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A Monthly Update from the  
Fairfax District PTA

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## Upcoming Events/Important Dates

May 6-12 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 22 - 9 AM -4 PM Voices for Virginia's Children "Unmet Needs of Children" George Mason University

May 25, National Missing Children's Day. [www.pta.org/nmcd](http://www.pta.org/nmcd).

May 30 – FCCPTA Leadership Training Workshops, 6pm, Luther Jackson MS

June 4 – Arlington CCPTA training for new PTA officers. Taylor ES

June 15 - VA PTA Unit of Excellence Award deadline. Applications available at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)

June 28-July 1 – National PTA 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Exhibition, St. Louis, MO

July 13 – VAPTA Leg/Ed Conference, Longwood University, Farmville

July 14-15 – VAPTA Leadership Training Conference (LTC), Longwood University, Farmville

October 26-28 – Virginia PTA State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center

**KEEP IN MIND:** Training expenses are justifiable PTA expenses. Events such as LTC, the Leg/Ed Conference and State Convention are important events and a tremendous opportunity to further leadership development. We encourage units to add a line item for training in their budgets. Training should not be considered an expense ... it should be considered an investment.

## Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

The Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner was an overwhelming success. The discussions and debates were lively and productive. We had over 100 members in attendance representing 37 schools from all of our council and city PTAs. Please visit the website to view a photo gallery of the event.

Both Dianne Florence, VAPTA President and Chuck Saylor, National PTA Secretary/Treasurer spoke about the outstanding efforts of our volunteers, local units, councils and district. The keynote speaker was the Honorable Tom Davis. Congressman Davis spoke eloquently about the work of the PTA and his support of our efforts. The Congressman is a staunch supporter of the PTA and we look forward to working closely with him and other members of congress on next year's legislative agenda including the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), otherwise known as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

In addition to the inspiring speeches by our notable guests, highlights of the evening included recognition of our outstanding volunteers, units, and award winners. We extend congratulations to the following individuals and units:

**Volunteer of the Year/Primary** – Cheryl Reynolds, Centre Ridge ES

**Volunteer of the Year/Secondary** – Dana Cimino, Westfield HS

**Citizenship Essay Winners –**

**Middle Division** – Boris Mewborn, Poe Middle School

**Senior Division** – Elizabeth Siedel, Herndon High School

**VAPTA Scholarship Award Winner** – Kayla Fleming – Westfield HS

**District Director's Special Awards -**

**Inaugural "Lombo Award for Service"** – Lisa Lombardozzi

**Inaugural "District Unit of the Year"** – Centre Ridge Elementary

The Lombo Award recognizes outstanding service to the PTA over a sustained period of time. The inaugural award was presented by Lisa Moore, District Director, to the awards namesake, Lisa Lombardozzi. Lisa has dedicated more than 14-years of her life to the PTA. She has served on the district level as Special Projects Chairman and 2nd Assistant District Director, on the county council as Reflections Chair, been a unit president at 4 different schools over the past 14 years, is the cheerleading coach at Herndon HS and served her units in various other capacities. The District is proud to honor and recognize the extraordinary volunteerism of Lisa Lombardozzi.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Do you need some ideas on new ways that you can celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week next year? [Click here](#) for some activity ideas from the National PTA. If you have some innovative ideas, please send them to us. We'd love to help you share them with everyone.

### **Newsletters**

Do you publish a newsletter? Do you need some ideas on how to spice it up? [Click here](#) to view some award winning newsletters.

### **OMDR**

As a non-profit organization, the PTA is required to maintain a current listing of its membership. If you haven't registered your unit for the program yet, please do so as soon as possible. Don't forget to update your new officers within the system, also. If you have any questions regarding OMDR, please contact [Debbie Kilpatrick](#), 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director.

### **Jamestown 2007**

The VA PTA is a proud sponsor of America's 400th Anniversary. For information go to: [www.Jamestown2007.org](http://www.Jamestown2007.org).

### **District Board Executive Committee**

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

### **District Board Chairpersons**

[Lesley Aschenbach](#), Annual Meeting  
[Denise Bolton](#), Arts in Education  
[Liz Bradsher](#), Legislative  
[David Edelman](#), Education  
[Alana Heng](#), Technology  
[Rob Horvath](#), Communications  
[Sharon Sneed](#), Bylaws/Membership

The District Unit of the Year recognizes a unit that is in good standing, is involved with their community, provides ongoing programs for their students, attends district and state meetings (e.g. State Convention, LTC), promotes membership of their PTA and has strong faculty involvement. The inaugural District Unit of the Year was presented to *Principal Jim Baldwin* and *PTA President Cheryl Reynolds* from *Centre Ridge Elementary School*. Congratulations to everyone at Centre Ridge Elementary.

During the business portion of the meeting, the District bylaws were presented to the membership for vote. The bylaws were approved by the membership after a lively debate over a new name for the district. We are pleased to report that after the bylaws are approved at the VAPTA, our name will change to the **NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT PTA**. We feel that the new name will represent who we are and who we serve.

The VAPTA 2008 Preliminary Proposed Legislative Program (PPLP) was presented to, and endorsed by, the membership. For more information on the PPLP and our new bylaws, visit the website.

Finally, the membership voted unanimously to elect *Lisa Lombardozi as the District's Second Assistant Director*; *Juan Lopez*, *Marianne Hetzer*, *Nina Austin*, *Kathleen Donovan*, and *Rob Horvath* to the district nominating committee; and to approve the proposed district budget.

### **VAPTA 100% Unit Membership Awards**

The following units have been recognized by the state office for achieving 100% membership: *Accotink Academy Alternative Learning Center*, *Chesterbrook ES*, *George Mason HS*, *Haycock ES*, *Kilmer Center*, *Langley HS*, *Nottingham ES*, *Ravensworth ES*, *Sangster ES*, and *Waynewood ES*.

### **National PTA Reflections awards from Fairfax District**

We had 3 students from our district receive Awards of Merit from the National PTA. With pleasure, we recognize the following students for their accomplishments: *Kyle Gatesman*, *Canterbury Woods ES*, *Primary Music*; *Kate Hao*, *Oak Hill ES*, *Intermediate Literature*; and *Grace Terzian*, *Oakton HS*, *Senior Dance Choreographer*.

The Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner could not have taken place if not for the incredible work of the entire district board. While everyone worked very hard to make it a success, in particular we'd like to recognize the work of *Lesley Aschenbach*, *Alana Heng*, *Lisa Moore*, and *Debbie Kilpatrick*.



Centre Ridge ES PTA President and Volunteer of the Year/Primary, Cheryl Reynolds and principal Jim Baldwin accept the District Unit of the Year Award