

August 1, 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Mission Hills Middle School and to our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Our mission statement is to enhance the academic and social experiences for students at MHMS. We strive to build a strong sense of community in our school by serving as a liaison between parents, staff, and students. We support school staff, help promote student self-esteem, and assist in efforts to solve school needs through volunteering and funding.

The PTO is made up of several officers: **Lee Corsis**, President, **Benson Yang**, Vice President, **Julie Nghiem**, Secretary, **Namrata** Dodeja, Treasurer, a teacher representative, **Mary Chen**, Pre-K-2nd Grade Representative, **Yasmeen Wengrow**, 3rd–5th Grade Representative and **Germin Adawalla**, 6th–8th Grade Representative.

Our key mission is to promote an environment at school where teachers and administrators can do their best work and our students can do their best learning. We're always eager to find more great people, like you, to help us meet this goal.

We don't expect a huge time commitment from volunteers. An hour can be a big help to our group and the school, and we have positions and tasks to fit all schedules and interests. Just let us know whether a program, event, or activity interests you and when you might be free to help. (You don't even have to come to the school or attend a meeting to be involved, although we'd really like to meet you personally!)

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. Involvement at the school also makes it easier to establish friendships with teachers and other parents. We promise that the time you give our group and the school will be worth your while—and fun!

Feel free to e-mail me at presidentmhms@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Together, we can make a difference at our school!

Sincerely,

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