



# Beach Tidings

*Virginia Beach Council of PTAs Newsletter*

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## *Important Dates:*

Local Unit Remittance  
Statement mailed to  
state - Mail late...Even  
Today!  
Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

VIE Coordinator  
Training  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

PTA Day at the  
General Assembly  
Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

Reflections Celebration  
Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

Vendor Fair  
Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>

Council Annual Dinner  
May 12<sup>th</sup>

Spring LTI  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>

## *President's Corner*

Happy Holidays! This year has really gone by quickly. It is hard to imagine that Christmas is just around the corner. As time is of the essence, it is important that you begin to plan now for upcoming local unit as well as council events. Continue to utilize those monthly checklists as well as make sure you are sharing deadlines and the newsletter information with your board and principal. Please do not forget to remit your dues to the state; even if it is late as well as your dues to council.

What a wonderful time we had at the PTA State Convention which was held in Richmond! Our Board of Directors welcomed 16 new PTA units ranging from pre-school to high schools PTSAs. In addition, there were numerous awards given to Tidewater District PTA units; many of those units were from Virginia Beach! One of the important business at hand at convention was the revision of the state bylaws. I encourage you to take a few moments to review the new state bylaws which are presently available on line at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org). We have also downloaded them to our council website for your convenience.

As parents, we entrust our children daily to the fine staff at their respective schools. We look to them not only to educate our children but to also provide a safe and supportive environment where our children are encouraged and education blossoms. As PTAs and PTSAs we support our schools in their many endeavors while also advocating for children in a positive manner. As the holiday season approaches, let us take a moment to reflect on the purpose of PTA and the responsibility we have to all children. We have so much to be thankful for. I wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season.

I look forward to seeing you in 2011!

*Shelly*

## *Reminders*

General Membership Meetings 6:30pm.  
Registration begins at 6:00pm.

2011 Citizenship Essay Project - Entries  
due to district directors by Feb. 1st  
(postmarked)

Scholarship Central- Send applications  
and the Scholarship Central Form to  
Nancy Hollingsworth at  
[Nancy.Hollingsworth@vbschools.com](mailto:Nancy.Hollingsworth@vbschools.com)

## *Principles of American Citizenship Award*

**November - Respect**  
Due: Dec 3, 2010

**December - Kindness**  
Due: Jan 7, 2011

**January - Fairness**  
Due: Feb 4, 2011

**February - Honesty**  
Due: Mar 4, 2011



## Reflection Wrap Up

Congratulations to all the students and units that participated in the Reflections program. The judging has begun and the winners will be announced at the City Wide Recognition Ceremony on Feb. 24th at Corporate Landing Middle School. Only those students who receive an invitation from the council need to attend the ceremony. Please do not make copies of the invitation and forward to your students. Council will invite all attendees. We are unable to announce winners before the ceremony. Please don't forget to mark your calendars to attend the event. It is a requirement for the exemplary award that Reflection entries for each individual unit be picked up during this event. It's also not too late to sign up for the Reflections email database. Please send an email and request to be added - information is year round! Don't forget to let your students know that next year's theme is

"Diversity means..."

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We're on the Web!

Visit us at:  
<http://www.vbpta.org>

## Merit Award Winners

### CONGRATULATIONS! OUR LIST KEEPS GROWING...!

Alanton ES  
Bayside ES  
Brookwood ES  
Christopher Farms ES  
College Park ES  
Fairfield ES  
Green Run ES  
Hermitage ES  
Holland ES  
Independence MS  
Indian Lakes ES  
John B Dey ES  
Kellam HS

Kemps Landing Magnet  
Landstown HS  
Malibu ES  
Parkway ES  
Pembroke Meadows ES  
Point O View ES  
Providence ES  
Red Mill ES  
Strawbridge ES  
Virginia Beach MS  
Woodstock ES

### REFLECTIONS AWARD PROGRAM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

CORPORATE LANDING MS

RECEPTION BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

CELEBRATION STARTS AT 6:30

### Programs

Special thanks are extended to Linkhorn Park Elementary PTA and Staff for hosting our Fall LTI/Roundtable/Reflections Drop off. The night was a huge success. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Reflections Awards Night in February,

If you know someone interested in participating in the Vendor Fair, please have them send an email [VBPTAPROGRAMS@gmail.com](mailto:VBPTAPROGRAMS@gmail.com)

Schools with Reflections winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & Honorable Mention) that placed at Council Level will be notified directly. Please be sure you have announced your local unit winners by February 1st (or let us know so we are not first to let them know!) Students will be informed by Council by invitation through the US Postal Service, that they have placed at Council Level. How the student actually placed will be announced at the Reflections Ceremony that evening.

\*Presidents and Principals Attendance is required for Exemplary Award.

### Treasurer's Corner

CONGRATS to all of those schools who have paid their dues by December 1st!

Arrowhead Elementary  
Bookwood Elementary  
Christopher Farms Elementary  
College Park Elementary  
Cooke Elementary  
Green Run Elementary  
Hermitage Elementary  
Indian Lakes Elementary  
John B. Dey Elementary  
Kempsville Elementary  
Kings Grant Elementary  
Linkhorn Park Elementary  
Luxford Elementary  
Lynnhaven Elementary  
North Landing Elementary  
Old Donation Center  
Parkway Elementary  
Pembroke Meadows Elementary  
Princess Anne Elementary  
Red Mill Elementary  
Three Oaks Elementary

Thoroughgood Elementary  
Woodstock Elementary

Great Neck Middle  
Salem Middle

Bayside High  
Kellam High  
Kempsville High  
Landstown High  
Ocean Lakes High  
Princess Anne High  
Salem High  
Tallwood High

# *PTA Day at the General Assembly*

**Monday, January 31, 2011**

Virginia PTA's Annual PTA Day at the General Assembly will be held on January 31, 2011 at Richmond City Hall. During this event, PTA leaders from across the state will receive briefings on legislative issues and have a chance to communicate with their legislators about topics of importance to parents and teachers. Visit [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org) for registration and additional information. You may also contact Kathy Burcher, Legislation Committee chair, by email at [legislation@vapta.org](mailto:legislation@vapta.org) if you have additional questions.

## *Scholarship 411*

We need your help getting the word out to your graduating seniors that the Virginia Beach Council of PTA's has posted all of its 14 Scholarships on Scholarship Central. All of the details can be found at [www.vbschools.com/scholarship](http://www.vbschools.com/scholarship) - the Scholarship Name/Title is: *Virginia Beach Local Council of PTA's Scholarships*. Thank you very much for your help!

## *Resources*

National PTA  
[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)  
Virginia PTA  
[www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)

## *Bylaws Update*

***Expires November 2010***

Bayside Elementary  
Kellam High

***Expiring in the first half of 2011***

Glenwood Elementary  
Great Neck Middle  
Green Run High  
Indian Lakes Elementary  
Kempsville Meadows Elementary  
Kempsville Middle  
Landstown High  
Malibu Elementary  
Salem High  
Seatack Elementary

Thanks to those of you who have sent updated bylaws. If there are any issues or corrections to this list, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Erika.Connolly@VBSchools.com](mailto:Erika.Connolly@VBSchools.com).

## *State Bylaws Alert!*

The 2010 Virginia State PTA Bylaws that were voted on at convention are now available for review and downloading at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org).

Local unit presidents will be receiving a mailing from state with the (state) bylaws changes that directly affect the local units.

## *A Few Council Tips*

- Make copies of any forms sent to VA PTA or Council PTA
- Mark date and time talked to any state or Council Member for later reference
- Monthly hour count should be kept by volunteer chair - time to update now
- Forms change yearly - please make sure the Principles of American Citizenship Awards are being sent to Windsor Woods ES
- Membership cards cannot be used next year - if you have 100+ cards please share with your fellow units -contact [Alanna-Bobulinski@cox.net](mailto:Alanna-Bobulinski@cox.net)
- Volunteer of the Year forms will be available in early 2011.

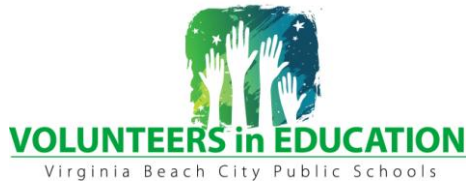


## December Checklist

- Complete November checklist
- Hold a board "function" - celebrate success & volunteer work
- Newsletter - Watch for Gifted Application Due Dates /Guidance Dates for 2011
- Thank and honor the Reflections Chairperson for a job well done
- Concerts - sell memberships at General Membership meetings
- Submit Principles of American Citizenship Nomination - pony to Windsor Woods ES
- Enjoy the Holidays

## January Checklist

- Complete December Checklist
- Gather scholarship information and submit to Scholarship Central ([vbschools.com](http://vbschools.com)) for posting
- Update Council on any changes in officers
- Begin to update Procedure Book
- Start Plans for Nominating Committee
- Hold Board meeting to finalize spring plans
- Make plans to attend PTA Day at the General Assembly, January 31, 2011, Richmond
- Middle & High Schools, promote CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT...2011 THEME: "Entitlement vs Responsibility". (check [vapta.org](http://vapta.org) for details)
- Submit Principles of American Citizenship Nomination - pony to Windsor Woods ES



## 2010-2011 VOLUNTEERS IN EDUCATION COORDINATOR

The Office of Community Relations works in collaboration with the Virginia Beach Council of PTAs to facilitate the Volunteers in Education (VIE) program. The contact information for your school's Volunteers in Education coordinator(s) helps our office staff distribute information about training opportunities and "Request to Volunteer" forms to your school VIE Coordinator in a timely manner. We recognize there are volunteer needs in our schools and want community volunteers to feel that their time and talents are wanted, valued, and appreciated.

Thank you for submitting this form to Laura Smart, Partnership Coordinator, on or BEFORE **January 3, 2011** (contact information below).

School: \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA VIE Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA VIE Co-Coordinator** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Our school does not have anyone serving as a VIE Coordinator. Please forward any "Request to Volunteer" forms from community members interested in volunteering at our school to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Laura J. Smart  
Pony Mail: Office of Community Relations  
Fax: (757)263-1009  
Email: [lauraj.smart@vbschools.com](mailto:lauraj.smart@vbschools.com)