Dear Fletcher Families,

Welcome (back) to Ellen Fletcher Middle School! On behalf of families of returning students, we extend a special warm greeting to all the incoming 6th graders and other new students and families. We are grateful to have you join the Fletcher Family and wish you the best at Tiger Camp and beyond.

As we approach the start of this unusual school year, the PTA board is working with Principal Howell to be flexible and adaptable so we can continue supporting our students, families, and teachers. We invite you to join us as PTA members, share your ideas, and volunteer for our school. Open volunteer positions include Co-Secretary and Co-VP Communications on the Executive Board, and Parent Education Coordinator. Please email us at fletchermiddleschoolPTA@gmail.com for details. The more people participate, the stronger we are.

An important adjustment we have already made is moving to an online back to school packet, which is the result of many hours of work by current and former PTA volunteers (thank you!). We have also adjusted the PTA budget and are holding PTA meetings on Zoom. Below are some additional announcements we want to share as we head back to school:

**NEW online Back to School Packet** - The Back to School Packet will be available the week before school starts — stay tuned for details! We appreciate your flexibility in adapting to the new format, which saves hundreds of dollars in printing costs, thousands of pieces of paper, and many volunteer hours. It also helps volunteers maintain social distance. If you need a printed packet, contact the School Secretary, Suzanne Lowe, at (650) 856-9810.

**Join the PTA for just $6 per person** - Membership gives you a vote on school PTA matters. It also includes membership in the California and National PTAs, which do significant advocacy for schools and students, as well as provide our school with critical resources, like affordable PTA insurance rates and volunteer support.

**Donate (tax deductible)** - We anticipate reduced PTA expenses this year, and have adjusted our budget accordingly. Our financial priorities are: individual teacher funds for materials, supporting distance learning, parent communications, staff appreciation, supporting our administration, and, hopefully (!), spring events. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and support these efforts.

**Sign up for PTA communications** - Stay connected to school announcements. The PTA uses UpToUs to maintain a family directory and send announcements, and sends out weekly eNews. If you don’t receive these communications but would like to, please contact us at fletchermiddleschoolPTA@gmail.com.

If you have questions or ideas for the PTA, or would like to know about volunteer opportunities, please reach out to fletchermiddleschoolPTA@gmail.com. We look forward to working together to support our school community.

Warmly,

Jenn Silva (PTA President)
On behalf of the Fletcher PTA board