



Dear Lee Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! If you were at Lee last year, you might be expecting this letter to come from Jennifer Schilling. Sadly for Lee, she ended up moving across the country this summer and I was asked to take over (and elected) President of Lee Elementary PTA. Jennifer no doubt would have been amazing and I wish the Schilling family all the best.

A little about me: I am new to Lee and am so happy to be here! We moved to Rossmoor last summer and my boys were in the Los Al @home program. We are excited to be back on campus and look forward to a fun and fantastic year. My twin boys Zack and Eli are in 5th grade this year and I also have a daughter who just graduated high school and is attending Chapman. While new to Lee, I'm not new to PTA and was formerly the PTA President at Smith Elementary in Huntington Beach. In total, I've spent about 12 years involved with PTA, including Executive V.P., Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and V.P. of Fundraising. Besides all that making me sound old (ha!) it does give me the confidence that I can continue all of the greatness going on with Lee PTA. Prior to my years in the PTA world, I was an elementary school teacher and Reading Specialist/Reading Coach. I also worked for 10 years in education publishing in curriculum development and as an Editorial Director. Currently, I'm a freelance writer in the field of education. My heart is in education and helping children and schools. When I was a teacher, I had the most amazing PTA parents and now I feel lucky to do my part to give back to the school community. Supporting our students and staff and having a close and involved school community is what is most important to me. I feel lucky to be part of such a special place here at Lee!

I'm beyond impressed by how amazing this PTA Executive Board is and how incredible all of the Committee Chairs are. We have so many fantastic events lined up for the year, from the Ice Cream Social to Camp Lee, the Fall Carnival, Red Ribbon Week, Book Fair, Reflections, Spelling Bee, and so much more! If you haven't become a PTA member yet, please do! It's only \$10 and helps support all of our programs at Lee. Our goal is 600+ members to represent every child at Lee. How amazing would that be? I know we can do it! Anyone can join—parents, students, grandparents, community members, and more! We also welcome donations of any amount and have some fun new gifts this year as a thank you for donating! We're hoping to raise \$9,000+ in donations through membership to jump start the year. Go to: <https://jointotem.com/ca/los-alamitos/richard-henry-lee-elementary-pta> or scan the qr code in the bottom corner of this page. These donations (along with our other fundraisers) are what make it possible for us to fund field trips, assemblies, and to purchase technology, classroom and office supplies for the school, and much more. We are working towards being 100% digital this year for all of our forms and flyers...so be sure to read the emails each week from our incredible Principal, Mrs. Vento, and also check out our newly revamped website at www.leepta.org.

If you have any questions or feedback or just want to chat, please feel free to reach out to me at leeptaprez@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you! And, if you have been secretly wanting to get involved but you weren't sure where to start, reach out! I'd love to hear from you—let's go grab coffee and chat. Let's make it the best year possible!

Most Sincerely,
Lori Kamola

Membership:

