



Welcome to SOLANA HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY!

TOGETHER, WE MAKE WAVES
Support. Enrich. Connect.

2026-2027 FAMILY GUIDE

Dear Solana Highlands Families,

We are so excited to welcome you to another amazing year at Solana Highlands Elementary!

Whether you're new to our school or returning, this Welcome Packet is your go-to guide for everything you need to know about the PTA, important dates, and the many ways to get involved.

Together, we can create a school year filled with meaningful experiences, strong community, and lasting memories for our students.

Go Dolphins! ♥

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PTA President

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OUR MISSION

The Solana Highlands PTA supports our school community by advocating for students, enriching education, supporting teachers, and building connections that make our school a great place to learn and grow.

WHAT'S INSIDE



ABOUT THE PTA

Learn what the PTA does and how we support our students, teachers, and school community.



IMPORTANT DATES

A full year timeline of school events, PTA gatherings, holidays, and key dates.



GET INVOLVED

Discover the many ways to volunteer, join events, and make a difference at Solana Highlands.



WAYS TO SUPPORT

From PTA membership to spirit wear, restaurant nights, Read-a-Thon, and our annual auction—every bit helps!



MEETINGS & COMMUNICATION

Stay connected with PTA meetings, documents, and our communication channels.



OUR COMMUNITY

We're stronger together. Thank you for being a part of our Solana Highlands family!

Stay Connected!



Follow us on Instagram
[@solanahighlandspta](https://www.instagram.com/solanahighlandspta)



Like us on Facebook
Solana Highlands PTA



Join your grade level
WhatsApp group
Email us to be added!



SCAN TO VISIT
OUR WEBSITE

[solanahighlandspta.org](https://www.solanahighlandspta.org)

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

| *Go Dolphins!* 🐬



What Does the PTA Do?

Solana Highlands PTA brings families, teachers, staff, and community partners together to advocate for students, enrich school life, support educators, and strengthen our Dolphin community.



Advocacy

We speak up for students, teachers, and families, helping ensure their needs and concerns are heard.



Student Enrichment

We provide assemblies, clubs, Field Day, Read-a-Thon, and other experiences that help students learn, grow, and build confidence.



Teacher Support

We support teachers and staff through appreciation activities, grants, and other resources throughout the year.



Community Events

We bring families together through social events, shared traditions, and communication about school programs and important updates.



Student Programs

We promote student wellness and engagement through programs like Running Club, Reflections, Red Ribbon Week, and other schoolwide activities.



Campus Improvements

We support campus improvements and schoolwide needs that help create a safe, welcoming environment for every student.

PTA programs are powered by the support of our families and community. Your membership, donations, ideas, and volunteer time help us continue providing meaningful opportunities for every Solana Highlands student.



Learn More

Scan to visit this page on our website.



WAYS TO SUPPORT

Every family can make a difference
in a way that works for them.



JOIN & PARTICIPATE

1



Membership Dues (Join the PTA)

Membership supports students, teachers, and school programs.
No volunteer commitment required.

2



Volunteer

Help at events, in classrooms, or behind the scenes.

3



Join PTA Meetings

Stay informed, share ideas, and be part of the conversation.

4



Make a Donation

Direct gifts help fund student enrichment, staff support, and community events.



GIVE & FUNDRAISE

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Buy Spiritwear

Show Dolphin pride while supporting PTA programs.

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Attend Restaurant Nights

Dine out at partner restaurants and a portion comes back to our school.

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Link Your Ralphs Card

Support the PTA through everyday grocery shopping at no extra cost.

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Read-a-Thon

Our largest fundraiser that encourages reading while raising support for the school.

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Auction

Bid on items and experiences to support our annual fundraiser.

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Employer Matching

Many employers will match charitable donations and double your impact.



STAY CONNECTED

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PTA Calendar

Subscribe to our PTA calendar on our website to stay up to date on events and changes.

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ParentSquare App

Download the ParentSquare app to receive all school communications and alerts.

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Follow Us

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news, reminders, and highlights!

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WhatsApp Groups

For grade level WhatsApp groups and other questions, please email us.



Learn More



Scan to explore all the ways to support our school on our website.



Every contribution—big or small—helps strengthen our Dolphin community.



Understanding the Two Parent Organizations

AT SOLANA HIGHLANDS

At Solana Highlands, we are fortunate to have two distinct parent organizations, each working independently but both dedicated to enhancing our school community.

PTA

Building Community, Enriching School Life

The Solana Highlands PTA focuses on community building and advocacy through initiatives that strengthen our school community and support every student.



Community Events

Social and family events that bring us together



Student Clubs and Activities

Enriching students' school experience



Scholarships and Grants

For students and teachers



Educational Programs

Supporting learning and growth



Health and Fitness

Promoting student wellness



Staff Appreciation

Celebrating our amazing teachers and staff



Campus Improvements

Enhancing our school environment

SBSF

Investing in Academic Enrichment

The Solana Beach Schools Foundation supports Solana Highlands by funding Discovery Labs that enrich hands-on learning.



STREAM Labs

Materials and teacher's salary



Supplemental P.E.

Instructor salaries and equipment



Environmental Stewardship

Garden and kitchen classes

Learn more at:



solanabeachkids.org

Contact: sh.sitepresident@sbschoolsfoundation.org



Important: Donations to the Solana Beach Schools Foundation do not benefit the PTA, and vice versa, as these organizations operate separately. However, contributions to both are greatly appreciated and collectively benefit our school community.

Together They Make Solana Highlands Exceptional!



Families



PTA

Community



SBSF

Discovery Labs

Students benefit from both

Learn More About the PTA



Visit Our PTA Page

Learn More About SBSF



Visit SBSF



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Find what works for you—whether you can help once, occasionally, from home, or throughout the year.

1 FIND WHAT WORKS FOR YOU



Help at an Event

Volunteer for a single PTA event during the year.



Help From Home

Support flexible projects like prep, outreach, and organization.



Share Your Time or Talents

Help with clubs, photography, design, tech, sports, arts, or fundraising.



Join a Committee

Support a program or explore a PTA board or committee role.

2 CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A. FALL & WINTER EVENTS



PTA Membership Drive

August 30–September 6, 2026
Promote membership, prepare incentives, and distribute prizes.

Help With the Membership Drive



Ice Cream Social

September 3, 2026
Serve treats, restock, and help with setup and cleanup.

Volunteer at the Ice Cream Social



Fall Festival

October 22, 2026
Run games, supervise activities, and help with setup and cleanup.

Volunteer at the Fall Festival



Read-a-Thon

November 1–8, 2026
Prepare materials, organize prizes, and support celebrations.

Join the Read-a-Thon Team



PTA Care and Share

December 1–14, 2026
Sort donations, organize gifts, and prepare items for pickup.

Join the Care and Share Team



Winter Wonderland Dance

January 22, 2027
Help with decorating, check-in, refreshments, and cleanup.

Volunteer at the Dance

B. SPRING EVENTS



Science Fair

March 2027, Date Coming Soon
Assist with check-in, setup, family support, and cleanup.

Volunteer at the Science Fair



PTA Online Auction

Spring 2027, Date Coming Soon
Collect donations, write listings, and help with pickup.

Join the Auction Team



Heritage Night

April 19, 2027
Host a cultural booth and share your heritage.

Host a Heritage Booth



Staff Appreciation Week

May 3–7, 2027
Help with meals, treats, gifts, and setup.

Appreciate Our Staff



Field Day

May 11, 2027
Join the interest list for class-time volunteer sign-ups.

Join the Field Day Interest List



Open House and PTA End-of-Year Party

May 2027, Date Coming Soon
Help with activities, refreshments, setup, and cleanup.

Volunteer at the End-of-Year Party

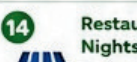
C. ONGOING & LEADERSHIP



Spirit Wear Distribution

Beginning of the Year, Then Monthly
Organize and distribute spirit wear orders.

Join the Spirit Wear Team



Restaurant Nights

Throughout the Year
Promote each fundraiser, attend, and take photos.

Support Restaurant Nights



Lunch Clubs and Student Activities

Throughout the Year
Lead or assist with a club or enrichment activity.

Lead or Assist With a Club



Dad's Club

Throughout the Year
Join school events, service projects, and happy hours.

Join Dad's Club



Community Liaisons for New Families

Throughout the Year
Welcome new families and help them feel connected.

Become a Community Liaison



Social Media Chair

Throughout the Year
Create posts, share reminders, and highlight events.

Become Our Social Media Chair



Yearbook Design Team

Throughout the Year
Organize photos, create layouts, and write captions.

Join the Yearbook Design Team



Yearbook Photographers

Throughout the Year
Take photos at events throughout the year.

Become a Yearbook Photographer



Flexible and At-Home Projects

Throughout the Year
Help with outreach, materials, design, spreadsheets, or communications.

Tell Us How You Can Help



PTA Leadership Opportunities

Open Now
Explore open board and committee roles.

Explore Leadership Roles

NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Complete our Volunteer Interest Form so we can match you with opportunities that fit your interests and availability. There is no commitment.



You do not need to make a large commitment to make a meaningful difference.



COMMON QUESTIONS

Quick answers for Dolphin families

1



Do I have to volunteer if I join the PTA?

Nope! Membership is a simple way to show your support for our students, teachers, and school. There is no volunteer requirement to be a PTA member.



Your membership makes a big difference!

2



How does employer matching work?

- Donate to the PTA.
- Check if your employer offers a matching gift program.
- Submit your request through your employer or HR.



Matching can double (or more) the impact of your donation!

PTA Federal Tax ID/EIN: 33-0346754

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How do I link my Ralphs card?

- 1 Log in to your Ralphs account.
- 2 Go to My Account.
- 3 Select Community Contributions.
- 4 Enter organization code

GE248



In the mobile app: open the menu, tap Rewards, then Community Contributions, and enter GE248.

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How do I buy spirit wear?

Visit the Solana Highlands PTA Shop on our website to order spirit wear. Every purchase helps support PTA programs and build school spirit!



Shop • Wear • Support

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How do I buy a yearbook?

Yearbooks are available in the PTA Shop on our website. You'll be asked to provide student and teacher information so we can deliver it to the right classroom.



Don't miss the memories!

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How do I stay up to date on events?



- 1 Download the ParentSquare app for all school communications.
- 2 Subscribe to the PTA calendar for automatic event updates.
- 3 Visit the PTA website for forms, events, and updates.
- 4 Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for reminders and highlights.
- 5 Join your grade-level WhatsApp group for parent connection.

MORE QUESTIONS?

We're here to help!



Visit Our Website

Find forms, events, shop items, and more.

solanahighlandspta.org



Email the PTA President

Have a question not answered here? We're happy to help!

president@solanahighlandspta.org



Message on Social Media

Stay connected and be part of our Dolphin community!



Website QR



Scan to visit our website!



2026–2027 School Year Calendar

Solana Highlands PTA & School Highlights

AUGUST 2026

-  Aug 12 — First Day of School
-  Aug 12 — Kinder Boo Hoo Breakfast, 8:30 am–9:30 am
-  Aug 19 — PTA Dad's Club BBQ, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm
-  Aug 27 — Back to School Night, 1st–6th, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm
-  Aug 30–Sep 6 — PTA Membership Drive Week

SEPTEMBER 2026

-  Sep 2 — Volunteer Coffee & Room Parent Meeting, 8:45 am–10:15 am
-  Sep 3 — PTA Ice Cream Social, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm
-  Sep 4 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  Sep 8 — PTA Meeting, 9:00 am–10:00 am
-  Sep 9 — Shake Shack Restaurant Night
-  Sep 14–18 — Solana Beach School Foundation Annual Fund Drive

OCTOBER 2026

-  Oct 2 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  Oct 2 — PTA Membership Goal Water Balloon Celebration, 9:00 am–10:00 am
-  Oct 6 — School Picture Day
-  Oct 7 — McDonald's Del Mar Highlands Restaurant Night
-  Oct 13 — PTA Exec Board Meeting, 9:00 am–10:00 am
-  Oct 22 — PTA Fall Festival, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm
-  Oct 26–30 — Red Ribbon Week
-  Oct 26–30 — Parent-Teacher Conferences — 12:02 Dismissal
-  Oct 28 — Chuck E. Cheese Family Fun Night
-  Oct 30 — Halloween Parade, 8:30 am–9:30 am

NOVEMBER 2026

-  Nov 1–8 — Read-A-Thon
-  Nov 5 — PTA Dad's Club Family Breakfast, 7:00 am–8:00 am
-  Nov 6 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  Nov 10 — PTA General Meeting, 9:00 am–10:00 am
-  Nov 17 — Chick-fil-A Encinitas Restaurant Night

DECEMBER 2026

-  Dec 1 — PTA Care and Share Begins
-  Dec 2–4 — 6th Grade Camp
-  Dec 4 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  Dec 7 — Shake Shack Restaurant Night
-  Dec 12 — Kendra Scott Give Back Event, 12:00 pm–2:00 pm
-  Dec 14 — PTA Care and Share Ends

JANUARY 2027

-  Jan 8 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  Jan 18 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday — No School
-  Jan 19 — PTA General Meeting, 9:00 am–10:00 am
-  Jan 22 — PTA Winter Wonderland Dance, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2027

-  Feb 5 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  Feb 23 — PTA Exec Board Meeting, 9:00 am–10:00 am
-  Feb 26 — Dolphin Dash — SBSF

MARCH 2027

-  Mar 5 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  Mar 7–14 — PTA Online Auction
-  Mar 8–12 — Parent-Teacher Conferences — 12:02 Dismissal
-  Mar 16 — PTA General Meeting, 9:00 pm–2:00 pm
-  Mar 24 — Shake Shack Restaurant Night

APRIL 2027

-  Apr 9 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  Apr 11 — Chuck E. Cheese Family Fun Night
-  Apr 19 — Heritage Night, 5:30 pm–7:30 pm
-  Apr 20 — PTA Exec Board Meeting, 9:00 am–10:00 am

MAY 2027

-  May 3–7 — Staff Appreciation Week
-  May 7 — Friday Assembly, 8:30 am–9:00 am
-  May 11 — Field Day

-  May 13 — Open House followed by PTA End of the Year Party, 5:30 pm–7:30 pm
-  May 28 — Last Day of School — 12:02 Dismissal
-  May 28 — 6th Grade Promotion, 8:45 am–10:00 am



Scan for
live calendar

Dates and times are subject to change. Subscribe to our calendar for automatic updates.

