

HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Message From The Superintendent

PTSA and Schools – A Winning Team for Students and Families

The Huntington Beach City School District and our local PTSA volunteers at each of our schools have long been a strong partnership for our students, schools and families. The numerous family and student functions, opportunities for student enrichment, fieldtrips and school assemblies that are provided by and supported by our PTSA volunteers make schools a wonderful place to spend time. Not to forget that our schools are also a fun and informative meeting place for our parents and community.

Recently a couple of fantastic events really brought to light how important our PTSA volunteers are to the success of our schools and students. The first event was the celebration of our Reflections Art Contest winners. The theme of the contest this year was “Within Reach” and students could submit work in 6 different categories: Dance/Choreography, Literature, Photography, film Production, Music Competition and Visual Arts. The Reflections Art Contest is a statewide program and has had over 10 million participants since it began in 1969, and we are proud that every school in the District participated in every category. The 4th District Council recently hosted a lunch where the student winners in each category at lower elementary, upper elementary, middle school and high school and their parents were celebrated for their achievements. Once again, the Huntington Beach City School District swept all of the awards in each category and at each level our students participate in.

The second great PTSA event recently held was the 4th District Administrators Dinner. This event celebrates the fantastic work done at each of our schools by our PTSA volunteers and the teamwork they share with our school administrators. As we hit spring time and have made it through about three quarters of the school year it is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the fantastic work done by our teams to benefit our students, schools and families. During this event our own Smith Elementary Surfers PTSA received multiple awards for increases in parent and community participation and innovation in activities. ALL of our PTSA groups work hard, but it was great to see the hard work and focus by the PTSA team at Smith be recognized by the 4th District leaders.

If you have not yet joined your local PTSA, it is never too late. Our PTSA volunteers put in a lot of time and effort to provide even more for our students each and every day. We appreciate what they do, and wouldn't be as successful without their partnership and help.