



## OneVoice Newsletter – August 26, 2009

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### Greetings District PTA Members

**NOTE: If you are a current President, please forward this information on to the new PTA/PTSA President**

Our district would like to thank you and your board members for volunteering to serve as PTA leaders this year. We wish you much success and please know that Northern Virginia District PTA and Virginia PTA are here to support and assist your association throughout the year.

#### Training:

In order to get your year off to a great start, we would like to invite you and your PTA/PTSA board members to attend our ***District Leadership Training and Legislation Meeting*** on Saturday, September 26th to be held 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at White Oaks Elementary School in Burke. Please see the enclosed registration form and workshop information. [Online Registration is available](#) and we highly encourage you to use this easy option. **There is a \$10.00 registration fee per person which is a legitimate PTA training expense.** Payment by cash or check can be made on September 26th at Registration Check-in. Checks should be made **payable to Virginia PTA**. Exhibitors will be available and a drawing for door prizes.

This year we are offering a variety of specialized workshops, in addition to the basic officer and committee workshops, in an effort to assist units with expanding their programs and exploring new opportunities to better meet the needs of their PTA members. We hope that you will find a workshop that interests you and will help you in accomplishing your PTA goals for this year. Please forward this information on to your leadership team and encourage them to attend in order to share workshop information with your executive board and membership.

**Training Schedule/Location:** White Oaks ES, 6130 Shiplett Blvd, Burke, VA 22015

#### Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

- **Exhibitor Check-In and Set-Up** 8:00 AM–8:30 AM Cafeteria
- **Exhibit Hours** 8:30 AM-12:00 PM
- **Registration:** 8:15 AM
- **Training Schedule:** 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
  - **9:00–10:15 AM** Workshop Session I (Classrooms)
  - **10:30–11:30 AM** District Board Meeting, Legislation Workshop and VA PTA Bylaws Review
  - **Cafeteria Refreshments; Door Prize Drawing; Visit with exhibitors**
  - **11:45 AM–1:00 PM** Workshop Session II (Classrooms)

In preparation for our upcoming Convention, proposed VA PTA Bylaws amendments are being mailed to each President to share with their membership. The proposed bylaws address local units, councils, districts, and state PTA. Following the Legislation Workshop, there will be an opportunity to discuss the proposed bylaws amendments in order to answer questions or concerns you may have. Please **review the proposed bylaws** beforehand and come prepared to discuss.

**Convention:** The VA PTA Convention will be held in Fredericksburg, November 13–15 and we would like to encourage you and your board members to attend. We encourage all PTAs to have a budget line for leadership training to cover registration fees for the Council, District, and State PTA training and annual meetings. [View online Convention Registration information.](#)

**Subscribe:** [Remember to subscribe](#) on our web site to receive electronic district updates for upcoming events and programs. Officer contact information should be sent to your Council and state PTA as well.

**Reflections:** [Reflections information is available online.](#) Please forward on to your Reflection Chairs. If you are interested in starting a Reflections program in your school, please contact your Council President for assistance.

### Latest Announcements:

**Congratulations to Marshall Road Elementary School PTA** for being awarded the 2009 VA PTA Outstanding Communications Elementary Division during the VA PTA Leadership Training Conference in July. [Their winning entry is posted online in the VA PTA Public Relations Library.](#)

#### National PTA Awards:

Congratulations to the following Fairfax County Public School PTAs for being awarded the **2009 National PTA Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Award of Merit** for demonstrating their outstanding commitment to building family-school partnerships in their communities. A total of five PTAs in Virginia received this award. This recognition is posted on the [National PTA web site.](#)

- Fairview Elementary PTA Fairfax Station
- Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA Burke
- Mosby Woods PTA Fairfax
- White Oaks ES PTA, Burke

#### Dates To Remember:

- Sep 26, [District Leadership Training, White Oaks ES](#)
- Nov 13-15, 2009 [State PTA Convention](#)

#### Action Items

- **Virginia PTA Proposed Legislation Program (PLPs)** for 2010 is [now available online.](#)
- **2009-2010 Local Unit Officer Contact Form**

#### Contact Us

##### District Executive Committee

- [Debbie Kilpatrick](#), District Director
- [Nina Austin](#), 1st Asst. Director
- [Rob Horvath](#), 2nd Asst. Director
- [Angela Nesley](#), Secretary
- [Donald J. Cantwell](#), Treasurer

##### District Board Chairpersons

- **OPEN**, Annual Meeting
  - [Denise Bolton](#), Reflections
  - [Sonia Guzman](#), Bylaws
  - **OPEN**, Communications
  - [Terri Flowers Bull](#), Education
  - [David Edelman](#), Legislative
  - [Delia Valentine](#), Membership
  - **OPEN**, Parliamentarian
  - **OPEN**, Newsletter
  - [Lisa Lombardozi](#) & [Patricia Franck](#), Special Projects
  - [Alana Heng](#), Technology
- (If interested in any of the open positions, please contact the [District Director](#))

##### Council Presidents and Representatives

**Legislation:** [2010 VA PTA PLPs are available online](#). Please use the [2010 PLP voting ballot](#) for your membership to vote at a General Membership meeting and the President's Tally Sheet must be submitted to District Director by Oct. 24th in order for unit ballots to count. The Tally Sheet is available on our web site and can be emailed to: [novadistrictplp@gmail.com](mailto:novadistrictplp@gmail.com)

**District Unit Award:** Congratulations to Marshall Road Elementary School PTA for being awarded the 2009 VA PTA Outstanding Communications Elementary Division during the VA PTA Leadership Training Conference in July. [Their winning entry is posted online in the VA PTA Public Relations Library](#).

This was the first year for the Outstanding Communications Program, which replaced a newsletter award, and was designed to recognize that PTAs have to match their media to their audiences. The award encompasses work done during the school year through May 1 of each year and will be awarded during LTC each summer.

Thank you so much for serving the students and staff in your school and please know that what you do everyday for PTA impacts all the students in our District and throughout Virginia.

Have a great year!

Best regards,  
Debbie

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#### VA PTA Board of Managers

- [Ramona Morrow](#), **VA PTA Historian**
- **Ex-Officio**  
[Melissa Nehrbass](#), **VA PTA President**
- [Debi Abadie](#), **VA PTA President-elect**

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