

Peninsula District PTA Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ New Dues Deadline September 30!
- ◆ Virginia PTA Convention November, 13-15, 2009- Fredericksburg
- ◆ District Annual Meeting April 15, 2010 (tentative) Warhill High School Williamsburg/JCC
- ◆ District Training (FREE) June 3, 2010 - Woodside High School (NN)

Director's News

WOW the summer has flown by and hopefully you are in full swing for your 2009-2010 PTA year. At this point, your unit should have had the following activities:

1. Completed your audit and have it ready to present to your general membership.
2. Prepared a budget to present at your first meeting of the year.
3. Met with your principal to discuss your mutual goals for the year.
4. Sold the first of your memberships. (Send in the State/National/Council portion of these dues collected no later than **September 30, 2009**.)
5. Planned/budgeted to send delegates to the Virginia State PTA Convention in Fredericksburg.
6. Planned to Present the Virginia PTA PLP to your members.

Thanks to some funding from the Peninsula District budget, I was able to attend the National PTA Convention in June. It was a wonderful way to learn new ways to

improve our message to our local units and communities. My report is on the website. Please check out all we learned.

At National Convention, we inducted the first male National PTA President! Chuck Saylor, our new leader, urged us to increase our membership especially in the area of males and minorities.

I would like to pass on that challenge to you this year. Keep track of how many males and students are members of your unit.

Last but not least, don't forget to look for someone to take your place when you move on. Before you know it the year will be over. Don't leave your PTA until you have found a trained, ready, capable leader to take your place. If you need to contact me, my info is on page 4. Please feel free at any time to contact me with questions or concerns. We are here to help you with any of your PTA needs.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Jean Farrar

Nominating Committee

Just as your local unit needs to elect a nominating committee, so does your District. At our last annual meeting, your delegates elected the following individuals to the Nominating Committee. They represent the five councils of the Peninsula and are looking for a few good people interested in serving at this level.

Alondo McClees, (Newport News) Chair
alondo.mcclees@norfolk.gov

Colleen Lynch (Williamsburg/JCC)
colleenlynch96@gmail.com

David West (Hampton)
DavidLWest@cox.net

Laurel Garrelts (York County)

way2clean@cox.net

Dottie Fowler (Gloucester)

edndotfowler@netzero.com

In April 2010, we will be electing a new District Director, an Assistant District Director, and a new Secretary/Treasurer to carry on the important work of our District. If you are interested in serving on the board please contact any of these committee members. Their slate will be due on February 10 for the Annual Meeting Newsletter.

Volunteer of the Year State Winner!



Mone' Gilliam Virginia State PTA Secondary Volunteer of the Year Mone' Receiving her Peninsula District Award in April.



2009-2010

*Reflections Theme:
"Beauty Is..."*



The Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Project theme for 2009-2010 Project will be:

"Strong Citizens - Strong Communities"

The Peninsula District did it again. For the second time in three years, the District's Secondary Volunteer of the Year winner was selected as the Virginia State PTA winner! Congratulations to Spratley Middle School Volunteer,

Mone' Gilliam

Wonderful yes? We realize there are many other fabulous volunteers in your local units. Please consider participating in your council's competition this year. If your council doesn't have a competition, please

send your nominees to our District Volunteer Chair:

Jennifer Phillips 757-723-3034
will1@cox.net 757-635-4026
 37 Shenandoah Road
 Hampton 23661

Deadline for entries from Councils

To our District is: March 15, 2010.

Arts in Education/Reflections News

It is my pleasure to be part of the Peninsula District PTA board for the first time. Pam Henefin, has handed over the reins of District Reflections Chair to me. Pam has done this job for years and done it so capably. I am grateful for all her effort and also grateful that she has agreed to help this year...just not be at the helm. Since I am new to this position, I am not completely up to speed but I'm getting there.

Here are some quick details for you:

Theme: Beauty is...

District Deadline: Monday, December 15th by 4:45pm

Drop off location: Channel 47, Newport News Public Schools, 4 Minton Dr. NN, 23606. Receptionist there will collect entries.

You will need to check your Council's deadline accordingly, allowing enough time for judging and making sure the work is ready to turn over.

The State PTA website has the Reflections handbook. Chairs will find everything they need to know there...including some important rule changes.

If there is any way I can help facilitate your efforts or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

JoEllen Anklam, PTA Peninsula District Reflections Chair

Email - janklam@verizon.net

Cell phone - 869-0574

Citizenship Essay Contest News

Encourage your middle and high school students to enter!

This essay project allows students to express their views and opinions on "Character or Citizenship". The Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children.

All students in grades 6-12 are eligible who are presently enrolled in schools with PTA or PTSA units in "good

standing".

For more info: Contact
 Jannie Bazemore, Peninsula District Essay Chair
jusblondell6@aol.com

Entries should be mailed to:
 Jannie Bazemore
 1004 Hampton Avenue
 Newport News, VA 23607

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2010
 (see criteria page 3)

Citizenship Essay Criteria (continued)

Criteria for student entries for students in grades 9-12 are:

- The essay must be written with a minimum of 500 words;
- Must be typed-doubled spaced;
- Times New Roman with 1" margins.

In both age categories, adherence to the theme, originality, clarity, thought and skill in standard written English will be judged. The theme must be used as the essay title and cannot be changed or altered in any way.

Questions? Please contact the Chair:
Jannie Bazemore at jusblondell6@aol.com

Membership News

Everyone on your PTA board is on the Membership Committee! Make sure that you are always ready to let your members know why PTA is the premier child advocacy group in the country. This year we are asking our units to keep track of the makeup of their PTA by gender and student/staff/parent members.

We suggest that all units be prepared with a membership table at your "Open House" and, of course, "Back to School" night. Remember if dues are not paid on time your unit is **NOT IN GOOD STANDING** and you risk your student's right to participate in PTA programs.

We are recommending that EVERY UNIT pay the State/National/Council portion of their dues by **September 30, 2010!** This will ensure you are in compliance with your dues deadlines. Thereafter, you can mail your new dues payments to the state office on the regular deadlines of December 1, March 1 and June 30.

Awards will be given out at the Annual District Dinner Meeting for the following accomplishments:

*Plaque for the Council who increased their membership numbers up to March 1, 2010.

*Plaque for the Council with the highest number of on-time dues paid (December 1, 2009). Awards will be given out at the Annual District Dinner Meeting for the following accomplishments:

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*Plaque for the schools with 100% or more membership.

*Certificates to the schools that increased their membership percentage

Questions on Membership:

Debbie Selfridge, District Membership Chair
872-9624 Phone
Email: dhsselfridge@aol.com
305-B Circuit Lane
Newport News 23608



*"Membership Is
Everyone's Business"*

Legislation News

Did you know that many of today's laws in place for child protection come as a direct result of the strong support of PTA? We are first and foremost the largest child advocacy group in the world.

We aren't just fundraising and carnivals. We, as a group, do so much to raise the standards that will help ALL children succeed in today's world.

One way to make sure your local unit members take action is on the Virginia PTA PLP which is our Legislation Committee's procedure to get input for our Legislative Program. A vote on the PLP (Preliminary Legislation Program) should be offered to every member. We suggest doing a brief overview at your Back to School Night in September/October. Then collect the ballots, complete your "**tally**" sheet and email it or "snail mail" **by October 15, 2009**, to: Dave Howard, District Legislation Chair.

Email: dhoward255@cox.net Phone: 764-3559 (w) 303-3381 (c)

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The following units will need to submit revised Bylaws before the end of the school year 2010. If your school is listed below, please form a committee immediately:

Achilles ES (G), Alfred Forrest ES (H), Bethel HS (H), Bruton HS (Y), Cpt. John Smith (H), Carver ES (NN), Crittenden MS (NN), Hine MS (NN), Huntington MS (NN), Jenkins ES (NN), John Tyler ES (H), NN Council (NN), Phoebus HS (H), Stonehouse ES (W/JCC), T. C. Walker, (G), Thomas Eaton MS (H), Tucker Capps (H).

Unfortunately, the following schools ARE

NOT IN GOOD STANDING as their bylaws have expired and they are not in good standing as of August 31: Please contact me for assistance:

D. J. Montague (W/JCC) Due 3/09

Tabb ES (Y) Due 6/09

Wythe ES (H) Due 6/09

Please contact your District Director for assistance immediately for assistance.

Contact info is to the left of this article. Please don't let your student's suffer for adults' oversight!

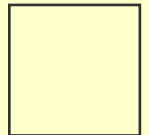
Is your Unit "In Good Standing"???

A PTA or PTSA in "good standing" is defined as one who has paid Virginia PTA and National PTA dues by December 1, (for Reflections dues must have been paid the previous year by June 30) and whose bylaws are current, having been revised within the past five (5) years. Please contact Jean Farrar, Director, with any questions.

We're on the Web!

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