



Welcome back, Mighty Pines!

On behalf of the Matsuyama Parent Teacher Association (PTA), I would like to welcome you to a new school year.

The Matsuyama PTA is a long-standing organization that focuses its efforts on finding ways to give back to our school, and especially our students. It is made up of an incredible community of families, students, and faculty who strongly believe in the motto that, "together, we achieve more." The Matsuyama PTA is comprised of executive board officers, teacher representatives, chairpersons, volunteers, and family members. It is not just for parents, but for any family member who cares about the experience of students here at Matsuyama Elementary.

When I was an incoming kindergarten parent in 2019, I was not sure what to expect as my only frame of reference was from stereotypical depictions of "the PTA" in tv shows and movies. After attending my first few school events, I was in awe of the work that the volunteers put into making events happen for the students (and staff). In addition, I saw firsthand the need for volunteers, and decided to join the PTA and later, the Executive Board. I was "never going to be PTA President," and the rest is history. I am very thankful that I did as it has given me the opportunity to be intricately involved in my children's education (I have a son going into 4th grade and another going into 1st grade this year) and to support the teachers who have worked tirelessly to educate, motivate, encourage, and nurture them. I encourage you to make the most of the elementary school experience by being as active in our PTA as your heart and life allows.

Although joining the PTA does not require anything but paying your annual dues, we certainly welcome volunteers for tasks ranging from event preparation and/or staffing, joining the Board, assisting with the School Spirit Store, becoming a member of a committee, etc. You can [join](https://jointotem.com/ca/sacramento/matsuyama-elementary-pta) the PTA anytime using this link: <https://jointotem.com/ca/sacramento/matsuyama-elementary-pta>.

The executive officers are currently in the planning stages for next year's school calendar. If you are interested in learning more about the PTA or have specific questions, please feel free to email me at nicolekellerpta@gmail.com.

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Keeping the Kids at Heart,

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