



# Newsletter

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## President's Letter

August is a great month. It is when we have one last hurrah before school begins. We shop for school supplies, make sure our children have uniforms or clothes for the start of school, and start another great school year. Whether a child is beginning kindergarten or going off to college, parents go through a checklist to make sure that their child is prepared to begin a successful year.

As Parent Teacher Association (PTA) leaders, you have also been preparing for the beginning of the school year. Here are a few suggestions to help get the year off to a great start:

- Have your financial books audited as soon as possible.
- Have your entire board identify goals for the year, develop a budget based on those goals, and prepare to fundraise to meet those goals.
- Establish standing committees to help you meet your goals.
- Recruit volunteers.
- Send in your New Officers' List, with contact information, to the 15th District PTA.
- Pick up your Leaders' Packet. (Call 485-3535.)
- Order your unit's Official Back-to-School Kit.
- Check to see if your bylaws are up to date.
- Start your membership campaign.
- Contact your principal and board to set dates for your monthly board meetings and the association (General) meetings.
- Attend the Back-to-School/Back-to-PTA Conference on **September 19**.
- Schedule a board training by calling Cherie Dimar at 693-8104.

Look inside this issue for more information to help your PTA/Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) get off to a great start. Remember that the 15th District PTA Board is only a call or e-mail away. We look forward to assisting you with any PTA questions or concerns.

*Heather Wampler*

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### PTA Vision

Making Every Child's Potential a Reality

### PTA Mission

PTA is:

- A powerful voice for all children.
- A relevant resource for families and communities.
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.



## Back-to-School/ Back-to-PTA Conference

**Thursday, September 19, 2013,  
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Register now for the 15th District PTA Back-to-School/Back-to-PTA Conference, which will be held on **Thursday, September 19, 2013**, at Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) Gheens Academy. The sessions will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for a full day of workshops that are designed to help get you prepared. Vendors will also be at the conference, so if your school is looking for a fundraiser, we have the people here for you to talk to.

Workshop topics will include Bylaws, Membership, Communication, President, Programs, Reflections, Secretary, Standing Rules, Treasurer, and RedBook.

We hope that all officers and chairpeople, both new and returning, will attend. The cost is \$5 a person (\$10 at the door), which includes registration, conference materials, and meals. This is a legitimate PTA expense and can be included in the budget. Checks should be made payable to 15th District PTA, and don't forget to include the registration form by **September 14**.

Send reservations to:

15th District PTA  
c/o: Back-to-School/Back-to-PTA Conference  
319 South 15th Street  
Louisville, KY 40203

Contact Angie Krebs, first vice president, with any questions.

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# Tips for a Successful PTA Membership Campaign

Membership growth is a sign that your PTA is doing well and displays the PTA's importance to the school, community, students, and families. If the goal of your PTA is to be effective in developing good relationships with students, families, schools, and the community, then begin by laying the groundwork that helps foster respect and enthusiasm in being a part of the association. This can be done by providing a foundation for your PTA's success by doing the following:

- Set a membership goal. Start by increasing last year's membership numbers by **39** members, which represents the **39th** awards banquet.
- Create a theme. The 15th District PTA's theme is "Building the Future One Child at a Time." Display the theme, goals, and benchmarks on a visual aid for everyone to see your PTA's accomplishments.
- Start with your PTA Board by seeking its full support of the membership campaign by attending membership campaign events/activities. This shows that you lead by example.
- Have a table at school functions and events, especially at the beginning of the school year (e.g., registration/orientation/open house/family fun nights).
- Have membership cards/envelopes/pens and a smile ready to greet potential members.
- Prepare membership forms, take-home fliers, and promotional signs for distribution to the school, community, and businesses.
- Send letters to last year's members asking them to join again.
- Ask your PTA Board to explain to potential members what your PTA does for the students and community when they seek to increase membership. This demonstrates that your PTA is more than just a fundraising association.

To help your PTA stay on track, maintain good membership recordkeeping and be in compliance throughout the membership campaign:

- Find out how your treasurer would like to handle the collection and deposit of membership fees.
- Make sure the memberships of PTA Board members are current.
- Remember that membership campaigns never end. Your PTA should always be encouraging potential members to join the PTA. Your PTA should always ensure that you have:
  - Determined whether your PTA/PTSA is meeting the needs of your members and community.
  - Aligned your PTA's goals with the needs and interests of your members and community.

Challenge yourself! Encourage participation! Ask people to join—don't wait for them to offer.

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# Reflections

As you start to develop your projects and programs for the next school year, don't forget to include the Reflections Program as one of your projects. This is a National PTA Arts in Education Program. Its purpose is to provide all children and youth with an opportunity to experience the self-fulfillment of creative expression through the arts. The primary goal of Reflections is for all children and youth to have the opportunity to participate. Although it is a program with recognition and awards at the local, district, state, and national levels, the importance of participation should be emphasized over winning an award. Students may submit entries in the areas of music, photography, visual arts, literature, dance choreography, and film/video production.

Each year, there is a different theme for the program. For the 2013-14 school year, the theme will be "Believe, Dream, Inspire ..."

**Each student may enter one time for each of the following six art areas:**  
Special Artist students can enter in each area in the Special Artist category.

- Literature
- Musical Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Dance Choreography
- Film/Video Production

**Each student enters in one age category:**

- Primary—Preschool through grade two
- Intermediate—Grades three through five
- Middle/Junior—Grades six through eight
- Grades nine through twelve
- Special Artist—Ungraded

This is the second year in which the National PTA has included a Special Artist division in their judging, so please don't forget to include those students also.

**The local PTA can submit entries to the district by October 24.** Entry is limited to one entry for each grade in each category (e.g., music, photography, visual arts, literature, dance choreography, and film/video production).

Example: A PTA can enter one entry in third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade (which is the Intermediate category) in the category of Music. They can also enter one entry in the category of Music in preschool, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade (which is the Primary category) and so forth.

## What to Do

- Familiarize yourself with the materials in the *Kentucky PTA Leaders' Notebook* for PTAs/PTSAs. Reflections Chairperson **Sharon Whitworth (485-7450)** has sent out information packets through the Pony to PTA presidents, principals, art teachers, music teachers, physical education (PE) teachers, Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) coordinators, and literature teachers. All of these people should serve as a committee to develop your program.
- Develop a Reflections Program planning calendar using the District PTA deadline (**October 24, 2013**) as your guide. Set interim deadlines and identify key steps to meet your calendar deadlines.
- Establish a budget for your school's Reflections Program. Use this budget to prepare informational materials, to encourage student participation, to promote the Reflections Program with parents and community members, and to fund a recognition event for student winners at the local school level.
- Publicize the Reflections Program and "Believe, Dream, Inspire ..." theme in your school or PTA/PTSA newsletter.
- Select impartial, qualified judges. Inform judges of the criteria to be used in evaluating/judging Reflections Program entries. (Refer to the rules for each category.) Inform all participants that the judges' decisions are final. **Important:** Ensure that all students' personal information (names, addresses, etc.) is hidden from judges' view.

The Reflections Program is structured for PTAs to recognize students at the local, district, state, and national PTA levels. Remember to coordinate your Reflections Program with your English, music, art, and PE teachers. Please work together to provide this wonderful opportunity for your students.

If you need additional information, please contact Sharon Whitworth, 15th District PTA Reflections chairperson, at **485-7450** or at [sharon.whitworth@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:sharon.whitworth@jefferson.kyschools.us).

# 2013-14 District and State PTA Awards

Welcome back to school! As you are getting back into the buildings and the terrific programs and events begin to take place, please review the 15th District and state PTA awards and be thinking of what you would like to apply for. Completing award applications throughout the year can be less stressful than trying to remember everything you have done throughout the year as the deadline approaches. Below are a few things to remember:

## Process and Deadlines

Forms and criteria can be found in the *Kentucky PTA Leaders' Notebook* or on the 15th District PTA's Web site at [www.15thdistrictpta.org](http://www.15thdistrictpta.org).

### Deadlines

State: **November 15, February 15, and March 15**  
District: **March 1**

Submitting an application for a state award does **not** qualify you for a district award. They **must** be a separate entry.

## 15th District PTA Awards

### Deadline: March 1

- Hall of Fame Award
- Outstanding Male Involvement/Participation
- Outstanding Local Unit Newsletter
- Outstanding Local Unit Web Site
- Outstanding Membership Campaign
- Outstanding School Nurse
- Outstanding Volunteer
- Volunteer Participation
- Special Projects/Programs

## Kentucky State PTA Awards

### Deadline: November 15

- Proudfoot Award

### Deadline: February 15

- \$1,000 Harold E. Steele Student Scholarship
- \$500 Student Scholarship
- \$500 Teacher-Member Scholarship
- \$500 Parent-Member Scholarship
- Christa McAuliffe Rising Star Award

### Deadline: March 15

- Outstanding Classified Personnel
- Outstanding Educator
- Outstanding Membership Campaign
- Outstanding Local Unit Newsletter
- Outstanding Local Unit Web Site
- Outstanding School Nurse
- Outstanding Volunteer
- Volunteer Participation
- Outstanding Male Involvement/Participation

Heather McGovern, Awards Chair

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# Girls on the Run Louisville Receives \$10,000 Grant From UPS



Girls on the Run Louisville (GOTRL) is excited to announce they are the recipients of a \$10,000 grant from the UPS Foundation. The funds will be used for registration fees, curriculum, workbooks, and T-shirts.

"UPS is proud to support the communities where we live, work, and serve," said Tom Volta, vice president, UPS Air Group Human Resources. "This is especially true in Louisville, where we have more than 20,000 employees. We hope this event encourages participants to grow into active and successful members of this community."

GOTRL is a life-changing, nonprofit prevention program for girls in the third through fifth grade. This program is taking JCPS by storm and is making a big difference in how young ladies view their future. Participating schools have grown to include Brandeis, Cane Run, Camp Taylor, Coleridge-Taylor Montessori, Fern Creek, Field, Hazelwood, Jacob, Kennedy Montessori, Kenwood, Laukhuf, Rangeland, and Young Elementary Schools as well as St. Patrick Catholic School.

The organization's success is centered on the positive influence of volunteers and encourages the community to get involved. Every semester ends with each girl participating in a non-competitive 5K fun run. The entire GOTRL team has focused on reaching a goal, and the members' sense of accomplishment can't be described in words.

Overall, the program provides enhanced motivation for the girls and also equips them with the tools necessary to effectively manage many of the common social issues girls of that age experience.

To learn more about this dynamic program, the 5K event, or becoming involved, visit [www.gotrlouisville.org](http://www.gotrlouisville.org).

# Winners of the 15th District PTA Evangeline J. Sansome Scholarship 2013

Congratulations to the following scholarship winners. Each student received \$1,700.

Brown School—Jasmine Ernst

Butler Traditional High School—Jonathon Crain

Butler Traditional High School—Tina Nguyen

DuPont Manual High School—Alexa Just

Eastern High School—Shannon Hicks

Fairdale High School—Pierce Long

Louisville Male High School (In memory of Juanita W. Raque)—Kelsey Hammon

Phoenix School of Discovery—Nick Lanham

Pleasure Ridge Park High School—Amanda Loper

Pleasure Ridge Park High School—Samantha Spond

Seneca High School, June Key Award—Rabija Efendira

Seneca High School—Nicholas Beverly

Seneca High School—Dalila Setka

Valley High School—Amanda Lee





# Advocacy Workshop Track at the 117th Annual National PTA Convention and Exhibition

Advocacy was one of five themed tracks with content-rich workshops organized into five specific sessions.

## Workshop Session One

**PTA Resolutions: Member-Driven Advocacy** focused on advocating for children and families through researching, developing, partnering, writing, and adopting PTA resolutions as well as how I can make a difference by writing a successful resolution.

## Workshop Session Two

**Advocacy: What Sets PTA Apart and How to Apply the PTA Brand.** The PTA brand has a legacy of the ability to advocate for every child with one voice. I learned how and when to advocate for the PTA way and realized our organization is a sleeping giant with the ability to deal with ballot measures, elections, and politically challenging or divisive issues. Advocacy has two definitions, where the "A" means advocating at state and national levels and "a" means advocating at local levels.

## Workshop Session Three

**2013 National PTA Public Policy Agenda: General Education.** This was an opportunity to discuss PTA's federal policy priorities in K-12 education. The focus was on such priorities as reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary

Education Act (ESEA), which would increase funds for family engagement. Considering there may not be a complete reauthorization until 2015, now is time to act by contacting your legislators. Until ESEA is completed, the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) will not even be considered.

## Workshop Session Four

**Understanding Education in the Federal Budget and Appropriations Process.** This affects not only federal programs but also basic functions of state and local governments, from national parks to school transportation. As advocates for all children, it is important to understand the what, why, and how of budgeting and appropriations at the federal level. Know which legislators sit on committees so that you can advocate for the very small percentage of discretionary funds that are available for education.

## Workshop Session Five

**Strength of Membership and Advocacy in Today's PTA** is the fundamental reason our association exists. Membership and advocacy go hand-in-hand because having more members means a louder voice when talking to legislators. If you were to place a monetary value on



*National PTA Board President-Elect Laura Bay, President Otha Thornton, and Secretary/Treasurer Tina Zubeck*

the collective volunteer hours spent by members, it would equate to significant savings to the educational system. More members equals more strength! During this workshop, we received a brief visit from National PTA President Otha Thornton, who described working as legislative chair together with membership to effectively build and grow their membership as well as advocate for laws to make your state a better place for children.

In between workshops, there were several general meetings where the newfound knowledge came into perspective. I was witness to PTA governance as a voting delegate to adopt amendments to National PTA bylaws and proposed resolutions. It can be entertaining to see delegates show strong conviction over a single word being removed or made plural. In the final session, Otha Thornton was installed as president of the National PTA, making history as the first African-American male chosen to lead the association. As the final points of privilege were being given and more than a thousand attendees returned home, there is now a sense of urgency. Remember that we are the lifeblood of this organization and are charged with the PTA mission. The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

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*15th District delegates at the National PTA Convention*

# Resources for PTA Treasurer

- *Money Matters Quick Reference Guide* from National PTA
- *Financial Matters* from the Kentucky PTA, found in the *Leaders' Notebook* for PTAs/PTSAs
- National PTA Web site: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)
- Kentucky PTA Web site: [www.kypta.org](http://www.kypta.org)
- 15th District PTA Web site: <http://15thdistrictpta.org>
- National PTA magazine: *Our Children*
- Kentucky PTA bulletin: *Our Children ... Our Future*
- 15th District PTA newsletter
- Money Minder Web site: [www.nonprofitcentral.biz](http://www.nonprofitcentral.biz)
- National PTA e-learning courses:
  - Ethical Leadership
  - Preventing Theft in Your PTA

## First Steps

- Have the books reviewed ASAP.
- Prepare the treasurer's kit.
- Make sure officer bonding and liability insurance is paid.
- Ask the president for copies of *Money Matters* and *Financial Matters*.
- Ask the president for a copy of most recent letter of good standing.
- Make sure new signature cards are on file with the bank (at least three elected officers should be authorized to sign checks).

## Duties of the Treasurer

- Maintain accurate records.
- Give treasurer's report at each Executive Board and general meeting.
- Serve on the Budget Committee.
- Don't mingle PTA funds and school funds.
- Pay all bills by check, **never** cash.
- Always count money in pairs.
- Deposit funds promptly.
- Always obtain an original receipt for every purchase or other payment made.
- File federal tax forms.
- Make sure an Audit Committee is appointed by the end of the year, even if the treasurer continues on or is re-elected.

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# Do's and Don'ts of Money Handling

## Do:

- Maintain the PTA checking account.
- All PTA checks must be signed by authorized check signers. Be sure your check signers are not JCPS employees (RedBook change effective July 1, 2013).
- **Two signatures are required for all checks.**
- Always pay all expenses with a PTA check.
- Always get an **original** receipt in order to reimburse.
- Always give a receipt when taking in money.
- File IRS 990 by **November 15** of each year.
- Have money counted by at least two people; one of the counters should be an insured elected officer (president, VP, treasurer, secretary).
- Prepare a budget for approval by the board and then by General Membership at the General Meeting.
- Prepare a detailed account of all receipts and expenditures for each Executive Board and General Membership Meeting.
- Forward state and national dues monthly.
- Save the treasurer's records for seven years.
- Follow your bylaws and standing rules.
- Reimburse the school only for items authorized by the PTA through the budget process.
- Though the treasurer is the authorized custodian of the funds of the association, other officers and members may find it necessary to handle funds from time to time (for example, membership VP and dues or ways and means VP and money from a fundraiser). Be sure those counting monies are not JCPS employees (RedBook change effective July 1, 2013).
- Money collected should be immediately turned over to the treasurer, who will issue a receipt for the funds. The treasurer should then deposit that money immediately. (It may be necessary to acquire a night depository bag.) **If it is a continuing project, money should be deposited daily.**
- Carry bonding insurance through The Underwriters Group.

## Don't:

- Accept unit account books that have not been audited.
- Deposit PTA funds in a personal account.
- Comingle funds with the school, district, or another association. Don't deposit any funds into your account that are not PTA funds.
- Issue a check without an **original** receipt and approval of PTA president.
- Give out a signed blank check.
- Have a petty cash box of any kind. Every expense should be paid for with the PTA checking account.
- Pay for any expenses using cash from an event or fundraiser. All monies are to be deposited into the PTA checking account, and then pay expenses/invoices by using the PTA checking account.
- Have a JCPS employee as a check signer for your PTA checking account.
- Have a JCPS employee handling or counting any PTA monies.

## What Should Be in the Treasurer's File Box?

- A copy of the PTA bylaws and standing rules, with sections authorizing disbursements marked
- A copy of state PTA bylaws and National PTA bylaws (and council bylaws if indicated)
- A copy of the budget adopted by the association
- Receipt book to acknowledge money received by the treasurer
- Checkbook to disburse funds as authorized
- Treasurer's account book to keep the financial records of the association in (may be an electronic file)
- Permanent IRS tax information, including the following:
  - IRS determination letter of tax-exempt status and copy of application for tax-exempt status
  - Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), also known as Employer Identification Number (EIN)
    - Copies of filed Form 990/990-EZ, 990-N, 990-T, or other required IRS forms
    - State sales tax exemption number
- Permanent state tax information, such as state sales tax correspondence, state identification numbers, and reports filed with the state, as required
- An up-to-date roster of the members of the association
- A copy of *PTA Money Matters Quick-Reference Guide* and a completed copy of the financial management checklist
- Audit reports held in permanent file
- Seven years of cash receipts and petty cash records, bank deposits, invoices, and statements (may be kept in secured PTA storage area)
- General correspondence
- Three years of budgets

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# Officers for the 2013-14 School Year

Name of PTA/PTSA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of President:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of First Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of Second Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of Third Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of Fourth Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please submit these names so that your officers can receive the district newsletter and other important information. List any other Executive Board members (elected officers) on a separate page. Please send this form to the 15th District PTA, 319 South 15th Street, Louisville, KY 40203, or send it via the Pony or e-mail to [sharon.whitworth@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:sharon.whitworth@jefferson.kyschools.us).



# Board Trainings

Board trainings are one of the many valuable resources that the 15th District PTA provides for the local units. Several 15th District PTA Board members will come to your school at a time that is convenient for your PTA and assist you in getting off to a good start. We will present a general overview of the roles and responsibilities of the officers, help you understand your bylaws, and address membership and fundraising issues. Perhaps your PTA would like suggestions about recruiting volunteers and involving more parents in the school. To schedule a PTA board training, contact Cherie Dimar at **693-8104** or **cbcdimar3@aol.com**. Please provide three possible dates that are convenient for your board, and let us know if you want any special topics covered. We look forward to hearing from you.

# Vendors Fair/General Board Trainings

We would like to acknowledge the 14 PTAs from the following schools for attending the General Board Trainings on June 13. The representatives from these PTAs were also able to visit the vendors.

Bates Elementary, Byck Elementary, Binet School, Central High, Cochrane Elementary, Field Elementary, Foster Traditional Academy, Harstern Elementary, Kennedy Montessori Elementary, Layne Elementary, Rutherford Elementary, Trunnell Elementary, Western Middle, and Zachary Taylor Elementary



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## Vendors in Attendance

Vendor Name	Vendor Contact	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Chris Mattingly	Chris Mattingly	812-267-4610	candyfundraiser@gmail.com
City Saver	Sherry Kopecky	502-266-1433	sherry@citysaver.com
Comedy Caravan Talent	Tom Sobel	502-459-5532	tom.comedycaravan@gmail.com
Community Marketing, LLC	J.J. Boudreaux	502-435-5500	gojjboud@gmail.com
Great American Opportunities	Johnny Jones	502-777-6162	john.jones@gafundraising.com
Hands On Originals	Derek Wright	800-942-6376	dwright@handsonoriginals.com
LDS Photography	April Alsop	877-752-6494	april@myldsp.com
Leading Edge Fundraising	Lynn Wilson	859-229-9120	lynn.wilson@leadfr.com
Market Day	Twylia Allen	502-493-3998	allent@marketday.com
Underwriters Group	Stuart Ferguson	502-244-1343	lindad@uscky.com
World's Finest Chocolate	Tyler Powlesland	502-381-8211	typowlesland@aol.com



# Calendar of Events

## August

- 1-3 .. Clothing Assistance Program (CAP) Blitz
- 15..... Kentucky Back-to-School Membership Payment Due
- ..... Financial First Day Back to School

## September

- 15..... Kentucky Early Bird Membership Payment Due
- 19..... 15th District PTA Back-to-School/Back-to-PTA
- 24 .... Kentucky Kids' Day

## October

- 15..... Kentucky Membership Payment Due
- 24 .... Reflections Due to 15th District PTA

# Kentucky PTA Kids' Day

Kentucky PTA Kids' Day is on **Tuesday, September 24**. This special day was created in 1985 by the Kentucky PTA to celebrate our students. This is a wonderful opportunity to show that each student is unique, special, respected, and loved. We encourage the PTA in your school to do something special for your students. Here are a few ideas:

- Pat on the Back—Have students make construction paper handprints. Tape the handprints to their backs with masking tape. Everyone receives a pat on the back because every student is special!
- Go Hollywood—Students arrive at school to walk the red carpet into school and to be met by the PTA paparazzi taking their picture (or just have flashes going off). Have a contest in which students decorate classroom doors with movie themes. Volunteers dressed like movie stars could visit to read to classes, or local TV celebrities could talk to middle and high school students about careers in the industry. PTA volunteers could approach students in the lunchroom for their autographs. To remember the day, use the autographs and pictures of the day to make a Kentucky Kids' Day at My Elementary School book.
- Have students plant spring bulbs on school grounds and have a party to celebrate in the spring. Remind the students that they are like the flowers and grow (bloom) with love and attention.
- Put a mirror in the front hall. "The most important person in this school is looking at you" can be written above or below the mirror.
- Have the principal declare Kentucky Kids' Day a "no homework day." Give parents the "homework" of hugging their child today.

You can find more ideas at [www.15thdistrictpta.org/elementaryprog.html](http://www.15thdistrictpta.org/elementaryprog.html) and [www.kypta.org/site/programs/kentucky-pta-kids-day.html](http://www.kypta.org/site/programs/kentucky-pta-kids-day.html) and at [www.kypta.org/uploads/58/File/IDEAS%20FOR.do](http://www.kypta.org/uploads/58/File/IDEAS%20FOR.do).

If you do something different, make sure you apply for an award from the Kentucky PTA and the 15th District PTA.

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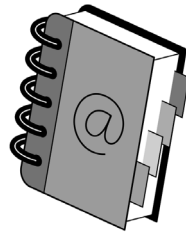
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## CAP Schedule

We need help from the PTAs on these days to keep CAP running smoothly. The more volunteers, the better. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day.

### August

**20** .... Anchorage, Carrithers Middle, and Central High

**21** ..... Bowen Elementary, Crosby Middle, and Thomas Jefferson Middle

**22** ..... Brown, Cochrane Elementary, and Greenwood Elementary

**27** ..... DuPont Manual High, Fairdale Elementary, and Lincoln Elementary

**28** ..... Auburndale Elementary, Cane Run Elementary, and Seneca High

**29** ..... Coral Ridge Elementary, Lassiter Middle, and Wheeler Elementary

### September

**3** ..... Audubon Traditional Elementary, Frayser Elementary, and Wilt Elementary

**4** ..... Academy @ Shawnee, Chenoweth Elementary, and Kenwood Elementary

**5** ..... Bloom Elementary, Dunn Elementary, and Roosevelt-Perry Elementary

**10** ..... Foster Traditional Academy, Minors Lane Elementary, and Tully Elementary

**11** ..... Frost Middle, Maupin Elementary, and Zachary Taylor Elementary

**12** ..... Jefferson County Traditional Middle, Norton Elementary, and Slaughter Elementary

**17** ..... Carter Traditional Elementary, Jeffersontown High, and Stonestreet Elementary

**18** ..... Barret Traditional Middle, Bates Elementary, and Lowe Elementary

**24** .... Fern Creek Elementary, Moore Traditional High, and Watterson Elementary

**25** ..... Atkinson Elementary and Rangeland Elementary

**26** ..... Field Elementary, McFerran Preparatory Academy, and Myers Middle