



Hi Parents,

Welcome to the Eastlake High School 2011-2012 school year. This truly will be a unique year for Eastlake; its last as a three year high school. While many of us will miss the “old school,” change can be exciting and stimulating and the changes will make our school even better in the years to come.

You might have noticed one of the changes we are already trying to put into place. Along with the school district, we are trying to go a little greener. Instead of receiving a huge summer packet in the mail, much of your child’s Orientation Day material will be accessed online through the Eastlake and PTSA websites, and some portions must be printed and returned to school. A limited set of documents will be distributed on the first day of school in your child’s Homeroom class. For those who want to get a jump on things before the first week of school, the PTSA is sending out a tri-fold mailer that you can attach a check to and return on your child's designated Orientation/Picture day: Aug 30th, 31st or Sept 1st. These materials are all available on our PTSA website as well. Please have your student look for our PTSA table at Orientation to return these forms and payments and to have any further questions answered.

One of the other changes will be the elimination of the student directory. After much discussion and careful thought, the PTSA Board decided that the expense and time involved putting it together outweighed the benefits of doing a directory this year. You will still be able to access PTSA contact information online on our website ([www.ehsptsa.org](http://www.ehsptsa.org)), and access school information on the Eastlake website ([schools.lwsd.org/ehs](http://schools.lwsd.org/ehs)).

The thing that doesn't change – ever – is the need for your support. We count on you to join the PTSA, contribute to Pass the Hat, volunteer to help at events, and think of wonderful new ways to allow us to help our children, school, and community. In turn, we thank you by offering many programs including: scholarships, grants to teachers, emergency preparedness supplies for each student, textbooks, library books, substance abuse programs, student-in-need support, and athletic program support. We also partner with the community to help support kids after school hours. This all comes from you.

It is a crucial time to be part of the school community, as we make way for the changes ahead. Volunteering, always important, will become even more so, as we guide our kids and ourselves through the transition. Please look at the volunteer opportunities listed and contact the chair of the committee or me to come on board.

I look forward with excitement to next year as Eastlake moves forward to its destiny, to continue to provide excellent education and training for the future.

Connie Walsworth  
Eastlake 2011-2012 PTSA President