



OneVoice Newsletter Convention Update – October 8, 2009

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Greetings District PTA Members and Friends

VA PTA Convention in Fredericksburg VA

Early Registration Fee \$75 - Registration form must be postmarked by October 9th, [Register here](#) Fee is \$100 if registered by Oct. 31; after that, the fee is \$125 per delegate.

Must bring your 2009-10 PTA Membership Card for credentials.

Virginia PTA will recognize students, units, and volunteers from our Northern Virginia District during convention so we hope that you will join us to support the efforts of these outstanding award recipients.

PTA Leading the Way -- Why should I attend? Top 10 List

1. **Attend workshops on both hot-button issues** and the best advice on how to run a PTA. Included: a group of workshops for the emerging minority leader; and a two part course for teachers offering three hours continuing education credits - no additional fees (forward to teachers)
2. **Meet and greet dynamic speakers** including Chuck Saylor, National PTA's first male president
3. **Participate in the business of this association.** Just like your PTA, Convention delegates -- YOU! -- vote on resolutions, bylaws, and electing future leaders. You have a VOICE in PTA. Every PTA should be represented!
4. **Visit with more than 30 exhibitors and vendors.** Find a new program, refresh your fund-raising, reward your members
5. **Network with other PTA leaders.** Swap ideas and programs
6. **Recognize PTA awards** from around the state for membership, unit awards, and new PTA/PTSAs Charters
7. **Awards luncheon** to honor statewide Reflections awardees, 1st Place Student Citizenship Essay awards, Volunteers of the Year, and our Child Advocate of the Year (Extra \$)
8. **Have fun at a live auction and entertainment** provided by the "Brain Show" to fund student scholarships. (Extra \$)
9. **Give back to the community** with a canned-food drive
10. **Come to for a Dads-and-Donuts and Moms-and-Muffins event** to discuss ways to encourage more parent involvement in your

Announcements

[Learn about PTA Membership Benefits](#)

Dates to remember:

- *Oct. 9: Early Convention [registration deadline](#)
- Oct. 24: 2010 VA PTA PLP Tally Sheet due to Director (Ballots-Tally)
- *Oct. 30: Reflections theme search 2011-12 ideas due
- Nov. 13-15: 2009 [State PTA Convention](#)
- Dec. 1: Membership [Dues submission](#)

*Details online www.vapta.org and/or www.pta.org

Congratulations to Sue Bernstein, PTA Volunteer at Hollin Meadows Science & Math Focus ES, Alexandria (FCPS), for being awarded the **2009 Virginia PTA Primary Volunteer of the Year!**

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.

2009 National PTA Awards:
Congratulations to the following Fairfax County Public School PTAs for being awarded the 2009 National PTA

school

Additional activities:

Heart Healthy Clinic and Flu Clinic (can [register online](#), Extra \$)

NOTE: Fairfax County Council of PTAs will grant \$50 toward registration fees for each President of a PTA/PTSA in good standing in the Council. Proof of attendance must accompany grant request. The Council will host a Hospitality Suite at the Homewood Suites for District delegates. More information will be announced by the Council.

VA PTA Award Recognitions

Recognitions from our District will include state Reflections, Student Citizenship Essay, Unit Membership, New Unit Charters, and state Volunteer of the Year awards. See how our District has grown and succeeded this past year and celebrate these accomplishments!

2009 VA PTA Primary Volunteer of the Year is Sue Bernstein

Congratulations to Sue Bernstein, PTA Volunteer at Hollin Meadows Science & Math Focus ES, Alexandria (FCPS), for being awarded the 2009 Virginia PTA Primary Volunteer of the Year! Sue's dedication and service to the Hollin Meadows community has provided the school with a one of a kind outdoor education garden and brought national recognition to the school by the American Horticultural Society. Sue will be honored at the 2009 VA PTA Convention Awards Luncheon on Nov. 14, in Fredericksburg. The District is honored to recognize Sue for her service to the students at Hollin Meadows ES and for the VA PTA to acknowledge Sue for her outstanding volunteer service.

VA PTA Reflections Outstanding Interpretation Awards "WOW!"

- **LITERATURE:** Senior Division - Alexander Kopenhaver, (9th grade) Washington-Lee High School PTSA, Arlington, for his insightful essay titled "WOW-Things Are Not Always As They Seem"
- **MUSIC COMPOSITION:** Primary Division - Pierre Quan, (2nd grade), Forestville Elementary School PTA, Great Falls, for his musical composition titled "Wow-Nature is Wakening"
- **MUSIC COMPOSITION:** Intermediate Division - Kyle Gatesman, (3rd grade), Canterbury Woods Elementary School PTA, Annandale, for his musical composition titled "Sonatina in F"
- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Middle/Jr. Division - Courtney E. Brown, (6th grade), Bull Run Elementary School PTA, Centreville, for her nature photograph of "Daddy Cardinal with Babies"
- **VISUAL ART:** Primary Division- Kaitlin Phan, (2nd grade), Colin Powell Elementary School PTA, Centreville, for her scenic painting titled "Cherry Blossoms at the Washington Monument"
- **VISUAL ART:** Intermediate Division - Jamie H. Chang, (5th Grade), Union Mill Elementary School PTA, Clifton, for her still life drawing of

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

Action Items

- Virginia PTA Proposed Legislation Program (PLPs) for 2010 is now available [online](#). VOTE in October!
- 2010 VA PTA PLP Tally Sheet emailed to Director by October 24th ([Download Tally Sheet](#))
- PTA Membership cards were mailed to schools and membership card template for printing is available [online](#).
- 2009-2010 Local Unit Officer Contact Form ([electronic submission online](#))

Contact Us

District Executive Committee

- [Debbie Kilpatrick](#), District Director
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- [Sonia Guzman](#), Bylaws
- OPEN, Communications
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- OPEN, Parliamentarian
- OPEN, Newsletter
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- her beloved dog, Rocky, in "Bow! Wow!"
- **VISUAL ART: Senior - William W. Park, (11th Grade), Langley High School, McLean, for his multi faceted vision of "What a Sight"**

[Visuals can be viewed on District web site](#)

National PTA 2009 Reflections Awards

- **AWARD OF MERIT - MUSIC COMPOSITION Primary Division -Pierre Quan, (2nd grade), Forestville Elementary School PTA**
- **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - MUSIC COMPOSITION Intermediate Division - Kyle Gatesman, (3rd grade), Canterbury Woods Elementary School PTA**
- **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - VISUAL ART Senior Division - William W. Park, (11th Grade), Langley High School**

VA PTA 2009 Student Citizenship Essay Award "Our Earth — Our Future"

Ji Soo Song

8th Grade, Rocky Run Middle School PTA, Chantilly
First Place, Middle School Division

New PTA Charters will be presented at Convention

Congratulations!

Laurel Hill ES PTA, Lorton
President Michele Fick
Principal Suzie Montgomery

Lutie Lewis Coates ES PTA, Herndon
President Virginia Uebel
Principal Karen Siple

Cedar Lane School PTSA, Vienna
President Annette Paz
Principal Brenda Baldwin-Marshall

VA PTA Membership Achievement Awards

To be announced at Convention

Best regards,
Debbie

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- **OPEN, City of Fairfax PTAs Representative**
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- **[Ramona Morrow](#), VA PTA Historian**
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