

# Clark PTA Post

"Voice your opinion- We are listening"

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## What is on the PTA radar?

### August – September

- Membership drive
- Book fair
- Ice-Cream Social
- New Programs and Updates on Continuing Programs

### Secretary's Summary

- PTA Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday each month either at 3:30 PM or 6:30 PM.
- **PTA General Body meetings are OPEN to all PTA members. It is scheduled for the last Wednesday of September, October, March and May at 6 PM in the Forum.**
- Dates for upcoming events for the first half of the school year were discussed.
- The Clark PTA website has current information on programs, events and volunteering opportunities ( [www.carolynclarkpta.org](http://www.carolynclarkpta.org) ).

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## Membership Update

**Theme:** Go for the Gold!

Keeping in line with Summer Olympics, the PTA membership committee is targeting a membership goal of 500 members this year! The five rings in the Olympic symbol will represent 500 Clark PTA members. We are off to a great start with **300** members in the first 2 weeks of school. Stay tuned for updates on memberships and donations in the next newsletter!!

### Book Fair

**Timings:** 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (Extended hours at Ice-cream social and Back to School Night)

**Classroom preview:** All classrooms will be visiting the book fair on September 4<sup>th</sup> for preview/purchase.

Please sign up to VOLUNTEER at the BOOK FAIR.  
Contact: Jayshree Mishra @ [jayashu@yahoo.com](mailto:jayashu@yahoo.com)

## PTA Supported Programs

### Carolyn Clark Music Makers

PTA is excited to bring the first-ever General Music Education Program to Carolyn Clark School! Music education will now become a part of the student curriculum for all grades K-6. Clark Cubs will now experience the joy of music in their classrooms as part of their academic activities.  
Contact: Anita Prabhu @ [anita\\_prabhu@hotmail.com](mailto:anita_prabhu@hotmail.com).

### Clark String Ensemble News

The PTA's Clark String Ensemble pilot program last year was a great success. We will continue this after-school program and it will be run directly by San Jose Academy of Music.  
For program details, please contact Ms. Eva Marie Barlaan at [evamariebarlaan@gmail.com](mailto:evamariebarlaan@gmail.com).

Check out the photos/video of last year's final performance at "The Point" at the Ice-Cream Social on August 31<sup>st</sup>!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### **August 31 Ice Cream Social**

PLACE: CLARK FORUM  
TIME: 5:00 – 7:00

### **August 31 – Sep 7 Book Fair**

PLACE: D102  
TIME: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
OPEN DURING ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

### **Sep 6 Back to School Night**

PLACE: CLASSROOMS  
TIME: 6:00 – 7:00

### **Sep 21 Carnival**

PLACE: CLARK PLAYGROUND  
TIME: 5:00 – 8:00

### **Sep 26 PTA General Body Meeting**

PLACE: FORUM  
TIME: 6:00 – 7:00

#### EDITORIAL BOARD

**ARTHI AIYAPPAN- PRESIDENT**  
**SHOBANA MANI- SECRETARY**

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE PTA POST- A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER COVERING NEWS RELATING TO ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS BY THE PTA. ALL MEMBERS OF CLARK COMMUNITY ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOICE THEIR OPINION THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER.**

For questions and submissions to the PTA Post, please email information by the **second Friday of the month** to [shobana.mani2009@yahoo.com](mailto:shobana.mani2009@yahoo.com).

#### Arts Attack

We are looking for parent volunteers to become Art Docents. No prior art experience is necessary. New docent orientation is on **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 to 9:30 AM.**

Interested volunteers, please contact Vaidehi Parekh at [vaidehiparekh@yahoo.com](mailto:vaidehiparekh@yahoo.com).

#### FunVisor

Love fun and games? Become a volunteer or Funvisor (lunch recess program). For information, reach out to Primo or Leah Flores [primoflores@yahoo.com](mailto:primoflores@yahoo.com) or [lacostaflores@yahoo.com](mailto:lacostaflores@yahoo.com).

#### ABC (Asset Building Champions) Reading

ABC is part of the Project Cornerstone program which brings monthly reading of books to the classroom. Sign up to volunteer! Contact Zabin Alibhai ([afcxbn@aol.com](mailto:afcxbn@aol.com)) or Salma Khan ([salmazaman@yahoo.com](mailto:salmazaman@yahoo.com)) for program information.

#### Junior Achievement

As a JA volunteer, you will be helping students learn about finance, economy, job and entrepreneurial skills. Volunteer training will be early next year and material will be taught in May-June. For program details, please contact Angela Chen ([Angela.m.chen@intel.com](mailto:Angela.m.chen@intel.com)).

#### ASK THE PTA PRESIDENT

Q. Are there any changes to fund raising strategy for PTA this year?

A: Based on feedback from a number of parents, we are hoping to reach our target of \$20,000 primarily through a flat donation drive in conjunction with the membership drive and Fall Walkathon this year. It is our sincere hope that we can move away from the time consuming and volunteer intensive catalog sales this year. Please support us in this initiative by your contributions.

Q: How can I be actively involved in PTA activities?

A: The PTA runs primarily on volunteer effort. It is a myth that by signing up for events/activities, you will be required to put in lots of hours. You may feel that it is difficult to commit significant amounts of time while balancing work and family needs. We welcome everyone's time and effort- big or small. Every volunteer's effort makes a huge difference!

PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE BOOK FAIR AND OUR UPCOMING FALL CARNIVAL ON OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.CAROLYNCLARKPTA.ORG](http://WWW.CAROLYNCLARKPTA.ORG)

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