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Upcoming Events/Important Dates

June 15 - VA PTA Unit of Excellence Award deadline. Applications available at www.vapta.org

June 16 – NOVA District Leadership Training. North Springfield ES **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m.**

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

July 13 – Virginia PTA Legislative/Education Conference, Longwood University - Farmville

July 14-15 – Virginia PTA 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.

Newsletters

Do you publish a newsletter? Do you need some ideas on how to spice it up? View some award winning newsletters at http://vapta.org/PR/newsletter_award.htm

New Name is Official

As you'll notice, our new name is now officially the **Northern Virginia District PTA**. This new name reflects the diverse and wide composition of our district. Please note that our website URL has also changed. The new website is: www.novadistrictpta.org

Northern Virginia District PTA Leadership Training

Join us next Saturday, June 16th, from 10am-2pm, at North Springfield Elementary School for our annual leadership training. Both morning and afternoon sessions will be offered for presidents/vice-presidents, treasurers, and secretaries, as well as sessions on Reflections, membership (that will include an overview to the new Online Membership Database Reporting – OMDR), and parliamentary procedures. Please pre-register by contacting Debbie Kilpatrick (1stasst@novadistrictpta.org). Onsite registration begins at 9:45am.

Phoebe Apperson Hearst - National PTA Excellence in Education Partnership Award

This award is given by the National PTA in recognition of the local unit PTA whose collaborative efforts with parents, families, educators, and community members best exemplify the promotion of parent/family involvement in ongoing programs that encourage student success. This year's VA PTA winner is **White Oaks Elementary School** in Burke. Their nomination has been submitted to the National PTA for consideration of the national award. Congratulations White **Oaks Elementary School!**

Prepare for Unit Audit

Units should be sure to have their books audited prior to changing treasurers and before the new term begins. This is a legal requirement, and is necessary to maintain tax-exempt status. Don't forget to transfer signatory on your bank account(s).

New Officers Contact Information

Don't forget to contact the state office with your new officers' contact information. This is imperative for us to have in order to effectively communicate with units regarding developments within the PTA organization. Fairfax County units may update their new officer's information with FCCPTA online at: http://www.fccpta.org/forms/contact_form.htm

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 Rob Horvath (communications@novadistrictpta.org).

Jamestown 2007

The VA PTA is a proud sponsor of America's 400th Anniversary. For information go to: www.Jamestown2007.org.

Summer Activities

Would you like to discover interesting summer activities? Check out "Learning Beyond the Classroom" at <http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/>. The site contains activities to help children and teens explore reading and writing all summer long.

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2007 PTA National Convention

Do you need ideas on how to increase membership, want to hone your leadership skills, or find no-hassle fundraising ideas? If so, you need to head to St. Louis, Missouri and join PTA members from all over the country exploring new programs, products, and exhibits and raising their voice on important issues affecting PTA and all children. The convention will take place **Thursday, June 28-Sunday, July 1, 2007** at the *Cervantes Convention Center at America's Center* in St. Louis, Missouri. Read more at: http://www.pta.org/ne_conference_details_1116942630843.html

Virginia PTA "VOICE"

The VAPTA VOICE is the official electronic newsletter of the Virginia PTA. It is published twice a month on the first and third Monday's. Let the Public Relations Committee bring highlights of the Virginia PTA to your e-mail box. This is a subscription service and you may unsubscribe at any time by following the instructions at the bottom of each newsletter. Sign up for the VOICE at: <http://vapta.org/Information/enewsletters.htm>

2007-2008 Reflections - "I can make a difference by ..."

Now is a great time to get the children thinking and planning for next years' Reflections program. Why not get summer flyers out this week announcing the 2007/08 theme? It is also not too early to begin arranging for your Reflection's judges. If you have not heard the great news, Northern Virginia District had 3 National award winners this year! If you would like more information, visit our website or contact Denise Bolton, Arts in Education Chairman, (artseducation@novadistrictpta.org). Better yet, join us at North Springfield ES on June 16th for the Reflections training and receive a copy of 2007/08 Reflections Handbook.

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Ryan Maher, Key MS, winner of District Outstanding Interpretation and VA PTA Award of Excellence in the Intermediate Division Musical Composition, performs for NoVA District constituents, VA PTA President Dianne Florence, National PTA President-elect nominee Chuck Saylor and U.S. Congressman Tom Davis at the district Annual Meeting on April 24, 2007