

August 24, 2018

Dear NIS Families:

One of my goals when I was hired in 2016 was to develop a parent organization committed to building a positive and productive school through family and community partnerships. That goal was achieved when we founded the Parent Teacher Student Assembly – PTSA in October 2016. Each year the PTSA has moved closer to fulfilling its mission of encouraging parents to be actively involved in their child's education at NIS. This year, my goal is to involve more parents in the PTSA to ensure that there is regular and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

The PTSA will have its first General Meeting next **Wednesday, August 29, 2018**. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room in the C Building at **3:00 pm**. **Child care will be provided**, so that those of you “picking up” your children will be able to attend. The Meeting Agenda will focus on the following:

- Introduction of the PTSA Executive Committee
 1. President – Melody Chu
 2. Vice President – Nicholas Schoenlaub
 3. Secretary – Todd Nelson
 4. Treasurer - Ling Warinya
- Introduction the Administration Team
- Introduction of New Teachers
- Athletics Update
- 2017 PTSA Accomplishments
 1. Sponsored Lego Club
 2. Sponsored Trivia Competition
 3. Donated to the NIS Scholarship Fund
 4. Conducted a Successful Fundraiser at the Winter Festival
 5. Supported NIS Special Events
- November 17 – Family Fun Day!
- October Elections
- Parent Focus Groups

1. ECC
 2. Grade K-2
 3. Grade 3-5
 4. Middle School Parents
 5. High School Parents
- After School Clubs
 - Silent and Sustained Reading Program

As a member of the PTSA you will join your children in discovering who they are and who they will become. The following are 10 additional reasons why you should join PTSA:

1. It is good for your child!
2. It is important to the school.
3. You will get connected.
4. You will be part of a network.
5. You will make a difference.
6. You will be a role model.
7. You will help raise necessary funds to support NIS student programs
8. It is flexible – one meeting a month.
9. It is for every parent.
10. It is FUN!

In closing I would like to share the words of Jane D. Hill regarding parent involvement and student success:

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents”

Remember, when you are involved, we do our best!

Mr. Steve