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An Update from the Northern Virginia District PTA

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Upcoming Events/Important Dates

PTA Parent Programs – for dates and locations, check out [Events and Calendar](#)

January 16 – NOVA District PTA Board Mtg, 7:30pm, TJHSST

January 19 & February 9 - Federal Student Aid Workshops (see article below)

February 4 – Virginia PTA Day at the General Assembly, Richmond

February 4 – FCCPTA Board Mtg, 7:30pm, 8116 Gatehouse Rd, Falls Church

February 4 – Arlington County Council Board Mtg, 7pm, HS Woodlawn

February 13 – Alexandria City Council Mtg, 7pm, Douglas McArthur

February 10-16 – PTA Take Your Family to School Week

February 27-28 – 2008 National Legislative Conference in Alexandria <http://www.pta.org/RegisterLegCon/>

Check the District web site for more information on the following:

- 2008 VA PTA Citizenship Essay **Deadline: Feb 1 to District**
- 2008 Phoebe Apperson-Hearst National PTA Excellence in Education Partnership Award **Deadline: February 1 to VA PTA**
- 2008 District Volunteer of the Year - **Deadline: March 10 to District**
- Virginia PTA Scholarship Award for students - **Deadline: March 1 to VA PTA**
- 100% VA PTA Membership Award

2008-2010 Northern Virginia District Officer Recruitment

The Northern Virginia District PTA is currently seeking candidates for five elected offices for the two year term 2008 – 2010. Any PTA member with a willingness and ability to serve and provide leadership is welcome to apply. PTA members who want to nominate someone else for an office may do so, with the nominee's permission.

Candidates are being sought for the following elected positions:

- Director
- First Assistant Director
- Second Assistant Director
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you have questions about the specific duties of any of these offices, please contact the District Nominating Committee:

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[Nomination forms](#) and [job descriptions](#) for each position can be found on our website.

PTA Day at the General Assembly

February 4, 2008 is Virginia PTA Day at the General Assembly in Richmond. This day is an invitation for PTAs from across the state to come to the Capitol and speak with legislators. It is a day when you can make your voice heard to our elected officials on issues of concern to your PTA as well as meet and exchange ideas with other PTA members from throughout Virginia. Reservations due to VA PTA by Jan. 24th. Download forms at our [web site](#).

Northern Virginia District PTA will host a reception for district legislators in the Conference Room, 3rd Floor East from 11:00-12:00 noon. Please let District Director [Debbie Kilpatrick](#), or District Legislation/Education Chair, [David Edelman](#), know if your PTA/PTSA would like to send parent or student representatives. We would like to thank Senator Janet Howell's office for assisting the district with reserving the Conference room for the reception.

The Second Membership Campaign

Many PTAs run only one membership campaign a year—in the fall. But those units that run more than one campaign a year have, on average, 20 percent more members. That's because potential members have more opportunities to say "yes" to become a member.

Nationwide, approximately 18 percent of PTA members join in January and February, second only to the traditional, fall back-to-school campaign period.

Running membership campaigns more frequently reminds your members that membership is everyone's business, especially if you weave membership into programs, activities, and general PTA work, too. Elevate the importance of membership recruitment and watch your PTA grow.

Download membership recruitment information at:

http://www.pta.org/local_leadership_subprogram_1195589079015.html

Bylaws: New 2007 templates for unit bylaws can be downloaded from the VA PTA [web site](#) for units needing bylaws revisions.

Fairfax County Public Schools (**FCPS**) is still seeking FCPS affiliated and non-affiliated PTA School Units to team with them in an effort to help resolve its critical bus driver shortage- [learn more](#)

District Board Executive Committee

[Debbie Kilpatrick](#), District Director
[Deborah Aceto-Milton](#), 1st Asst. Director
[Lisa Lombardozi](#), 2nd Asst. Director
[Nina Austin](#), Secretary
[Vickie Cattaneo](#), Treasurer

District Board Chairpersons

[Carrie Kilgore](#), Annual Meeting
[Denise Bolton](#), Arts in Education
[David Edelman](#), Education/Legislation
[Alana Heng](#), Technology
[Rob Horvath](#), Communications
[Sharon Sneed](#), Bylaws/Membership

2008 District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

Please plan to attend our District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner to be held on Thursday, April 17 at the historic Old Town Hall in the City of Fairfax. Invitations will be mailed the beginning of March with information about the program and dinner. Please put this date on your calendar.

Federal Student Aid Workshops

College Access Fairfax, in partnership with FCPS, will host four FREE events to assist Fairfax County parents and students in completing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Each event begins with a presentation on Completing the 2008-2009 FAFSA. At any time during the event, volunteers and computers will be available to assist parents and students with completing the FAFSA application. Two \$100 book scholarships will be awarded at each Super Saturday FAFSA site, courtesy of Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation and The IECA Foundation.

Super Saturday FAFSA Locations and Times:

January 19, 2008 anytime between 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. -

* West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Rd., Alexandria, VA, 22307

February 9, 2008 anytime between 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. at the following locations:

* Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon, 20170

* Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, 22015

* Stuart High School, 3301 Peace Valley Lane, Falls Church, 22044

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PTA Take Your Family to School Week February 10-16, 2008

PTA Take Your Family to School Week is easy to implement, but more importantly, the event embodies one of PTA's founding principles: When it comes to children's education, the best way to get involved is to become part of the school community.

When schools open their doors to all families, and parents put aside their other commitments, children get to see that their education is valued, families earn a unique perspective on students' school days, and educators gain a new way to build positive partnerships with entire families.

PTA Take Your Family to School Week, February 10–16, 2008, is just one of the PTA programs revitalizing parent involvement in education. PTA has worked to bring families and schools together since its founding on February 17, 1897. As we celebrate our founders' vision during Take Your Family to School Week—and support its implementation with awards of \$1,897—be sure you take time to connect families and schools on behalf of children, right where it matters most—in children's own classrooms.

—Jan Harp Domene
PTA National President

For more information and resources, including downloadable posters and information in English and Spanish, visit:

http://www.pta.org/familytoschool/familytoschool_landing.html