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Upcoming Events/Important Dates

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

March 26: NEW DEADLINE to submit 2008 District Volunteer of the Year [Download Nomination form](#).

March 26: Northern VA District PTA Board Meeting, TJHSST, 7:30 pm

April 3: District Reflections Award Ceremony, TJHSST, Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. View [District winners](#)

May 1: Outstanding Newsletter entries due to Virginia PTA. [Download form](#).

May 4-10: PTA Teacher Appreciation Week

June 20-23: [112th Annual PTA National Convention and Exhibition](#), San Diego, California

July 11-12: VA PTA Leadership Training Conference, Deep Run High School, Glen Allen. Registration fee \$35. For more information: <http://vapta.org/Events/LTC/ltc.htm>



In February, the VA PTA joined the Virginia Safe Routes to School Network (SRTS) in an effort to increase physical activity in school-aged children by improving safety and to increase the number of students walking or bicycling to school.

2008 Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony – April 17, 2008

Mark your calendars now, the 29th District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner is just around the corner. This is a time when you, the membership of the district, speak out and vote on crucial items. Amongst other issues, this year the District will be electing new officers.

This event is also a time to celebrate the accomplishments of our units, our teachers, parents, and students so please join us.

The event will feature a number of speakers and honored guests including Melissa Nehrbass, Virginia PTA President, and the Honorable Delegate Brian Moran, 46th District, Virginia PTA 2007 Child Advocate of the Year, and an ardent supporter of education in the Virginia legislature.

This year, we are honored to be holding the event in the historic Old Town Hall in the City of Fairfax. Registration and Credentials will begin at 6 p.m. with a social reception upstairs in the Art Gallery and Library. Seating for Buffet Dinner will begin at 7 o'clock in the main banquet hall. Dinner is \$35/adults and \$25/children. [Download RSVP](#) registration form – payment due **April 9th**. Please bring your **PTA membership card** for voting.

Our awards ceremony will begin at 7:45 p.m. to honor the District Volunteer of the Year nominees, VA PTA Citizenship Essay contest winners, VA PTA Reflections District awards, and unit membership awards. The evening will conclude with our business meeting, including a vote on the 2008-10 slate of District Officers, 2008-09 District Other Income Budget, and VA PTA Legislation presentation. Throughout the evening, we will celebrate the Reflections program through art displays and music performances.

All information for the Annual Meeting program is available on our [web site](#). Any questions, please contact Annual Meeting Chair, [Carrie Kilgore](#).

Invitation letters with RSVP and business items have been sent to PTA/PTSA Presidents and Principals to each school address. [Please check your school mailbox by Friday for this information](#). If not received, please check [web site](#).

District Volunteer of the Year – Deadline Extended to Mar. 26

All too often individuals that make a difference in children's lives are not recognized or acknowledged. The Northern Virginia District PTA and Virginia PTA know the importance of having volunteers in our schools and recognize those outstanding volunteers through their Volunteer of the Year Award programs. *Nominations for Northern Virginia District PTA Volunteer of the Year are due by **March 26, 2008***. The award will be made at the April 17th Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. District Nominations will be forwarded to the Virginia PTA for consideration of VA PTA Volunteer of the Year Award.

Three for Me—A Little Means A Lot

Three for Me is a National PTA program designed to effectively involve parents and families in support of children and their education.

Three for Me will help schools, PTAs, parent groups, and other volunteer based organizations reach volunteer hours never thought possible.

Learn how to tap into the many talents and skills that parents are happy to offer by visiting <http://www.three4me.com/>



VA PTA Day at the General Assembly began at Richmond City Hall with guest speakers Delegate Brian Moran, VA PTA 2007 Child Advocate of the Year, and Attorney General McDonnell, who welcomed Virginia students and encouraged them to learn about the Virginia legislative process.

District Board Executive Committee

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Other news...

- On the third Tuesday of each month during the school year, the Department of Education, in collaboration with WETA, produces *Education News* live at WETA's studio in Arlington. The program offers parents and anyone else with an interest in education vital information about getting involved in children's learning. More information, including a listing of upcoming programs can be found at: <http://www.ed.gov/news/av/video/edtv/index.html>
- A public meeting will be held March 26 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss sustaining Fairfax County's "World Class" school system. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at Annandale High School hosted by the Braddock District Coalition. The panel will consist of Braddock District Board of Supervisor Sharon Bulova, and School Board representatives Tessie Wilson, Ilryong Moon, Kaye Kory, Martina Hone, and James Raney. There will be a question and answer format for the evening. If you have questions, you would like to submit prior to the public meeting, please contact Stacia Aman at amanfive@cox.net. Visit their [web eVite site](#) for more information.
- Although the Reflections program has moved to the State and National levels, continuing to support and encourage the arts in school is important. Did you know that early exposure to the arts (visual, music, or drama) promotes brain activity or that it helps children to understand mathematics, the sciences, and even history better? The Council for Arts Education celebrates [Youth Art Month](#) in March. If you celebrated a Reflections program, or even if you did not, consider a program this month in your school that emphasizes the importance of the arts in our schools and the value of art for our children.

VA PTA Day at the General Assembly Report

Legislators visited with District representatives during a district reception held in the General Assembly building on Feb. 4. Hosting the reception were District Board members: Debbie Kilpatrick, Nina Austin, and David Edelman. Representing the district were PTA leaders, administrators, teachers, and students. During the afternoon, Debbie Kilpatrick was invited to speak before the Northern Virginia Delegation, consisting of delegates and senators, from Northern Virginia. Joining her were VA PTA President Melissa Nehrbass and David Edelman, District Legislation/Education Chair. Director Kilpatrick presented a Report of the District and distributed information about district/council activities and issues facing our district school divisions.



Ryan Richardson, Centreville HS Government teacher, attended the District Reception with four CVHS students, Sen. George Barker, and Debbie Kilpatrick.