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## OneVoice Newsletter – February 3, 2010

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### Reminders and Updates for District PTA/PTSA members

NOTE: Please forward this information to your PTA members and school community as we need everyone's support.

#### Virginia PTA Legislation Alerts

Due to the inclement weather, VA PTA Day at the General Assembly was cancelled and cannot be rescheduled this year. However, we continue to encourage PTA members to write, email, and visit their legislators to advocate for issues important to their families and communities.

A very important and simple way that each person can make a difference is to submit a Virginia PTA Action Alert to their representatives. We are able to track Action Alerts and it has come to our attention that very few members from Northern Virginia area have submitted an Action Alert. The two alerts noted line right up with the concerns facing our area – changing the calendar to allow the school boards to set the beginning date of school prior to Labor Day as well as the budget issues. Please respond to both.

The multi-recipient alert is budget (multi-recipient since the email goes to members of the House, Senate and Governor). The Legislative alert is Calendar and those emails only go to members of the Senate.

Please link to in order to submit your Action Alerts:

<http://capwiz.com/npta2/va/issues/>

Thank you for taking the time to let your Voice be heard by our elected legislators.

**VA Lottery And NOVA District PTA  
Join With GMU To Celebrate  
The Super Teacher Night  
GMU vs. VCU Basketball Game  
Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.**

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



### 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.

**2010-2012 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 for this election](#), please **contact any member of the District Nominating Committee, by February 10, 2010.**

**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](mailto:membership@novadistrictpta.org)  
Reminder: Copies of audits and 990s should be submitted to the VA PTA office in accordance with local unit bylaws.

**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.

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.

### NOMINATIONS FOR SUPER TEACHER AWARD ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The Virginia Lottery, the VA PTA, and The Supply Room Companies recognize that Virginia is brimming with outstanding teachers.

These three organizations have partnered for the third year in a row to bring you the "Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards."

Through this program, the Virginia Lottery will pay tribute to those educators who put smiles on their students' faces and who are shaping their futures. **The Virginia Lottery will recognize eight teachers** across the Commonwealth as "Super Teachers." Each winning teacher will receive a \$2,000 credit from the Supply Room Companies to outfit their classroom as well as a \$2,000 prize from the Virginia Lottery.

To nominate your "Super Teacher," please go to the web site below to get a nomination form. The nomination period began February 1, 2010 and the **submission deadline is March 5, 2010.**

<http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/>

**Please share information about these awards with everyone you know!**

#### NOTE: About the Virginia Lottery

Nearly 95 cents of each dollar spent on the Virginia Lottery by players goes back to the Commonwealth in the form of contributions to education, prizes and retailer commissions. Since 1999, all Virginia Lottery profits have been designated solely to K-12 public school education in the Commonwealth. In that time, the Lottery has turned over more than \$4 billion for Virginia's public schools. The latest annual profits of \$439.1 million currently represent about 7 percent of state funding for public education in Virginia. In 21 years, the Lottery has sold more than \$21.1 billion in tickets, awarded more than \$1.1 billion in retailer commissions and paid more than \$11.6 billion in prizes to players.



### 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.



**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

**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.](#)

### Contact Us

#### District Executive Committee

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

#### District Board Chairpersons

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- [Lisa Lombardozzi & Patricia Franck](#), Special Projects
- [Alana Heng](#), Technology  
(If interested in any of the open positions, please contact the [District Director](#))

#### Council Presidents and Representatives

- [Jeff Zack](#), Alexandria Council of PTAs
- [Dale Proctor](#), Arlington County Council of PTAs
- [Michele Menapace](#), Fairfax County Council of PTAs
- **OPEN**, City of Fairfax PTAs Representative
- **OPEN**, Falls Church City PTAs Representative

#### VA PTA Board of Managers

- **Ex-Officio**  
[Debi Abadie](#), VA PTA President  
[Anne Carson](#), VA PTA President-elect

Officer Elections, budget approval, and the 2011 Proposed Preliminary Legislation Program (PPLPs) presentation.

Best,  
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