated, making it difficult for our students and teachers to be heard during assemblies and other events.

Financial pledges are tax deductible and many companies have matching gift programs that will add to your personal donation.

Volunteer

Donate your time – any amount you can spend is invaluable. Whether you have a specific interest in helping a particular event or even lead something you're passionate about, there are many opportunities throughout the year to give some of your time. Join our Volunteer Mailing List or follow our communications (newsletters are sent home with your child weekly, and our website is updated frequently) to be kept up to date on volunteer opportunities.

Stay involved

There are a few ways to stay connected. In addition to our weekly newsletter, you can visit www.jfspta.org, and also join our Facebook group – JFS Parents. General Association meetings will be held quarterly, on the second Wednesday of the month. Our first meeting will be on **September 13th**, after drop-off, in the MPR.

Other ways

This year, we have joined the "Amazon Smile" program. Any purchases you make Amazon will direct .5% of the purchase to JFSPTA. To participate, use the specific link provided on jfspta.org to shop.

We strive to provide many avenues for parents to participate in their child's education. Please join us on the first day of school in the MPR and on our first General Association meeting in September to discuss how we can work together to make this a great school year. Thank you so much for helping JFS PTA provide the continued support to James Franklin Smith Elementary!

Miguel Toro
JFS PTA President