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A Monthly Update from the  
Fairfax District PTA

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## ***Upcoming Events/Important Dates***

January 29 – VAPTA Day at the General Assembly. Richmond, VA

February 1 – Citizenship Essay Contest entries due

[http://www.vapta.org/Programs/student\\_programs.htm#essay](http://www.vapta.org/Programs/student_programs.htm#essay)

February 11 – National PTA “Take Your Family to School” Week

February 19 – National PTA Advocacy Week.

February 20 – Fairfax District PTA Executive Board Meeting. Ed. Center (1426 N. Quincy St.), Arlington. 7-9pm

February 24 (snow date, March 3) – District Bylaws Workshop

March 25 – FCCPTA Spelling Bee Contest (tentative date).

*April 24 - Fairfax District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. This annual event celebrates the accomplishments of our units, teachers, parents, and students.*

*Highlights of the evening will include the presentation of awards for the Citizenship Essay Contest, Volunteer of the Year, and Unit of the Year.*

*Honored guests include Dianne Florence, VAPTA President, Chuck Saylor, National PTA Secretary/Treasurer, and U.S. Representative Tom Davis.*

*Space will be limited so mark your calendars now.*

*Further details to follow.*

## **School Nurse Initiative**

On January 4, 2007 the Fairfax District PTA appeared before the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees at the Northern Virginia Region Public Hearing on the Governor’s proposed amendments to the 2006-2008 biennial state budget. Lisa Moore, District Director, provided testimony to the committee vocalizing VAPTA’s support for the VA Association of School Nurses and the critical needs for them, as well as a need for an increase in the number of nurses serving our children.

Following a call for action at the eleventh hour, 58 different schools, representing nearly 28,500 PTA members responded with overwhelming support for this initiative in less than 28 hours. These responses were presented to the committee during the District’s testimony. The email responses and testimony are public record and are available per request.

Fairfax County Council of PTAs Board of Directors overwhelmingly approved a motion supporting a school nurse in every public school at their January 8, 2007 board meeting.

It is not too late to make your voice be heard on this issue. Please voice your opinion at the upcoming Virginia PTA Day, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Virginia PTA Day**

January 29, 2007 is PTA Day at the Virginia General Assembly. 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.

Fairfax District PTA in conjunction with Senator Janet Howell’s office has arranged for the Conference Room 3rd Floor East to be available to us from 10:30-11:30am. Liz Bradsher, District Legislative Chairman is arranging for senators and legislators in our area to join us.

Reservation forms can be downloaded at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org) website. Please let [Debbie Kilpatrick](#) know if you or your school group plan to attend.

## **Fairfax District Renaming - Suggestions Needed**

“Fairfax” does not adequately reflect the diversity and participation of our district. The executive board has recommended that we begin solicitation of a new name that will more clearly demonstrate our commitment and broad representation. The selected new name will be presented at the Annual Meeting and incorporated in our revised Bylaws.

Please send suggestions to [Rob Horvath](#) by the end of January.

### **WANTED – Student Representative**

Fairfax District PTA is looking for a student representative to serve on the District Board and be the voice of the students of the Fairfax District.

Preference will be given to Junior or Senior level students.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them send an letter of interest describing their reasons for interest to [Lisa Moore](#) or [Debbie Kilpatrick](#).

### **WANTED – Web site Specialist**

Fairfax District PTA will soon establish a new web site in an effort to better provide you with pertinent and up-to-date material and information.

We are in need of a volunteer to assist with maintaining the web site, including uploading new information. This is a position that can be done from home. The time commitment should not be too great.

Please contact [Lisa Moore](#) or [Debbie Kilpatrick](#) if you can make this commitment to the District.

### ***District Board Executive Committee***

[Lisa Moore](#), District Director  
[Debbie Kilpatrick](#), 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Director  
[Lisa Lombardozi](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Director  
[Jevon Davis](#), Secretary  
[Michelle Davis](#), Treasurer

### ***Executive Board of Directors***

[Denise Bolton](#), Arts in Education  
[Tina Games-Evans](#), Public Relations/Fundraising  
[Rob Horvath](#), Communications  
[Sharon Sneed](#), Bylaws/Membership  
[Liz Bradsher](#), Legislative

\*To send an Email, hover over name and click.

### **Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Contest Project**

Virginia PTA proudly sponsors a citizenship essay project every year. This year's theme is "**The Power of One Vote.**" All Virginia students in grades 6-12 enrolled in schools with PTAs or PTSAs in "good standing" can participate.

Information was distributed to all units from VA PTA and we hope you will actively promote this program in your school. For an application: [http://www.vapta.org/Programs/student\\_programs.htm#essay](http://www.vapta.org/Programs/student_programs.htm#essay) .

Essays must be postmarked **no later than February 1, 2007** and forwarded to Fairfax District PTA Director, Lisa Moore (6320 Millwood Circle, Springfield, VA 22152).

### **Bylaws Workshop**

Are you one of the 30 schools who's Bylaws are due for renewal in 2007? Do you want/need to make amendments to them? Fairfax District PTA will be hosting a Bylaws Workshop, taught by the Phyllis Ayers, VAPTA Bylaws Chairman, on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> (Snow date – March 3<sup>rd</sup>). Location pending.

The workshop will cover everything you need to know about your units Bylaws. Bring a blank CD-ROM and leave with your new Bylaws!!

### **Fairfax District Nominating Committee**

This is a preliminary call for volunteers to serve on the district nominating committee. This committee will solicit and propose district officers for 2008-2010 school years. Contact [Debbie Kilpatrick](#) if interested.

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President-elect Marianne Hetzer, Patrick Henry ES PTA President Susana Ibarra, ACPS Superintendent Rebecca Perry, and Communications Chair Donna Franklin discuss upcoming events at Alexandria's January PTA Council meeting.