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Reminders and Updates for District PTA/PTSA members

NOTE: Please share this information with your Executive Board Members. Newsletter is available on web site for download.

VA PTA Day at the General Assembly will be held on Monday, February 1st with pre-registration due Jan. 23rd. This is a day to talk with your elected officials about PTA issues and policy. The District will hold a Legislators Reception in the Conference Room East on the Third floor, from 11–12 noon. All District legislators will be invited to the reception in order to meet with Northern Virginia District PTA representatives to include students, teachers, principals, parents and PTA leaders. Please let District Director [Debbie Kilpatrick](#), or District Legislation Chair, [David Edelman](#), know if your PTA/PTSA would like to send parents or student representatives. We would like to thank Senator Janet Howell's office for assisting the district with reserving the Conference room for the reception. [Download VA PTA Day Registration form](#) with Monday's schedule and a Sunday special hotel rate (there will be a Sunday afternoon special presentation at the hotel for the General Assembly visits).

Bylaws Revisions: Remember to check your unit bylaws to be sure you are on track for your five year revision as this also impacts your "*unit in good standing*" status. [bylaws template available](#). Other templates are available on the [State PTA web site](#). If you have questions, [email Bylaws Chair](#).

March 1—next deadline for sending in membership dues collected since the last submission. Download the [Local Unit Remittance Form](#), complete it, save it and mail it in with payment. If you have questions, email: membership@novadistrictpta.org Reminder: Copies of audits and 990s should be submitted to the VA PTA office in accordance with local unit bylaws.

VA Lottery and NOVA District
PTA
Join with GMU to Celebrate the



Action Items

Legislative Action Alert – The major issue across Virginia is the state budget crisis and its effect on public education. [Read how](#) you may advocate for our children by subscribing to receive the Action Alerts.

2010 VA PTA Student Citizenship Essay: The theme for the 2009–10 Citizenship Essay program is "**Strong Citizens – Strong Communities.**" This Essay Project allows students to express their views and opinions on "Character or Citizenship." The program is open to 6th – 12th grade students with savings bonds up to \$1000 being awarded to the state 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners for middle school and high school divisions. Four District division winners will be honored at the 2009 District Annual Meeting. [Download the essay application and requirements for each division level.](#)

Applications deadline to District Director is Feb. 1, 2010. Please forward application information on to your school's principal, teachers, counselors, and career center.

2010-2012 Northern Virginia District Officers Nominees for Election The District Nominating Committee currently seeks candidates for five elected officers positions to serve for a two year term. [View Officer positions and duties.](#) If you wish to be [considered](#)



Super Teacher Award
GMU vs. VCU Basketball Game
Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.
SUPER TEACHER NIGHT

Through this exclusive ticket promotion, the Virginia Lottery, the Northern Virginia District PTA and George Mason University want to pay tribute to our educators who put smiles on their students' faces and who help shape their futures.

This is just one more way to say "thank you" to Virginia's dedicated teachers. Please forward the ticket information onto teachers at your school so they can take advantage of this great opportunity.

[Download flier.](#)



ATTENTION TEACHERS: 50% OFF TICKETS!

Bring your School ID Card to the Patriot Center Box Office OR visit GoMason.com and click on the Super Teacher logo on the right side of the homepage! Use promo code "teacher" when prompted. Limit of four (4) tickets per School ID Card. 50% discount on regular adult ticket price. Offer based on availability and cannot be combined with any other offer or promotion. Call 703-993-3270 for more information.

March 5: More information about the VA Lottery Super Teacher nominations due by March 5 can viewed [here](#) beginning Feb 1, 2010.

Student and Unit Programs and Awards

Student Reflections entries are currently being judged at district level. Please check with your council reflections chairs about awards receptions. District Reflections Reception will be announced soon. View all the upcoming programs and awards in the side column to the right.

2010 District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner — April 26

The Waterford at Springfield. Please plan to attend our 2010 District Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner to be held on **Monday, April 26, 6–9 p.m.** at the Waterford at Springfield.



for this election, please contact any member of the District Nominating Committee, by February 10, 2010.

2010 District Volunteer of the Year: Applications are due April 7 to the District Director in order to recognize outstanding PTA volunteers at our District Annual Meeting on April 26th. District Primary and Secondary winners will be submitted by June 1st to VA PTA Volunteer Committee for consideration for the 2010 VA PTA Volunteer of the Year award.

[Download application form.](#)

2010 VA PTA Scholarship Program:

The Virginia PTA offers scholarships to graduating high school students planning to enter teaching or other youth-serving professions in Virginia and the deadline for submission to the VA PTA state office is March 1, 2010. There are two \$1200 special scholarships with the remaining scholarships being \$1000. [Download the scholarship application and requirements.](#) Please forward application information on to your school's principal, teachers, counselors, and high school career center.

Contact Us

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- [Rob Horvath](#), 2nd Asst. Director
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Registration begins at 6 p.m. with a social reception at 6:15 p.m. in the Sellier Room, followed by a buffet dinner at 6:45 p.m. in the Gibson Ballroom. Registrations will be mailed in early March with more information about the program and dinner menu. **Cost is \$35 adults; \$25 children.** Please put this date on your calendar as this is a legitimate PTA expense. Guest speakers will include Chuck Saylor, National PTA President, and Debi Abadie, Virginia PTA President. Awards and recognitions will include students, volunteers, and unit awards, as well as a Reflections display and student musical performances during dinner. District Business Meeting will include Officer Elections, budget approval, and the 2011 Proposed Preliminary Legislation Program (PPLPs) presentation.

National PTA Reflections Visual Arts winners

from across the nation were honored at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the US Department of Education on January 15 as their artwork will be on display in their arts gallery through mid February. [Read Press Release](#). Representing Virginia PTA at the ceremony was William Park, Langley HS Senior, whose artwork can be viewed on the district Reflections web site **Congratulations, William!**



Best,
Debbie

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