



# SIERRAMONT PTSA Newsletter

## January 2016



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*Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon which cuts without wounding and ennobles the person who wields it. It is a sword that heals. – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Dear Sierramont Parents:

**Wish You All a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!**

I am sure all of you had an opportunity to recharge and reconnect with family members during the winter break. I was fortunate enough to spend time with my children without the distraction of work. It was the best two weeks that I have had in a very long time! ☺

This month presents us with a unique opportunity to recognize the life and struggle of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He is among the more recognizable and respected leaders of the civil rights movement and also among best-known advocates for nonviolent social change. Dr. King was influenced by the efforts of Mahatma Gandhi and his nonviolent struggle for India's freedom from oppression. His iconic "I have a dream" speech had a deep impact on our nation and still reverberates throughout our communities. This month, during the week of the holiday recognizing Dr. King, I want to encourage all of you and your children to make a noticeable change in your own community. Use kinder words and actions during your interactions with others even when they make you angry. Like our [Facebook page](#) and tell us there how you used nonviolence to make an impact.

### \*\*\*Important Information\*\*\*

Santa Clara County board supervisor **Mr. Dave Cortese** will be attending our next PTSA meeting (**on Tuesday 2/2/2016**) to share important information about:

- County programs and resources available to students and parents
- Sacramento Bus Trip for Education
- The County's Child Health Assessment Campaign

It is also an opportunity for us to voice our concerns regarding neighborhood issues including public safety, safe routes to schools, traffic congestion and more. Please show your support and attend this presentation by Mr. Cortese.

### FUNDRAISER/PROGRAM INFORMATION

- **Box Tops:** Congratulations to our December 2015 boxtops winners!!!
  - Isabel Hurtado (7<sup>th</sup>)
  - Katelynn Garcia (7<sup>th</sup>)
- **Shoparoo:** This is a fun and simple fundraiser that requires very minimal effort from your side. Just shop as you normally would, use the Shoparoo app to upload your receipts and earn points for the school.
- **Labels for Education:** We want to get more families to participate. This program gives us the opportunity to get prepaid Visa cards, Art Supplies, Academic Supplies, Gym equipment among other things. Get more information on this program on our website. For more information and to get a list of participating products visit - <https://goo.gl/pTxFyq>
- **Ocean Super Market:** Please consider buying Ocean Super Market gift cards from us if you plan to shop there or want to give a gift. A big thanks to all the families that help support this initiative. Ocean Super Market is an important partner for us.
- **Amazon Smile:** Amazon donates 0.5% of all sales to Sierramont PTSA. There is no additional cost to you. Book mark the Amazon Smile page whenever you shop at Amazon. Anyone can support us, so please spread the word. Use this link to shop: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0556550>
- **eScrip Online Mall:** You can use the eScrip Online Mall to for you online shopping needs and they will give us apart of the sales. Use this link to get to eScrip then login or sign up: <http://shopping.escrip.com/>

For a list of all programs that support our school, please visit our website.

### REMINDER

Our nominating committee is looking fill the key positions of the termed-out President and Secretary. Please contact us at [sierramontptsa@gmail.com](mailto:sierramontptsa@gmail.com) if you are interested.

PTSA Meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in the school library.

Like our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SierramontMiddlePTSA>

**Thank you for your support as always.**

