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RESOURCES

National PTA

www.pta.org

Virginia PTA

www.vapta.org

Virginia Beach PTA

www.vbpta.org

We are also on

Facebook

President's Corner

Dear Presidents,

Happy New Year! I am sure you are surprised to receive a newsletter this month. Due to the many upcoming programs and due dates, we wanted to make sure that you were provided with the information you will need as you continue planning for the remainder of the school year. This is also a good time to start clearing up paperwork requirements, putting the final touches on programs for the remainder of the year, and begin securing plans for spring events. Please make sure that you are reviewing the Exemplary Award checklist at least monthly in order to ensure that you are up-to-date on the requirements for the award. Don't forget to note the changes in date for PTA Day at the General Assembly as well as the location for the Reflections Program. Please also share these changes as well as all information included in the newsletter with you board. It is vital that all members of your board be kept up to date on the latest PTA information.

I am very happy to report that we are only a couple of units shy of having all of our units in compliance with submitting their state membership dues. If you have not submitted them thus far, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, failure to pay dues means that your unit is not in good standing.

If your unit has met the requirements for the Merit Award, we would like to recognize you in the newsletter. In order to receive the Merit Award, 100% of all contracted staff employees receiving full benefits in a position of .8 or above must be members of your unit's PTA/PTSA. The Merit Award application should be completed and ponied to my attention at Windsor Woods Elementary. I look forward to receiving many applications in the near future.

As always, Council is here to serve you in an advisory capacity. Feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Shelly

Reflections

Congratulations to all the students and local units that participated in the Reflections Program. Any student that placed at the Council level will receive an invitation to attend the Reflections ceremony on February 23, 2012 at Landstown High School. Please be mindful that it is a requirement for the Exemplary Award that your local unit's PTA President and principal (or designee) attend the ceremony and pick up your portfolio with your returned entries included. Please note that only students that placed and received an invitation via mail are able to attend the awards ceremony. Please do not copy and distribute the invitation to any students.

2012-2013 Reflections Theme:

The Magic of a Moment



Principals of American

Citizenship Award

Character Trait: Respect

Sydney Strickland—Thoroughgood ES

Caleb Andrade—Great Neck Middle

Conner Perry—Bayside High School



Upcoming Events



Reflections Celebration

February 23, 2012

6:00 pm

LOCATION: Landstown High School

Congratulations!

General Membership Meetings: 6:30pm

(Registration begins at 6:00 pm)

- 2/23 – Reflections Celebration, Landstown HS
- 3/22 – Vendor Fair, Christopher Farms ES
- 5/23 – Council Annual Dinner, Ocean Lakes HS
- 6/7 – Spring LTI, College Park ES

Please Mark Your Calendar Today!

RESOURCES

The Local Unit Resource Guide has been updated for 2011-2012. 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

Merit Award Merit Award Merit Award Merit Award

PTA staff membership count includes the following employees: All contracted employees receiving full benefits in a position of .8 or above, should be counted as part of the staff membership for the merit award. Merit award winners will be listed in the council newsletter each month. There will be a complete list of winners on the council website.

Our list continues to grow...

Congratulations to the following schools!!!

Kingston ES * Providence ES *

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Expires May 2011

Green Run High

December 2011

Seatack Elementary

January 2012

Fairfield Elementary

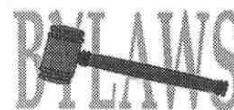
Linkhorn Elementary

Strawbridge Elementary

Windsor Oaks Elementary

Please send all approved copies of the by-laws through the pony mail to:

Michael Marotta
Hermitage Elementary
or email questions to
Michael.marotta5@verizon.net



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year!	2 School Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 MLK Holiday School Closed	17	18	19	20	21
22 PTA Day at the General Assembly	23 PTA Day at the General Assembly	24	25	26	27 School Closed for Students	28
29	30	31				

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 no later than the last day of every month.

2010-2011 Membership Awards

Congratulations to the following units who were recognized at convention in November for their Membership Achievements!

Shelton Park Elementary PTA	Superior Membership Achievement Division 2	112.88
Old Donation Center PTA	Superior Membership Achievement Division 4	174.36
Kingston Elementary PTA	Superior Membership Achievement Division 4	124.39
Kemps Landing Magnet PTA	Superior Membership Achievement Division 5	117.83
John B. Dey Elementary PTA	Superior Membership Achievement Division 6	106.25
Holland Elementary PTA	Outstanding Membership Achievement Division 4	159.17

Reflections

2010-2011 Outstanding Interpretation Winners

The following students were recognized at the Virginia PTA Convention for their Reflections entries.

Congratulations!

Faith Unger, Linkhorn Park ES PTA

Film Production Intermediate Division

Madeliene Painter, Kellam High PTSA

Film Production Senior Division

Trey Halsey, Kemps Landing Magnet PTA

Musical Composition, Middle/Junior Division

Principles of American Citizenship

The winners for November = Respect

**Thoroughgood Elementary School –
Sydney Strickland – Grade Level 3rd**

**Great Neck Middle School –
Caleb Andrade - Grade Level 7th**

**Bayside High School –
Conner Perry – Grade Level 11th**

Congratulations to all the nominees.

Sharon Thomas

PAC Chair



January Checklist



- _____ Complete December Checklist
- _____ Gather scholarship information and post on Scholarship Central
- _____ Update Council on any changes in officers
- _____ Begin to update Procedure Books
- _____ Hold board meeting to finalize spring plans
- _____ Make plans to attend PTA Day at the General Assembly, January 22-23, 2012 in Richmond
- _____ Middle and High Schools, promote CITIZENSHIP ESSAY PROJECT...2011-2012 Theme: “**Community Responsibility.**” Check www.vapta.org for details.
- _____ Submit Principles of American Citizenship nomination—pony to Salem HS
- _____ *Submit Merit Award Application—pony to Windsor Woods ES
- _____ *Send Local Unit Remittance Dues payment by March 1, 2012 to Virginia PTA
- _____ *Submit Scholarship Remittance to Council by March 1, 2012

* New items on Checklist