



# Beach Tidings

Virginia Beach Council of PTAs Newsletter

ISSUES

MAY 2011

## 2010 –2011 Council Officers

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## RESOURCES

National PTA

[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

Virginia PTA

[www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)

Virginia Beach PTA

[www.vbpta.org](http://www.vbpta.org)

We are also on

Facebook

## President's Corner

Dear Presidents,

Spring is finally here and with that comes a well deserved spring break. You are to be commended on your leadership and your efforts on the behalf of your local unit. In addition, it is time to prepare for elections and should you not be returning, making sure that your successor will be well informed as part of your turnover process. Please remember to follow your bylaws as you elect your present your slate of officers, elect your new officers. When reviewing your bylaws, take this opportunity to determine if they are up for their 5 year renewal or if any amendments need to be added or removed.

Please remember to submit your unit's volunteer hours. The VIE Service Report is enclosed with the newsletter. Keep counting your units volunteer hours and estimate the rest for the month of May and June. Your reported hours are vital. Remember your end of the year volunteer hours will need to be reported by April 22nd. Please estimate the volunteer hours for the month of May and June.

In closing, please be mindful of the several upcoming dates, deadlines, dinners, and receptions that are coming up within the next couple of months. I know it is a very busy time of year but your continued participation is needed and appreciated.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable Spring Break!

*Shelly*

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 **Upcoming Events** 

**Virginia Beach Council of PTAs**

**Annual Dinner**

**May 12, 2011**

**6:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Landstown High School**

**Presidents and Principals are required to attend this  
event for the**

**Exemplary Award**

## **PTA CELEBRATE LIFE GRANT**

Is your PTSA unit hosting an after prom celebration or is planning to hold an after graduation celebration? Is so, VA PTA would like to hear from you. Two units will be randomly drawn from all online completed applications. The application is available at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org). Deadline for submitting applications is April 30th. Two \$100 grants will be award. Winners will be announced in the May Voice.

*Information taken from the April 4th issue of the Virginia PTA Voice*

### ***Let's Talk Exemplary!***

An Exemplary PTA/PTSA is one that goes above and beyond the regular daily working of the PTA unit. The purpose for the award was to congratulate those units that took learning, educating, networking, and participation in **All PTA** functions to the next level. The award specifically outlines those programs and expected deadlines on both the state and local level that require the local units attention. The award is not to be used as a measure of successfulness of your PTA or PTSA nor should your contributions towards earning the Exemplary be view as payment for the award. Just as importantly, should your local unit miss attending one of the required events, it does not mean that they should not participate in the rest of council events. All units should operate within the spirit of PTA. Keeping the spirit, goals, and mission of the PTA at the forefront of your unit is vital. If a unit does not earn the award, that does not mean that they were not successful as a unit. Keep in mind that it is what your PTA does for children that defines the successful of your local unit. The criteria for the Exemplary has consistently been available via the VBPTA website, newsletters, and within the Presidents packet just to name a few. Please add the Exemplary award as part of your turnover checklist.

# May 2011

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## FACEBOOK NEWS

Virginia Beach Council of PTAs is now on Facebook! Become a fan! We are using social media tools to increase communication to our local units.

### Local Unit News *What is Your PTA Up to*

As the Newsletter Editor, I am always looking for local PTA unit news. Email me about events and activities that your PTA is hosting. Email me at [astrid.white@vbschools.com](mailto:astrid.white@vbschools.com) no later than the last day of every month.

## General Membership Meetings: 6:30pm

(Registration begins at 6:00 pm)

- 4/14 — Tidewater District Annual Dinner, Norview HS
- 4/30 — Outstanding School Nurse Nomination due to VA State PTA
- 5/12 — Council Annual Dinner, Landstown HS
- 6/2 — Spring LTI, Plaza MS
- 7/15-16 — VA State PTA Annual Leadership Training Conference (LTC)

**Please Mark Your Calendar Today!**

## RESOURCES

The Local Unit Resource Guide has been updated for 2010-2011. This valuable document contains everything you need to know as a PTA leader. Reference the guide for forms, roles and responsibilities, and other vital information. The LURG can be found on the VA PTA website at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)

## BYLAWS BYLAWS BYLAWS

### *Expires May 2011*

Green Run High  
Malibu Elementary

### *Expires Summer 2011*

Glenwood Elementary  
Great Neck Middle  
Kempsville Meadows Elementary  
Kempsville Middle

If there are any errors with my records, please feel free to email me as well as send all approved copies of the by-laws through the pony mail to:

Erika Connolly  
Ocean Lakes High School  
or email questions to  
[Erika.Connolly@vbschools.com](mailto:Erika.Connolly@vbschools.com)

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## MAY CHECKLIST

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete May Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit Reservation Form and Payment to attend Council Annual Dinner and Award Program by April 22nd.

\_\_\_\_\_ Return Council Exemplary PTA Award Application by April 22nd.

\_\_\_\_\_ All applications received after this are late. Application should be ponied to Windsor Woods Elementary.

\_\_\_\_\_ Prepare to thank your volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week -April 11-15

\_\_\_\_\_ Thank your Nominating Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Hold Elections in Accordance to your Local Unit Bylaws

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit Principle of American Citizenship, twice by May 6th

\_\_\_\_\_ Pony to Windsor Woods Elementary

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit Outstanding Communication Recognition Award Packet to Communications Chair at [communications@vapta.org](mailto:communications@vapta.org) or mailed to VA PTA office. Deadline May 1st.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete and submit 2010-2011 VIE Service Report which reflects your Local Unit Volunteer Hours. Pony to Virginia Beach Council of PTAs at Windsor Woods ES **and** to Office of Community Relations, School Administration Building

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin to plan fundraiser ideas & programs for 2011-2012.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not sign contracts for the local unit if you are not the elected president for 2011-2012.

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin to gather information and plan your turnover for your successor. Encourage board members who are not returning to do the same.

\_\_\_\_\_ Consider recognizing outstanding contributors to the PTA with a Virginia PTA Award.

\_\_\_\_\_ Awards can be ordered and forms can be downloaded at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org).

\_\_\_\_\_ Plan to attend state LTC July 15-16 in Glen Allen, Virginia

ALL forms and information can be found in the original president packet or on line at [www.vbpta.org](http://www.vbpta.org)