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*honors*

# SHELLY FIERSTON

for three years of volunteering at Chabot Elementary School

When **SHELLY FIERSTON**'s twin daughters entered **Chabot Elementary School** kindergarten in 2006, Chabot gained a very valuable volunteer. **SHELLY**'s role as the liaison to the construction crew to replace outdated portables with a new two-story, twelve-classroom building and a multi-purpose room has been key. For the past year, **SHELLY** has been **the point person** for the faculty, parents, and community on any issues or concerns about the new building. School Principal **Jonathan Mayer** reports, "**SHELLY**'s organizational skills coupled with her commitment to the new construction has allowed me to focus on the instructional programming issues, my core responsibility. I am so grateful for her assistance."

In 2006 and 2007, **SHELLY** helped both identify funds and then purchase new outdoor furniture such as picnic tables and benches. She chose items that could be dismantled and stored since the yard would be temporarily torn up while the new buildings were being erected.

**SHELLY** was a leading member of the **Long Range Planning Committee**, a group that facilitated the community vision and design process for the new building project. She currently chairs the **Chabot Way To Grow Allocation Committee**, which is responsible for researching, evaluating and approving spending by the **Parent Teachers Association (PTA)** on a wide range of improvement projects, including upgrades to the play yards and purchasing equipment for the new campus.

**SHELLY** has contributed countless hours to both the Chabot Elementary and **Claremont Middle School** libraries. Without **SHELLY**'s solid two years of weekly volunteering at Claremont, the middle school library could not have been rebuilt.

**SHELLY** has assisted Chabot with the selection and organizing of new classroom furnishings. She currently oversees the return of Chabot furnishings to the campus from OUSD storage.

**SHELLY** is a faithful volunteer at Chabot events and fundraisers. She organizes the Carnival Prize booth, helps out in each of her twin's classes, goes on field trips, and packs the best lunches on campus. Perhaps most important are **SHELLY**'s *chocolate chip cookies* which are in a class of their own!

The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** takes great pride and pleasure in honoring **SHELLY FIERSTON** for her tireless work in improving the infrastructure at our Claremont and Chabot campuses. Your contributions have been invaluable, and we thank you.

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