

# Millard Magic

## PTA Newsletter

Steven Millard School  
Fremont CA  
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## From Under The Hat...

### President's Message

Welcome back Millard Mustang Families. The second week of school is almost over and we're all settling in for another great school year. While this year may pose some new challenges, I am confident we can all pull together and meet them. The board and I are committed to working closely with our principal, Ms. Robertson, teachers and staff to ensure our students are not impacted by these challenges.

Key to our success is parent involvement and volunteering. To encourage more volunteers at Millard; we will implement *The Millard Volunteer Program* "Passport to Success". Parents can get their Passports stamped every time they volunteer which will earn their students quarterly prizes; more info to follow.

One big change to PTA this year comes in the way we will conduct our major fundraising event. Based on the responses from our fundraising survey, we will use a 100% direct donation event rather than catalog sales. This means Millard we keep all the money raised rather than the 40 to 50% kept from catalog sales. You give \$10, Millard gets \$10 not \$5; give \$50, it all goes to Millard PTA. There will still be rewards built into the event to acknowledge those students and classrooms that do a great job in raising funds for Millard.

Another great change; child care will be provided during our monthly PTA meeting by Ms. Creps in Room 3 so more parents can attend. Stay involved by attending PTA meetings the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Here's looking forward to another fantastic year at Millard!  
*Robert E. Lee, Millard PTA President*



## Back-to-School Night

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Come to the Millard Multi-Use Room  
at 6:30pm for a brief PTA meeting.

We will be introducing programs and activities planned for this year and members will be voting on the 2009-2010 PTA Budget.

Teacher introductions will be followed by classroom presentations.

*Please make child-care arrangements for your children during Back-To-School Night.  
This evening event is for parents/guardians only.*

## Become a Millard PTA Member

Membership drive begins Sept. 10th.

Annual dues are only \$8 per person.

**Encourage everyone to join!**

*This includes parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, students, friends, and neighbors.*

Return your envelope by Sept. 31st  
to help your students class to earn the prize!

*PTA Meetings are held on the  
4th Tuesday of each month.*

*Everyone is welcome to attend!*

**PTA Meeting  
Sept. 22, 2009**

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Millard Staff Room

**CHILD CARE PROVIDED IN RM 3**



**“School Night Out”  
Cold Stone Creamery**

*Pacific Commons location only*

**Tues., Sept. 29  
4-8 pm**

Millard Staff and Parents will be behind the counter to serve you and your family delicious ice cream creations! Invite your family and friends to come for a sweet treat. Bring your coupon so we can earn 25% of your purchase.



**10% Back To Schools**

When you shop at Safeway before Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, look for participating products with the “10% Back To Schools” logo to help our school earn a larger contribution.

After Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, your receipt will contain a redemption code. To redeem, enter this code at the website indicated or send the receipt to Millard PTA and we will enter it. If your Club Card is enrolled in eScrip, your contribution will be made automatically.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

**September**

- 9/10-31 Membership Drive
- 9/15 Back To School Night
- 9/22 PTA Meeting at 6:30pm
- 9/29 Cold Stone (4-8pm)

**October**

- 10/1-22 Donation Drive
- 10/20 Applebee’s
- 10/24 Make A Difference Day
- 10/27 Pumpkin Patch
- 10/27 PTA Meeting at 6:30pm
- 10/30 Decorating Contest
- 10/30 Yearbook Early Bird End
- 10/30 Fall Carnival (4-8pm)

**November**

- 11/6 Reflections Artwork due
- 11/13 Yearbook Cover Contest
- 11/13 Reflections Reception
- 11/13 Movie Night at 6:30pm
- 11/17 PTA Meeting at 6:30pm
- 11/17 Chevy’s

**2009 - 2010 Reflections Art Theme: “Beauty is...”**  
Student artwork is due to Millard PTA by **November 6, 2009.** Encourage your student to create original artwork to submit in any of these six art categories:

- Literature
- Musical composition
- Photography
- Visual arts
- Dance Choreography
- Film/Video Production

Guidelines and Entry Forms are available on our website and in the school office.

**Reflections Reception** will be held on **Nov. 13** from 3-4pm in the Millard Multi-Use Room. All students who submit artwork will receive a certificate. Families are invited to come view the art display and enjoy light refreshments provided by Millard PTA.

**After-School Art Workshops** offered on Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Permission slip required one week in advance to attending any workshop. Must receive confirmation letter to attend.

**Volunteer Opportunity:**

Adults are needed to judge artwork on Monday, Nov. 9.

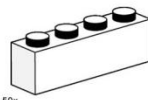
**Take pictures for yearbook**

To have a great yearbook, we need you to submit pictures. Whenever you attend a school function, please grab your camera and snap away. The more people who help with capturing events with cameras, the more likely we will have a better representation of our students. Best method of providing pictures is to burn a disk of digital prints, label the event/date and put in Millard PTA box in the office. If you have ideas and want to be involved in creating the yearbook, please join the Yearbook Committee!



**Yearbook Orders  
Early Bird Special**

Only \$15 when ordered by Oct. 30, 2009.  
This is lowest price that it will be offered.  
Please use the Yearbook Order Form.



**Millard LEGO class  
Engineering FUNdamentals**

For girls and boys in grades 1-6  
Wednesdays, Oct. 7 - Dec. 16, 2009  
1:30-3:00pm at Millard  
\$162 for 9 sessions  
Class size: 14-20 students  
Register online directly with Play-Well  
at [www.play-well.org](http://www.play-well.org)  
(once at website, click: classes, register for classes, Alameda County, then select Millard Elementary)



The mission of Millard PTA is to support the Millard school community (students, parents and staff) in achieving academic success for our children; to promote their physical, social and emotional wellbeing; to raise funds in support of instructional and character building programs; to promote a partnership of involvement and to have fun in the process.

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