



District PTA Update - March 19, 2009

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Greetings District PTA Members

Since tomorrow is the first day of Spring (and Spring Break will be here soon), we wanted to provide updates and reminders about PTA activities and events for the next couple of months. Also, thanks to all PTAs who submitted their March 1st membership dues. We also hope you were able to nominate a favorite teacher for the VA Lottery Super Teacher Award. Regional finalists will be announced soon. Visit our District web site and the Virginia PTA web site to learn more about the following items:

- **MESSAGE BOARD:** In order to better assist local units, the District now offers a [Message Board for PTA members](#) to submit questions or comments in an effort to share information with all units and communications with PTAs throughout the district. Topics include: General Information, Education, Legislation, Reflections. District representatives will respond to messages posted.
- **April 14:** [RSVP due date for the 2009 District Annual Meeting](#) and Awards Dinner being held at the Waterford in Springfield on Tuesday, April 21, with social reception at 6:15 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 p.m. Awards Program and business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker is National PTA President Jan Harp Domene. An RSVP invitation and proposed district business items were mailed to PTA Presidents at their schools last week. Please check your PTA mail box. Cost is \$35 adults and \$25 for students/children.
- **2009 National PTA Public Policy Agenda is [now available online](#).** Last week PTA representatives from across the nation attended the National PTA Legislative Conference in DC and met with our federal legislators to advocate for 2009 legislative issues.
- **May 1 - [New PTA Communications Award information is available online](#).** This award replaces the past VA PTA Newsletter Award program.
- **2009-2010 Local Unit Officer Elections -** To assist local PTA Nominating Committees, officer and committee chair position descriptions are [available on district web site](#).

With only three months left in the school year, we wish you good luck with your remaining PTA programs and hope that they are successful. Many PTA/PTSAs have offered very worthwhile community service programs this year and your advocacy in keeping our children healthy and safe are very much appreciated by all citizens in the Northern Virginia area.

Best regards,
Debbie

Dates To Remember:

- **March 20 -** The Virginia PTA Nomination and Leadership Development Committee seeking nominations for positions on the VA PTA State Board of Managers: Visit www.vapta.org for position descriptions and nomination forms
- **March 30 -** District Reflections Awards Ceremony, reception 6:30pm
- **April 1 -** District Volunteer of the Year nominations due. [Download](#) form and mail to [District Director](#) by April 1. All nominees and district finalists will be recognized at the District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on April 21st.
- **April 14 - [RSVP due date](#)** for the 2009 District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

Action Items

- **2009 Local Unit Bylaws Due Report -** What is the status of your local unit bylaws? Check to see if your unit's Bylaws are [due in 2009](#) or [past due](#).
- **Virginia PTA Preliminary Proposed Legislation Program (PPLPs) for 2010 is [now available online](#).**
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