



## Linda Vista Elementary School PTA Information Packet 2017-2018



This informational packet will help you understand the activities and purpose of the Linda Vista PTA. For your convenience, we have created a blue **“PTA EZ Form”**. This form includes orders for membership, programs and yearbooks and contact details if you wish to you have your family included in the school directory.

The PTA packet contains:

- PTA Donation FAQ (*read and keep for reference*)
- PTA-Sponsored Educational Programs (*read and keep for reference*)
- PTA EZ Form** (*blue sheet, fill out and return*)

Please complete your blue PTA EZ Form as soon as possible. We have consolidated this form to include your PTA dues, donation for PTA programs and orders for yearbooks. By filling out this form, we can budget for the school year and keep you informed of all PTA activities throughout the year. We hope you will join your Linda Vista PTA and contribute to the many educational and enriching programs and events that are organized by PTA for the benefit of our Linda Vista students.

### **Pizza Party! Pizza Party!**

The classroom with the highest percentage of blue **“PTA EZ Forms”** filled out and turned in by October 13th will get a Lunch Pizza Party!

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# LINDA VISTA PTA 2017-18 PTA EZ Order Form



1. **LINDA VISTA PTA ADULT MEMBERSHIP** \$10 per adult x \_\_\_\_\_ (number of adults) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Your \$10 membership gives you a voice to ensure your student is getting the most out of their education at Linda Vista. Additionally, you'll receive the school directory and hundreds of dollars' worth of discount vouchers for dining and activities.

2. **LINDA VISTA PTA PROGRAMS** Your donation directly funds integral programs at Linda Vista, including P.E., Art Masters, Science on the Go, Imagination Machine, Walk-through Hands on programs, and more. Your donation is tax-deductible, a receipt will be provided, and your family recognized for your donations on our LV website and Donor Wall. Thank you!

**Suggested annual donation is \$200 per child.**

Please check with your employer, they may have a matching program to help supplement your contribution.

Amount pledged per child \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ (number of children) = Total Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Select pledge payment plan:**

- One time (\$200 or more) 1 payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Biannual (\$100 in Sept. 2016 and Feb. 2017) 2 payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Quarterly (\$50 in Sept./Nov. 2016, Jan./March 2017) 4 payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Monthly\* (\$20 each month Sept. 2016 to June 2017) 10 payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*If auto-pay is set up for 12 months, it will be \$16.66/month.

3. **LINDA VISTA SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2016-17** \$20 per book (preorder price) x \_\_\_\_\_ (number of books) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
LV PTA will keep track of all early payments, opportunities to purchase yearbooks later in the year will also be available.

4. **CONTACT INFORMATION** Check boxes for information you **DO NOT** wish to be printed in the LV PTA Directory:

- Mother/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Father/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_
- Student Address \_\_\_\_\_
- City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_
- Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Primary Email \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Email \_\_\_\_\_
- Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (PTA Membership, Donation & Yearbook order) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to Linda Vista PTA or submit via PayPal to [lindavistapta@yahoo.com](mailto:lindavistapta@yahoo.com).**

For more information, visit our website at [www.lindavistaelementary.com](http://www.lindavistaelementary.com) or email questions to [lindavistapta@yahoo.com](mailto:lindavistapta@yahoo.com).

LV PTA Accounting only: ✕ Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ ✕ Cash Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PTA Init. \_\_\_\_\_



# LINDA VISTA PTA

## 2017-2018 School Year



## Linda Vista Donation Program – How Does It Work?

**What does my donation pay for?** Your donation funds a well-rounded, “Distinguished School” Education! PTA Donors (parents/grandparents) pay for Fine Arts, Music, Physical Education, In-House Field Trips (Science on the Go), Accelerated Reading program, Reflections Art Program, Imagination Machine (creative writing assembly), Walk Through hands-on programs (California, American Revolution and Ancient World), Red Ribbon Week programs, Classroom Supplies (\$300 per class) annual Carnival, and much more. The school district does not provide the funds to make these programs possible for all LV students to enjoy. Your donation directly impacts your student’s education and funds these important programs.

**How does the PTA pay for ALL of these programs?** YOUR generous, tax-deductible donations are the primary source of funding. Additionally, LV does take advantage of “free money” opportunities such as collecting box tops, store/online rebate programs (Amazon, Target, Ralph’s, etc.), and Monday morning recycling (plastic bottles & aluminum cans only). We pursue these options so that free money for our students is not “left on the table.”



**Why a donation program instead of fundraisers?** Collecting donations is far more efficient than pressuring family, friends and co-workers to buy expensive candy, wrapping paper or cookie dough. Donations allow 100% of your funds to reach our students, and 100% of the donation is tax-deductible. Traditional fundraisers pay only 20%-60% of the proceeds to the school, and the fundraising companies profit at the expense of our students (and ourselves) selling their product. Additionally, fundraising would require our kids to constantly ask for money from every source and at every opportunity. With a donation program, 100% of the pledges we receive from you fund our student’s education – which means your PTA can pay for MORE great educational programs!

**Why ask for \$200 per child, per year?** Funding everything depends on a \$200 per child, per year funding model. Payment options are available if you prefer to donate biannually, quarterly, or monthly instead of making a one-time payment. Instead of that one coffee per week, donate to Linda Vista PTA!

**What if I truly cannot donate \$200 per child?** Many families utilize the payment options to spread out their donation to reach their pledge goal. EVERY DONATION MATTERS! Do what you can....whether it’s more or less than the suggested \$200 per child amount. Every dollar donated is an investment in our students and keeps these programs going. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Why has the donation program been so successful?** LV families recognize that our school’s high-quality academics and distinguished reputation depends on every family to make a financial commitment to these programs. Your donation funds programs for your student’s current school year - it impacts grades K-6! LV families know the unfortunate reality that the money is not coming from the district to pay for these programs. Thankfully, LV families generously participate at all levels to make this possible.



# LINDA VISTA PTA

## 2017-2018 School Year



**What does Carnival pay for at LV?** Carnival is an annual PTA event that raises funds to purchase equipment, such as electronic devices, musical instruments, P.E. equipment, etc. for Linda Vista students. Carnival enables Linda Vista PTA to purchase these essential tools to maintain an effective learning environment.

**Why do I sometimes get “fundraising” stuff?** The 5th grade class may utilize “old fashioned” or traditional fundraising programs, which is totally separate from the PTA, to raise money for their 6th Grade Outdoor Education (science camp) the following year. The 5th grade also puts on Pumpkin Night (October event) - to help fund Outdoor Ed only. These are NOT PTA programs.

**How can I pay?** By check payable to Linda Vista PTA or by PayPal ([lindavistapta@yahoo.com](mailto:lindavistapta@yahoo.com)). Be sure to always include your child’s name on the payment.

**Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Linda Vista Donation Program, and we look forward to your support!**

**Questions? Contact Jenny Wedge, VP of Ways & Means at [lindavistawaysandmeans@gmail.com](mailto:lindavistawaysandmeans@gmail.com)**





# LINDA VISTA PTA

## Sponsored Education Programs



### *What is your Leopard wild about?*

With your tax-deductible donation to the Linda Vista PTA Donation Program, the LV PTA provides the following curriculum-enhancing programs essential for a well-balanced education:

**Art Masters Program** – offers fine arts education using an engaging approach that sparks students’ imaginations and interests. The program pays for a talented lecturer who brings the featured artist, medium and artistic style to life. To complete the experience, students are given a hands-on opportunity to create their own art in the style of the artist they are studying. We currently fund this educational program four times each school year.

**Imagination Machine** – Creative Writing Program One of the most highly anticipated days of the school year is when Imagination Machine (a talented team of actors and musicians) performs at LV. This program brings our students’ writing to life in front of their eyes. Teachers work with students throughout the year to hone and nurture their creative writing skills. This hard work culminates in the students writing original stories that are submitted to Imagination Machine. The IM Team then selects a few of the students’ stories to act out in the Learning Center. This event is accompanied by music and lots of laughs and encourages enthusiasm for creative writing.

**Music Education Program** – Research proves that music education supports success in school and better prepares students for life. LV’s music program incorporates state standards seamlessly into lessons that are grade-level specific. Music theory, history, cultural influences and so much more are creatively crafted into music instruction that is entertaining and fun. Students explore music in many forms during these interactive classes.

**Physical Education Program** – Linda Vista is the only public elementary school in our area that funds a high-quality P.E. program for all grade levels. Both upper and lower graders receive P.E. instruction twice per week in a fun, educational environment that incorporates the benefits of fitness and the importance of sportsmanship. The upper grade P.E. teacher focuses on physical fitness and explores a variety of sports activities. The primary P.E. teacher instills enthusiasm for physical activity and creatively utilizes sports and games. Highlighting a balanced diet is also a priority of LV’s P.E. program to help solve the challenges of childhood obesity.

**Science on the Go Program** – While many schools are doing away with field trips, LV PTA provides an “in-house” field trip experience for students. Science on the Go brings exciting grade-level-specific exhibits to engage students’ scientific minds. State standards are addressed in the various topics, for example, Life-cycles, Animal Adaptations, and Rocks and Minerals. All experiences include a highly qualified speaker who encourages student participation and a hands-on exhibit for students to explore.

**Historical Walk Through reenactment Programs** – A Walk Through is an engaging and interactive educational presentation utilizing friendly competition and lively retelling of common core history curriculum; “Walk Through California” for fourth grade, “Walk Through the American Revolution” for fifth grade, and “Walk Through the Ancient World” for sixth grade. Many consider the 2 ½ hour experience to be an unforgettable “in-school field trip.”

*Only through your generous donation can these and many other programs continue.  
Thank you for donating and helping Linda Vista PTA help educate and inspire our students.*

## PARENT'S APPROVAL AND STUDENT WAIVER

\_\_\_\_\_ has my (our) permission to participate in all PTA sponsored  
Name of Minor  
events for the school year 201\_\_ to 201\_\_.

The undersigned parent or guardian assumes all risks in connection with the student's participation in any and all of the PTA sponsored activities. I (we) hereby release and discharge the California State PTA, all PTA officers, employees and agents from all liability, claims or demands for any damage, loss or injury to the student, the student's property, or parent's property in connection with participation in these activities, unless caused by the negligence of the PTA.

I do hereby certify that to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief said minor is in good health. In case of illness or accident, permission is granted for emergency treatment to be administered. It is further understood and agreed that the undersigned will assume full responsibility for any such action, including payment of costs.

I (we) hereby advise that the above named minor has had the following allergies, medicine reactions or unusual physical condition which should be made known to a treating physician or which could limit participation:

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If none please write none.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Phone  
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Address City State Zip

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