



Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2020-2021 school year. My name is Denise. I currently have a senior at Pinole Valley, where I also serve on the PTSA board as Secretary. I have an 8th grader here at Pinole Middle and am the current PTSA President and an employee in Special Ed as well. I have held different PTA board positions over the past 13 years at Ellerhorst, Pinole Middle and Pinole Valley.

My goals for the PTSA are to support and encourage. The PTSA, along with the Pinole Middle staff and parents are already showing their support. Our first PTSA meeting was a success and our Membership drive is well on its way to meeting our goal. I would like to thank all of the families and staff that attended our first meeting and that have joined our PTSA. If you have not joined yet, here is the link:

<https://jointotem.com/ca/pinole/pinole-middle-ptsa>

I remember being leery when I went to my very first PTA meeting. My thoughts included being made to feel guilty if I did not help in some way. That was definitely a misinterpretation on my part. Coming to a PTSA meeting helps everyone understand what the PTSA does. We are not a group of “in” friends who have coffee mornings together (Though we do try and make time for some fun)! We are a dedicated team who believe in helping the children in the school and would LOVE new ideas and hands on help from our parents. Not only do we organize fundraisers for our school, but also support the staff and teachers physically and financially when we can. Our PTSA in the past has funded classroom supplies, classroom projects, DJ’s for dances, decorations for events, supplies for rallies and so much more...

Becoming involved has not only benefited my kids, but myself as well. I have developed friendships and a vast network of resources through my years of volunteering with the PTSA. All of this was made available to me just by taking that first step in attending my very first PTA meeting over 13 years ago.

I am looking forward to a great year of being able to interact with the parents and staff even if it is just through Zoom for now. Please remember that what we as parents put into our school, will only help strengthen the bond between children, parents, teachers, staff and community. I look forward to meeting you all, maybe even at our next PTSA Meeting?

Sincerely,

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