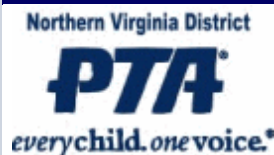


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### Greetings District PTA Members And Friends,

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.

Please welcome the new District Director Denise Bolton who recently moved into the position due to the recent resignation of the elected District Director, Angela Nesley. We wish Angela all the best as she focuses on personal commitments.

We hope that everyone had a great opening of the new school term with successful Back to School Nights and now that October is here and cooler weather, we hope that your PTA/PTSAs plan of works are being implemented to better serve your school communities.

**DISTRICT LEADERS NEEDED:** The District has several openings on the Executive Board and would like to encourage PTA members to contact the District Director to learn more about these positions and how they can help serve all the members throughout the District. This is a great opportunity to apply your PTA experience and knowledge at this level.

**CONVENTION:** The District would like to encourage all PTA/PTSAs to send a delegate to the VA PTA Convention being held on November 5-6 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Online registration and payment is now available at: [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)

**VA PTA Convention:** Early Registration Fee \$100 - Registration form must be postmarked by October 9th, [Register here](#) Fee is \$125 if registered by Oct. 25; after that, the fee is \$150 per delegate. **Must bring your 2010-11 PTA Membership Card for credentials.**

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

### Building Strong Minds, Bodies, & Voices Convention Highlights

#### Featured Guests:

- Ivelisse Castro, National PTA Service Representative
- Mrs. Marty Kilgore, Executive Director, The Foundation for Healthy Youth
- Dr. Gerald Robinson, Virginia Secretary of Education
- Dr. Linda Wallinger, Asst. Superintendent of Instruction, Va. Dept. of Education

### Announcements

#### 2011 PLP SURVEY ONLINE VOTING

(If you have not voted via paper ballots)

#### October Dates to remember:

- Family Involvement Month
- Oct. 6: Walk to School Day
- Oct. 9\*: Early Convention registration deadline - [Registration online form](#)
- Oct. 22: 2010 VA PTA PLP Tally
- Sheet due to Director ([Tally Sheet](#))
- Nov. 5-6\*: 2010 State PTA Convention
- Dec. 1 [Membership Dues submission](#)

\*Details online [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)

### VA PTA Outstanding Communications Awards

During the VA PTA Leadership Training Conference in July, awards were presented for VA PTA Outstanding Communications Awards. These winning entries are posted online in the VA PTA Public Relations Library. Three of the winners are from the Northern VA District: Congratulations to Chesterbrook Elementary School PTA (FCPS) - Elementary Division; Westfield HS PTSA (FCPS) - High School Division; and Northern VA District PTA - District Division.

#### 2010 National PTA Awards:

Kate Barrett ES PTA President and Vice President attended National PTA Convention in Memphis to receive their 2010 National PTA Outstanding Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Award for demonstrating their outstanding commitment to building family-school

- Virginia PTA's Child Advocate of the Year (Hint: He's a school superintendent)
- Michael Cassidy, President, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Responsibility
- Enough Is Enough
- Read Aloud Virginia Susan Trulove, Specialist for Student Services, Virginia Dept. of Education
- Erica Lovelace, Education Manager, Va. Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
- National PTA Public Policy Office Senior Staff Robley Jones, Government Relations Specialist, Virginia Education Association

Two Fantastic Lunch Forums (Pre-paid Tickets required):

Rachel's Challenge (learn more at [www.rachelschallenge.org](http://www.rachelschallenge.org))

Media and Your PTA

Friday Night Scholarship Dinner and Auction (Dinner Tickets):

Extensive Menu, Cash Bar

### Other Reasons To Attend:

1. Attend workshops on hot-button issues, advice on how to run a PTA, a workshop track for VA PTA Strategic Planning; Special Education; Legislation updates; Involving more men; Education updates; childhood obesity and PTA/PTSA programs for all school levels.
2. Participate in the business of this association. Just like your PTA, Convention delegates -- YOU! -- vote on resolutions and bylaws. You have a VOICE in PTA. Every PTA should be represented!
3. Visit with more than 30 exhibitors and vendors. Find a new program, refresh your fund-raising, reward your members
4. Network with other PTA leaders. Swap ideas and programs
5. Recognize PTA awards from around the state for membership, unit awards, and new PTA/PTSAs Charters
6. Awards presentation to honor statewide 1st Place Student Citizenship Essay awards, Volunteers of the Year, Membership Awards, and our Child Advocate of the Year
7. Have fun at a live auction to fund student scholarships.

New PTA Charters  
will be presented at Convention

Congratulations!  
Arlington Special Education PTA, Arlington  
President Theresa Waddell

VA PTA Membership Achievement Awards  
To be announced at Convention

### We Look Forward To Seeing You At Convention!

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partnerships in their community. They will also be presenting a workshop at VA PTA Convention next month.

### Action Items:

- Virginia PTA Proposed Legislation Program (PLPs) for 2011 should be presented to members in October. [2011 PLP SURVEY ONLINE VOTING](#) is available for any local PTA to use or hard copy PLPs and ballots available online **Final VOTING by October 22!**
- 2011 VA PTA PLP President [Tally Sheet](#) emailed to Director at [novadistrictplp@gmail.com](mailto:novadistrictplp@gmail.com) by October 22nd
- PTA Membership cards were mailed to schools and [membership card template](#) for printing is available online.
- 2010-2011 Local Unit Officer Contact Form ([electronic submission online](#))

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