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## President's Message

By Suzann Gasterich  
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The school supplies have taken over the seasonal aisles at Target and that can only mean one thing...the school year is about to begin!

I am so excited to start this journey with you as a fellow PTA president. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and helping in any way I can to make this a great year for you and your school's PTA.

As SVPTA president, I was asked to select a theme that expresses my goals for our Council. The theme that I picked for this year is "Better Together". This is something that I truly believe! If we work together as presidents, executive board members, teachers, principals, district staff, and school board members to share ideas and experiences,

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### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER UPCOMING

- 8/25 SVPTA Council Meeting
- 9/7 First Day of School
- 9/8 SVPTA Exec. Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 9/13 SVUSD Board of Education Meeting
- 9/14 Presidents & Principals Breakfast (Wednesday)
- 9/22 President's Roundtable & SVPTA Executive Board Meeting
- 9/23 4th District PTA – Advocacy Roundtable
- 9/29 Fall Recess Day
- 9/29 Fall Training Workshops – Fourth District PTA

### ITEMS TO BRING TO AUGUST MEETING:

- 📎 President's Summer To Do List
- 📎 Updated copy of full roster
- 📎 Calendar of meeting dates for 2011-2012
- 📎 Copy of Charitable Trust information
- 📎 Copy of May/June Treasurer's Report
- 📎 Copy of May/June Association Meeting Minutes
- 📎 Copy of Preliminary Budget and MOU commitment for payment of Salaried Po-





## President's Message

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we can make every school a little better. Our board members are also embracing this theme. Many will be preparing events and training that will allow us to work together and broaden PTA's reach.

With this in mind, I would like to try something new at our Council meetings. Council meetings will begin as usual at 7pm. My goal is to have an informative meeting that will not exceed an hour. Following this will be the new portion of the meeting. We will have a 15 minute "Crazy Question" portion of the evening. This will be your opportunity to ask ANY question that is on your mind. You will have fellow presidents, as well as experienced board members working together to answer those questions and give you a variety of ideas to use at your school. Please know that you can reach out to me or any other board mem-

ber anytime throughout the month, but this is a great time to ask those "Crazy Questions".

Another way that we can work together is by embracing new technology and social media. Council is working hard to update the website, start a blog location for our presidents to communicate in between meetings, and making calendars and documents available electronically. My hope is that this will get all of us on the same page and make it easier for us to share information. Be sure to keep your eyes open for details throughout the year. I hope you are as excited as I am for the coming year. I look forward to sharing a great year together and hearing all those crazy questions at our first meeting on **Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 pm!**



## Auditor's Advice

By Molly O'Grady  
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### IS YOUR END-OF-YEAR AUDIT COMPLETE?

#### Attention Presidents and Auditors:

All PTAs must conduct audits semiannually. Audits are specified in your unit Bylaws in Article VI, Section 8. While your PTA's last fiscal year ran from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, the **Year End Audit covers the period from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.** Usually, the prior year auditor is responsible for getting it done - but as the current officers you are ultimately responsible. Therefore, your audit must be completed by the time of your first board meeting for the Executive Board to review the report and its recommendations.

There is a wealth of resources to help you with the audit. The California State PTA "Toolkit", has under the "Finance Section" complete step-by-step procedures. You can find the Toolkit at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org). Our website has auditor training resources at

<http://www.svpta.org/training2010.html>. Finally, the 4th District PTA's website has fill-in-the blank PDF forms for both the Audit Report and the Audit Checklist at <http://www.fourthdistrictpta.org/forms.html>

Presidents, please have the audit on the agenda for your September General Association meeting. The General Association is the only body authorized to adopt the audit! The Auditor should present the Audit Report, saying "I have examined the records of the treasurer of \_\_\_\_\_ PTA and find them to be correct (or substantially correct with recommendations, or incorrect)." Then by way of a motion, "I move that the June 30, 2011 Year End Audit report be adopted." The "Audit Adopted" line on the Audit Report is the date of this meeting. A signed copy is attached to the meeting minutes and filed with your Secretary.

An additional copy of the adopted Audit Report, along with the Audit Checklist, must be submitted to me at the SVPTA Council October 27 meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, at [svauditor@svpta.org](mailto:svauditor@svpta.org). Have a great year!





## From the Vice President

By Stacey Haslett  
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### ROUNDTABLE – Noun

**round table** - a meeting of peers for discussion and exchange of views; round-table conference, round-table group discussion, conference - a discussion among participants who have an agreed (serious) topic

**Round Table** - (legend) the circular table for King Arthur and his knights King Arthur's Round Table legend, fable - a story about mythical or supernatural beings or events

An **SVPTA Roundtable** is an opportunity for each Unit to learn, share and get inspired. The discussion will be led by a Saddleback Valley Board Member with experience on the topic. Each Roundtable will begin at 6:15 in the SVUSD Board Room. They will be followed by the Council Meeting at 7:00 pm. Each topic is very specific and will benefit not only the president but other board members as well. Invite along all who can contribute to the discussion or who will be helped by the information shared.

### September 22 – How to Have Fun & Get the Job Done – Invite your VP

We will share ice breakers and get acquainted activities, tricks on remembering names, how to handle negativity, moving meetings along, hospitality

tips, involving the staff, ways to celebrate a job well done!

### BBF – Best Buddies Forever!

By now each Unit President should have filled out their Buddy Survey (if you have not check your e-mail, your Buddy form was e-mailed from Suzann – do not delay fill it out and e-mail it back today). Like Match.com but without the promise of potential marriage we will be pairing you up with your best buddy match. This buddy will be a member of the SVPTA Board. They will have experience in areas where you may feel challenged. They will be a great sounding board or shoulder to lean on. If you have questions, need help or just want to share good news they will be there for you. They are excited to meet you at our meeting on August 25. We are all “Better Together”, and we believe this may be the beginning of a beautiful PTA friendship!

### The President’s To Do List

Each month the Presidents will receive a To Do List detailing the tasks that need to be completed prior to the next meeting. Please print the To Do list, check off the boxes and attach any support material. You will turn in your completed To Do list at each Council Meeting. Please share the list with your board members. They will be able to help you get the job done. Remember we are all “Better Together” – No President is in this alone. Reach out for help, to your own board and to Council. If you have any questions contact Stacey Haslett [svvp@svusd.org](mailto:svvp@svusd.org)



**SADDLEBACK VALLEY COUNCIL PTA**

**CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL**

**PRESIDENTS AND PRINCIPALS BREAKFAST**

**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 9:00 am**

**SVUSD Board Room, 25631 Peter Hartman Way, Mission Viejo**



↳ Continental Breakfast will be provided



## Newsletter Competition

You will be turning in two newsletters this year to be judged our Unit Newsletter competition and prizes will be awarded at our final meeting in May. You will need to turn in your first newsletter of the school year and your favorite edition between October and January. If you turn your newsletter in on time, you will receive incentive points. Here is the scale we use to judge your newsletters. Please be sure to pass this on to your Communications Chair. Remember, if you have questions, please contact MaryBeth Mead, your Council Newsletter chair at [svnewsletter@svpta.org](mailto:svnewsletter@svpta.org).

### Contents (possible 50 points)

- Unit Meeting Notice with program details (indicate if no meeting is scheduled)
- PTA president’s message and/or principal’s message, featured committee reports, special PTA projects, and events
- Council, District, State, National, community PTA projects and /or news
- Calendar of events (date, time, place of PTA projects, school activities, Council and District, projects/ activities, school district projects, community projects/ activities, all school holidays/ days off.

### Mechanics (possible 30 points)

- No errors: grammatical, spelling, typographical, punctuation
- Eye appeal, heading design, artwork (no copy righted material), readability
- Format: article layout, use of artwork, use of white space, etc.

### PTA Policy (possible 5 points)

- Non commercial (does not endorse a business/commercial entity)
- Nonsectarian (does not promote a religious denomination)
- Nonpartisan (does not promote a political party)

### Heading/ Masthead (possible 15 points)

- Name of newsletter, name of PTA (no periods in PTA), school name and address with ZIP code, date (month and year), council and district, volume and /or number, name of editor, PTA president and principal
- Proper use of the PTA logo and taglines based on “How to Use the PTA Logo and Tagline”.



## Newsletter Notes

By MaryBeth Mead  
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Did you know that your PTA unit newsletter is one of the most important ways to get information to all your parents at school? Since the newsletter is such a vital communication tool, use it to it’s full capacity. The first newsletter of the year really will set the pace for your school. Make sure to speak to all your parents, letting them know about volunteer opportunities and ways they can feel a part of the school and PTA. There are some key ingredients for a great newslet-

ter – article from your principal, from your PTA president, articles from chairmen of upcoming events, an event calendar with upcoming dates, membership information, CAPTA, SVPTA and other pertinent news and issues regarding children. There are a lot of great places to get information. The CAPTA website has several publications that you can use in your newsletters. Click on the *Communications* tab and you can find a wealth of information about correct PTA logo usage and much more. Remember, if you need help, you can contact me with questions and guidance, that is what I am here for!





## Reflections Revisited

By Julie Collins  
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**"DIVERSITY MEANS"  
2011-2012 THEME**



The Reflections program is an exciting opportunity for students to express themselves creatively so use flyers, the school marquee, your school newsletter, website, e-mail and any other communication tools in the first weeks of school to get the word out to your local school population. This year's Reflections packet is available on the SVPTA.org website. NOTE: The California State PTA updated some of the rules for Reflections entries, so please take a look at them and remind parents to do the same. The deadline date for entries at Saddleback Valley PTA Council level will be:

**Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011.**

**Julie's Home: 28245 Shore, Mission Viejo 92692**

Each unit should submit "Award of Excellence" winners ONLY in each Grade Division and Category for Council level judging. **The sign-up sheet for scheduled drop offs of entries will be e-mailed near the end of October.**

If you have any questions, be sure to contact me at [svreflections@svpta.org](mailto:svreflections@svpta.org) or 949-939-7321

*Julie Collins – SVPTA 2011 Reflections Chairmen*



## Outreach Outlook

By Vanessa Braaksma  
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Hello Units - my name is Vanessa Braaksma and I am your new Outreach representative on Council. What is Outreach? Outreach is the PTA's commitment to include the entire community (not just parents, grandparents, students, teachers, school staff) in membership and in all phases of PTA programs and activities. This year, Council is hoping to strengthen this position in several different ways by:

- ✦ Reaching out to our surrounding communities and promoting the positive side of what PTA's can accomplish when working together to better the education for our children
- ✦ Increasing our parent involvement -

from our new kindergarten parents to our Dads

- ✦ Making sure our PTA's invite all members of the school community to any meetings or special events and that we seek out under-represented groups and personally invite them to attend these events
- ✦ To work together on a community service project - to show that the PTA represents not only the schools but the communities!

We encourage all of our Units to have an Outreach person on their board this year to help strengthen their PTA...wouldn't it be great if everyone saw your PTA as the "go-to" organization to improve things for kids, families, schools and communities!





## Art Advocacy Report

By Coleen Logomasini  
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Due to school budget constraints, art programs throughout the U.S. continue to be threatened with elimination and/or reduction. Although this past March, Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) Board of Education passed a resolution in support of the Arts, we have, and continue to be, vulnerable to additional cuts. My goal as this year's SVPTA Council Arts Advocate, is discover and share innovative and inexpensive ways for us to support our schools with outlets that engage our kids in the core fundamentals of an art education. This is a challenge, but there are a lot of great ideas that are currently being implemented at individual schools that I think we all like to hear about. Below is an arts advocate article that I compiled that you can include in your school newsletter ... just copy and paste. Please remember to include the listed sources.

### WHY THE ARTS MATTER . . .

Experts predict that creativity, problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration and innovation are all skills that will increase in importance for members of the 21st century U.S. workforce. "People who prefer conventional work environments are likely to see their jobs disappear. But those who are comfortable working in artistic, investigative, highly social, or entrepreneurial environments are likely to succeed,"

(Source: Workforce Skills Commission of the National Center on EDUCATION and the Economy).

### 10 LESSONS THE ARTS TEACH

1. The arts teach children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships. Unlike much of the curriculum in which correct answers and rules pre-

vail, in the arts, it is judgment rather than rules that prevail.

2. The arts teach children that problems can have more than one solution and that questions can have more than one answer.

3. The arts celebrate multiple perspectives. One of their large lessons is that there are many ways to see and interpret the world.

4. The arts teach children that in complex forms of problem solving purposes are seldom fixed, but change with circumstance and opportunity. Learning in the arts requires the ability and a willingness to surrender to the unanticipated possibilities of the work as it unfolds.

5. The arts make vivid the fact that neither words in their literal form nor numbers exhaust what we can know. The limits of our language do not define the limits of our cognition.

6. The arts teach students that small differences can have large effects. The arts traffic in subtleties.

7. The arts teach students to think through and within a material. All art forms employ some means through which images become real.

8. The arts help children learn to say what cannot be said. When children are invited to disclose what a work of art helps them feel, they must reach into their poetic capacities to find the words that will do the job.

9. The arts enable us to have experience we can have from no other source and through such experience to discover the range and variety of what we are capable of feeling.

10. The arts' position in the school curriculum symbolizes to the young what adults believe is important.

*SOURCE: Eisner, E. (2002). The Arts and the Creation of Mind, In Chapter 4, What the Arts Teach and How It Shows. (pp. 70-92). Yale University Press. Available from NAEA Publications.*





## Treasurer's Tips

By Vickie Morgan  
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Welcome Back or Welcome Aboard!

As the new council treasurer I look forward to working with you this year. Whether you are new or returning there will/may be some transitioning. Here is a checklist:

- The required signatures should have been changed with the bank
- You should have received all records pertaining to your position. See Toolkit 5.1.5 for a list of what you should have.
- Make sure to get training on any accounting program that is being used and ALWAYS make sure, on a regular basis, to backup the financial records.

- Your budget should be finalized and ready to present to your association.
- Your audit and Annual Financial Report should be completed and a signed copy ready to turn into council at our next meeting.

If you have someone preparing your State and Federal taxes, make sure to get the financial records to them as soon as possible. If you are preparing the PTA taxes and need current information not found in the Toolkit, go to [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) and the section titled finance will take you to the most current information regarding Federal and State tax information.

You should be in the process of applying for your Charitable Trust number. Again, [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) has printable copies of the form as well as instructions and a checklist. Council will be starting to use PTAEZ as our financial accounting program. I will let you know how it is working for us in the months to come.



## Website Wisdom

By Lisa Carrillo  
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Do you have a website dedicated solely to your PTA? If so, are you happy with its functionality and look? If you are happy with your website, that is fantastic! If not, then this is something I would love to look into with you and see if I can help. Our SVPTA website is undergoing a bit of an overhaul right now and through the process of making these changes, I have learned a great deal. Hopefully, I can pass along some of this wisdom and help guide you and your board in achieving a website that will serve your PTA well. I look forward to helping in any way I can, and if I don't have the answer, I will find someone who can help. Please feel free to contact me at the above e-mail (in a few weeks!) or at [preservephotos@att.net](mailto:preservephotos@att.net).



Fourth District PTA Upcoming Events:

### ADVOCACY ROUNDTABLE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 9:30 A.M.

Fountain Valley School District, 10055 Slater Ave.,  
Board Room, (please park under building)

### FALL TRAINING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

MORNING SESSION 8:30 – 12:15

EVENING SESSION 5:45 – 9:15

National University, 3390 Harbor Blvd., Costa  
Mesa



## Special Education Spotlight

By Mary Damkroger  
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Do you have a Special Education Chairperson at your school? If not, why not? The Special Education Committee works to support schools to create a community of inclusion and acceptance for all children. Every school in our district is home to children with a variety of learning differences, and children with special needs are entitled to a free and appropriate public education under the federally mandated Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Now is the time to introduce the Special Education committee to your unit via your next meeting or PTA newsletter. Chairmen can support teachers and parents with resources, such as those found at the CAC (Community Advisory

Committee) and the Family Resource Center. They can organize activities to raise awareness and encourage acceptance of ALL children at your school. The chairman can make the PTA aware of issues that may arise for special needs students during different PTA activities. They can help modify activities so that everyone can be included and enjoy all the wonderful activities the PTA provides.

Watch for alerts regarding speakers, activities, videos and reading material in the area of Special education. Feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas for the 2011-12 school year.

**Do you have a new Chairman? If so, please forward the contact information to me ASAP so that I may contact them and include them in the Committee Directory. If you don't have a chairman, now is the time! Please understand and convey to your PTA the importance of this position to ensure that ALL children are responsibly and appropriately included in all PTA activities.**



## Advocacy Answers

By Patricia Wannamaker  
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Welcome to an exciting year in Advocacy! My name is Patricia Wanamaker and I am the VP, Advocacy for the Saddleback Council PTA. With the many changes ahead for SVUSD in 2011-2012, I believe that advocates will be extremely important to help spread the word throughout the community, as well as to our local legislators about the important events happening within the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

I think this year it will be more important than ever for the "P" (parents), and the "T" (teachers... and I also include staff under the "T") to come together, share our struggles and help each other through these difficult financial times. ONLY together can we ensure that Saddleback Valley remains a truly GREAT school district!

I have outlined a plan for the year & I hope that EACH and EVERY school will ask at least one parent to join our advocacy team and help keep Saddleback strong and in the forefront of legislator's minds. Good luck and please contact me with any questions or concerns.



*I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.  
~Abraham Lincoln*



## Parliamentarian Pointers

By Brenda Tettermer  
SVPTA Parliamentarian  
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### WHY YOUR BYLAWS ARE IMPORTANT!!!

Hello Unit Presidents and Parliamentarians... welcome to the 2011 - 2012 school year!!! My name is Brenda Tettermer and I am the incoming SVPTA Council Parliamentarian. I look forward to working with you this year to help keep your Units running smoothly. A sure way to ensure that your Unit runs smoothly is to follow your Bylaws, use the California PTA Toolkit as your guide and follow the PTA Insurance Guidelines. Please remember that the members on the SVPTA Council are here to help you and your Unit to have a successful year!

The best way to prepare your board for an outstanding year of PTA work is to:

- ✦ Give *every* member of your Board a copy of your Unit's current Bylaws,
- ✦ Provide an overview and encourage questions and discussion at your August Board Orientation
- ✦ Advise them that you will hold them accountable to abide by and uphold the PTA's Bylaws, California PTA Toolkit, PTA Insurance Guidelines, etc.

Most boards that experience organization problems do so because members are either not informed or misunderstand their duties and responsibilities with respect to all the rules that govern our organization.

To keep Bylaws up to date and fresh in members' minds, review your Bylaws annually and update

them at least every three years. Each president has or will receive the 2011 revised California PTA Bylaws template in their Summer Mailing (August). Please use this template to update and review Bylaws.



Remember: Your unit is responsible for following all recently changed rules *regardless* of whether or not you have actually updated your Bylaws. For example, all units must comply with revised Council, District, State and National PTA Dues and all units must schedule and hold their Executive Board meetings at least 14 days prior to their Association meetings. Please Note: During the most recent National PTA Convention, delegates approved a fifty cent (\$.50) increase to National PTA's portion of the membership fee from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per Member. California State PTA dues remain at \$1.25, 4th District dues are \$.60 and Council dues are \$.65 for a total of \$4.75 per Member. Local PTA Bylaws do not need to be amended to reflect the revised National dues unless the total dues collected is less than the amount needed to remit through channels. Again dues to be remitted are now \$4.75 per PTA Member.

Finally, please make sure you appoint a Parliamentarian so that you have an officer to send to the Fall Parliamentarian workshops. I plan to hold a Parliamentarian Workshop in October to go over Bylaws and eBylaws and a workshop in November to go over the Nominating Committee process. I will forward the dates for those workshops when confirmed. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need help, please contact me at [svparliamentarian@svpta.org](mailto:svparliamentarian@svpta.org). Wishing you a successful year!



## Membership Matters

By Danya Maze  
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On your mark, get set, go! It's time to gear up and kick off this years PTA membership drive. Membership is much more than just collecting dues, it is a vital way of growing your school community and encouraging active participation in your school's PTA. The theme for the California State PTA membership this year is , "PTA . . .Now, More Than Ever!" . \_One important thing in your membership drive is to be inclusive. Expand your outreach to include everyone. Parents, teachers, students, extended family members, friends, business members, anyone is welcome to join your PTA. Explain to them what your PTA is about and why they should join. Brag about your accomplishments and let them know what your future goals are and how important their member-

ship is to accomplish these goals. Utilize different venues to reach potential members. Try a personal approach by setting up a membership table at orientations, the start of school and Back to School nights. Utilize your executive board to personally talk to people about your PTA. Deliver your message and membership fliers in first day packets, e-mails, and on your school website. Offer incentives to join! Legoland is once again offering free admissions coupons which may be used as membership incentives. Be creative with incentives, the more creative and zany the more excited the students become.

Now to the important logistics, the first deadline to turn in membership payments to SVPTA Council is September 22,2011. Please remit \$4.75 per member to council. Each school who turns in 30members by this date will receive a Ready, Set, Remit Award. Remember, We are "Better Together"!



**PTA REFLECTIONS**

Fourth District PTA

Reflections Training

Friday, September 9, 2011

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Orange County Department of Education

200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa

Building D, Room 1002

FREE!!! Please RSVP by September 7, 2011

to [reflections@fourthdistrictpta.org](mailto:reflections@fourthdistrictpta.org)

## 2011 SVPTA CALENDAR

### August

25	SVPTA Council Meeting	7:00pm	SVUSD Board Room
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### September

7	First Day of School		
8	Executive Board Meeting	6:30 PM	SVUSD Board Room
13	SVUSD Board of Education Meeting	6:15pm	SVUSD Board Room
14	Presidents & Principals Breakfast (Wed.)	9:00am	SVUSD Board Room
22	President's Roundtable & Council Meeting	6:15pm/7:00pm	SVUSD Board Room
23	4th District PTAA Advocacy Training Round Table	9:30am	OC Dept. of Ed.
29	4th District Fall Training Workshops	9:00am/6:00pm	
29	Fall Recess - No School		

### October

5	Elementary Back to School Night		
7	Intermediate Back to School Night		
11	SVUSD Board of Education	6:15pm	SVUSD Board Room
12	Superintendent's Forum	9:30am	SVUSD Board Room
13	Back to School Night - High School		
19	Back to School Night - Esperanza		
TBD	Red Ribbon Week		
27	President's Roundtable & Council Meeting	6:15pm	SVUSD Board Room

*I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught.*

~Winston Churchill

*Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. ~Henry Ford*

*Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life.*

~Henry L. Doherty

*I am learning all the time. The tombstone will be my diploma. ~Eartha Kitt*

*It's what you learn after you know it all that counts. ~Attributed to Harry S Truman*

*Education consists mainly of what we have unlearned. ~Mark Twain*

*A single conversation with a wise man is better than ten years of study. ~Chinese Proverb*