



Newsletter

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President's Piece

Summertime Boogie!

Here it is: the moment your child has been waiting for—summer break. A time when he or she can sleep in, catch up on all those television shows you “taped” because they aired when children needed to be in bed, and just enjoy a few months of rest and relaxation. Who are we kidding? Summer break may be a break for our kids, but we are still working—working on getting them to and from camp, to and from a play date, and to and from our vacation destination. So, since you know you will already be working, don't forget to continue the important work you do for our students and our schools and continue planning for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) year ahead. You can plan ahead by doing the following:

- Order your Box of Possibilities National PTA support kit.
- Have your Audit Committee meet and complete your year-end financial review.
- Attend the National PTA Convention in Memphis, **June 10 through 13** (if you are able), and the Kentucky PTA Convention, **July 16 and 17** (definitely!).
- Gather your new board members, your returning board members, and people who don't want to be a board member

but do tons of work for the board, and go to the pool to celebrate your successes, ruminate on the misses, and say to one another, “Job well done.”

Why the pool? I was thinking the other day about what it means to me to be in the PTA. To me it is similar to going to the pool. We don't go swimming without advanced preparation. We gather all that we need—our towels, swimsuits and trunks, goggles, gear, and sunscreen. We get to the pool and arrange all of our accessories, our snacks, and our reading materials. That's what PTA training is all about—gathering all that you need to do your job. Some of us are quite comfortable sitting on the edge of the pool, dipping our toes into the water and pacing ourselves for the long day. Why a long day? Because not one of us is going to put all that effort into going to the pool if it isn't for a substantial length of time. Let's call it a commitment to the day at the pool, just like our commitment to the PTA. We are able to pace ourselves, engage ourselves in the task at hand, and once that task is complete, we are able to walk away from the pool—content. But some of us, well, we cannonball into the water. We throw caution to the wind and leap into the unknown. We don't know the temperature

of the water. Frankly, we don't care. And, in our attempt to seize the moment, we splash those of you sitting on the edge of the pool. Not very nice of us, I know. But, before you complain about getting wet, remember this. You have your suit on, you have your towel, the sun will dry you, and it's only water. It doesn't hurt you. And every PTA needs both groups; those that sit on the edge, testing the temperature of the water, and those that cannonball into the water. If you haven't guessed by now, I like to cannonball into the pool. But whichever PTA personality you are, know that I'm sorry I got you wet, but trust me, it's only water. And it was a hot day. You needed to cool off. So, you are welcome.



Enjoy this time with your family and friends, but most of all, enjoy this time with your child. That's who we do this for. And remember, “Together We Can ... Make A Difference” for the 15th District PTA!

Myrdin Thompson
President

Kudos

Major kudos go to the Pleasure Ridge Park High School (PRP) Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)! 1,741 Members

Oops! Due to a calculation error, the PRP PTSA's membership numbers were listed incorrectly in the Awards Booklet, and the PTSA members didn't receive all the great awards they are entitled to. This has been corrected, and we wanted to share their actual membership count and awards!

Based on the corrected information, PRP will be receiving:

- A plaque for 200 members more than last year's membership.
- A certificate for 10 percent over last year.
- Recognition in the Top Ten—they are number four in our district.

The PRP PTSA has 1,741 members and is growing strong! Great job, PRP PTSA!

Ways to Stay Connected This Summer

National PTA Convention
(On-site registration is available.)

June 10-13
Memphis, TN

For more info, visit www.pta.org.

Kentucky PTA Convention/Leadership
July 16-17

Fern Valley Hotel & Conference Center
Fern Valley Road, Louisville
For more info, visit www.kypta.org.

If you like to blog, here are two great opportunities:

www.parenting.com/blogs/mom-congress
<http://ptapeplouisvilleky.blogspot.com/>

National PTA Reflections Program Recognitions

The 15th District PTA would like to congratulate the following students who were recognized by the National PTA for their amazing contributions to this year's Reflections Program.

Jim Miller, Noe Middle—Award of Merit, Middle Film Production

Jim will receive a silver-plated Reflections medallion, a certificate and letter signed by the National PTA president, and recognition in the annual PTA Reflections online gallery.

Hannah Buckley, Eastern High—Award of Merit, Senior Musical Composition

Hannah will receive a silver-plated Reflections medallion, a certificate and letter signed by the National PTA president, and recognition in the annual PTA Reflections online gallery.

For more information about Reflections, call 295-1315 or go to www.pta.org or www.kypta.org.

Read All About It!

It's time for the Summer Reading Challenge at the Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) from **June 1 through August 7!** What a great opportunity for your child to get lost in a great adventure or to learn about children from another culture. The opportunities are endless!

This year, the library wants kids to "*Think Globally, Read Locally.*" With this environmental theme in mind, the library will offer exciting green programs and great prizes to encourage reading for fun over the summer. The Summer Reading Challenge begins **June 1** at all 18 library locations. It's easy and fun. Pick up a brochure, read at least ten books, turn in your list, and get your prize!

For more info, check out www.lfpl.org or just stop by your LFPL branch.



Have You Ordered Your Official PTA Kit for 2010-11 Yet?

Registration for the 2010-11 Official PTA Kit is now open! All local, council, district, and regional PTAs must register to receive their Official PTA Kit. The incoming 2010-11 PTA president or other authorized PTA leader must fill out the online registration form to select the preferred shipping address and date for the kit. The online order form will be available now through **September 17**. Kits will start shipping weekly in late June. The Official PTA Kit is available exclusively to PTAs in good standing. To order yours, go to www.pta.org/ptakit_register/.

Looking for Gently Used Books

Do you have some gently used children's books that your child no longer reads? We are collecting books to give to families who will be serving during our 15th District PTA's Back-to-School Blitz Week at the Clothing Assistance Program (CAP). We will serve more than 2,000 Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) students and their families during this one week alone. We need all types of books, from baby books to chapter books. Please share this with your PTA/PTSA members, and encourage them to donate books so that others can share the joy of reading and the journeys you can take through books.



Maybe you could hold a book drive and collect books or send home a flier about this. Have a contest among classes or teams. However you do it—please just do it! Contact Theresa Mayfield, fourth vice president, at **964-0703** to let her know you will be participating in this great project and to coordinate getting the books to CAP. Please coordinate with Theresa before you send the books to CAP so they don't get mixed in with donated clothing. Many thanks in advance. I look forward to hearing from you!

Theresa Mayfield
Fourth Vice President and Exceptional Child Education (ECE) Contact

Have a Green Project? Need Money and Volunteers?

Do you have a great project but no money? We may be able to help you. We have been approached by a local company that is interested in providing financial and volunteer support to a school for a green project, including outdoor classrooms, fitness trails, and butterfly gardens. The project must have an impact on the school, students, and community, and the project must be self-sustaining after two to three years. If you are interested, please complete the brief application below and answer questions on a separate sheet and fax or mail to the 15th District PTA Office. We will forward all applications to the company, and they will contact you if they are interested in your project. If you need assistance or have questions, contact Paula Wolf (see contact info on back page of newsletter).

Green Project Application

PTA/School: _____

Contact: _____ Phone No.: _____

E-Mail: _____

Project Name: _____

Attach the following information:

1. Give a brief (no more than 200 words) description of the project and its impact.
2. What is the preliminary budget and breakdown for this project?
3. How do you plan to sustain this project?

2010-11 Volunteer Schedule for 15th District PTA CAP

Anchorage School	Aug. 24	Jan. 18	Gutermuth Elementary	Oct. 7	Mar. 8	Shacklette Elementary	Dec. 8	Apr. 28
Atherton High	Aug. 24	Jan. 18	Hartstern Elementary	Oct. 7	Mar. 8	Shawnee High	Dec. 8	May 3
Atkinson Elementary	Aug. 24	Jan. 20	Hawthorne Elementary	Oct. 12	Mar. 8	Shelby Elementary	Dec. 8	May 3
Auburndale Elementary	Aug. 24	Jan. 20	Hazelwood Elementary	Oct. 12	Mar. 8	Slaughter Traditional Elem.	Dec. 9	May 3
Audubon Traditional Elem.	Aug. 26	Jan. 20	Highland Middle	Oct. 12	Mar. 9	Smyrna Elementary	Dec. 9	May 3
Ballard High	Aug. 26	Jan. 20	Hite Elementary	Oct. 12	Mar. 9	Southern High	Dec. 9	May 5
Barret Traditional Middle	Aug. 26	Jan. 25	Indian Trail Elementary	Oct. 14	Mar. 9	St. Matthews Elementary	Dec. 9	May 5
Bates Elementary	Aug. 26	Jan. 25	Iroquois High	Oct. 14	Mar. 9	Stonestreet Elementary	Dec. 14	May 5
Binet School	Aug. 31	Jan. 25	Jacob Elementary	Oct. 14	Mar. 15	Stopher Elementary	Dec. 14	May 5
Blake Elementary	Aug. 31	Jan. 25	Jefferson Co. Trad. Middle	Oct. 14	Mar. 15	Stuart Middle	Dec. 14	May 11
Bloom Elementary	Aug. 31	Jan. 27	Jeffersontown Elementary	Oct. 19	Mar. 15	Thomas Jefferson Middle	Dec. 14	May 11
Blue Lick Elementary	Aug. 31	Jan. 27	Jeffersontown High	Oct. 19	Mar. 15	Trunnell Elementary	Dec. 16	May 11
Bowen Elementary	Sept. 2	Jan. 27	Johnson Traditional Middle	Oct. 19	Mar. 17	Tully Elementary	Dec. 16	May 11
Brandeis Elementary	Sept. 2	Jan. 27	Johnsontown Road Elem.	Oct. 19	Mar. 17	Valley Traditional High	Dec. 16	May 12
Breckinridge-Franklin Elem.	Sept. 2	Feb. 1	Kammerer Middle	Oct. 21	Mar. 17	Waggener Traditional High	Dec. 16	May 12
Brown School	Sept. 2	Feb. 1	Kennedy Elementary	Oct. 21	Mar. 17	Waller-Williams Env. School	Jan. 6	May 12
Butler Traditional High	Sept. 15	Feb. 1	Kenwood Elementary	Oct. 21	Mar. 22	Watson Lane Elementary	Jan. 6	May 12
Byck Elementary	Sept. 15	Feb. 1	Kerrick Elementary	Oct. 21	Mar. 22	Watterson Elementary	Jan. 6	May 18
Camp Taylor Elementary	Sept. 15	Feb. 3	King Elementary	Oct. 26	Mar. 22	Wellington Elementary	Jan. 6	May 18
Cane Run Elementary	Sept. 15	Feb. 3	Klondike Elementary	Oct. 26	Mar. 22	Western MST Magnet High	Jan. 11	May 18
Carrithers Middle	Sept. 8	Feb. 3	Knight Middle	Oct. 26	Mar. 24	Western Middle	Jan. 11	May 18
Carter Traditional Elem.	Sept. 8	Feb. 3	Lassiter Middle	Oct. 26	Mar. 24	Westport Middle	Jan. 11	May 19
Central High MCA	Sept. 8	Feb. 8	Laukhuf Elementary	Oct. 28	Mar. 24	Wheatley Elementary	Jan. 11	May 19
Chancey Elementary	Sept. 8	Feb. 8	Layne Elementary	Oct. 28	Mar. 24	Wheeler Elementary	Jan. 13	May 19
Chenoweth Elementary	Sept. 14	Feb. 8	Liberty High	Oct. 28	Mar. 29	Wilder Elementary	Jan. 13	May 19
Churchill Park School	Sept. 14	Feb. 8	Lincoln Elementary	Oct. 28	Mar. 29	Wilkerson Traditional Elem.	Jan. 13	May 24
Cochran Elementary	Sept. 14	Feb. 10	Louisville Male High	Nov. 4	Mar. 29	Wilt Elementary	Jan. 13	May 24
Cochrane Elementary	Sept. 14	Feb. 10	Lowe Elementary	Nov. 4	Mar. 29	Young Elementary	Jan. 18	May 24
Coleridge-Taylor Elementary	Sept. 16	Feb. 10	Luhr Elementary	Nov. 4	Mar. 31	Zachary Taylor Elementary	Jan. 18	May 24
Conway Middle	Sept. 16	Feb. 10	Maupin Elementary	Nov. 4	Mar. 31			
Coral Ridge Elementary	Sept. 16	Feb. 15	McFerran Preparatory Acad.	Nov. 9	Mar. 31			
Crosby Middle	Sept. 16	Feb. 15	Medora Elementary	Nov. 9	Mar. 31			
Crums Lane Elementary	Sept. 21	Feb. 15	Meyzeek Middle	Nov. 9	Apr. 12			
Dixie Elementary	Sept. 21	Feb. 15	Middletown Elementary	Nov. 9	Apr. 12			
Doss High	Sept. 21	Feb. 17	Mill Creek Elementary	Nov. 11	Apr. 12			
Dunn Elementary	Sept. 21	Feb. 17	Minors Lane Elementary	Nov. 11	Apr. 12			
DuPont Manual High	Sept. 23	Feb. 17	Moore Traditional School	Nov. 11	Apr. 14			
Eastern High	Sept. 23	Feb. 17	Myers Middle	Nov. 11	Apr. 14			
Eisenhower Elementary	Sept. 23	Feb. 22	Newburg Middle	Nov. 16	Apr. 14			
Engelhard Elementary	Sept. 23	Feb. 22	Noe Middle	Nov. 16	Apr. 14			
Fairdale High PTA	Sept. 28	Feb. 22	Norton Elementar	Nov. 16	Apr. 19			
Fairdale High PTSA	Sept. 28	Feb. 22	Okolona Elementary	Nov. 16	Apr. 19			
Farmer Elementary	Sept. 28	Feb. 24	Olmsted Academy North	Nov. 18	Apr. 19			
Farnsley Middle	Sept. 28	Feb. 24	Olmsted Academy South	Nov. 18	Apr. 19			
Fern Creek Elementary	Sept. 30	Feb. 24	Pleasure Ridge Park High	Nov. 18	Apr. 21			
Fern Creek Traditional High	Sept. 30	Feb. 24	Portland Elementary	Nov. 18	Apr. 21			
Field Elementary	Sept. 30	Mar. 1	Price Elementary	Nov. 30	Apr. 21			
Foster Traditional Academy	Sept. 30	Mar. 1	Ramsey Middle	Nov. 30	Apr. 21			
Frasyer Elementary	Oct. 5	Mar. 1	Rangeland Elementary	Nov. 30	Apr. 26			
Frost Middle	Oct. 5	Mar. 1	Roosevelt-Perry Elementary	Nov. 30	Apr. 26			
Gilmore Lane Elementary	Oct. 5	Mar. 3	Rutherford Elementary	Dec. 2	Apr. 26			
Goldsmith Elementary	Oct. 5	Mar. 3	Sanders Elementary	Dec. 2	Apr. 26			
Greathouse/Shryock Trad. Elem.	Oct. 7	Mar. 3	Schaffner Traditional Elem.	Dec. 2	Apr. 28			
Greenwood Elementary	Oct. 7	Mar. 3	Semple Elementary	Dec. 2	Apr. 28			
			Seneca High	Dec. 8	Apr. 28			

CAP Summer Volunteer Opportunities



June 14–18 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 21–25 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

June 28–July 2 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

July 6 and 7 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

July 12 and 13 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

July 22 and 23 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Back-to-School Blitz

July 26–30 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

August 2–6 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

August 9–11 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Paula Wolf, CAP Director, at **485-7062** or **jpscscap@jefferson.kyschools.us**.

2009-2010 15th District PTA Awards

Congratulations and thank you for all the great work you do for the children of Jefferson County. Together we can ... work together. PTAs and schools make a difference and help ensure a successful future for every student.

Congratulations

Butler Traditional High PTSA—Largest unit in Kentucky, 4,967 members
Scherry Auclair, PTSA President
William Allen, Principal

2009-10 Membership Equaled 2008-09 Membership

Atherton	Audubon	Ballard
Binet	Bowen	Brandeis
Breckinridge-Franklin	Butler	Carrithers
Central	Chenoweth	Cochran
Conway	Crosby	Dawson Orman
Eastern	Engelhard	Fairdale Elementary
Fairdale High	Farmer	Farnsley
Fern Creek Elementary	Field	Frayser
Frost	Gilmore Lane	Greathouse/Shryock
Greenwood	Hazelwood	Highland
Hite	Indian Trail	Iroquois High
Jeffersontown High	Johnsontown Road	Knight
Laukhuf	Lincoln	Louisville Male
Lowe	Luhr	Maupin
Medora	Mezseek	Middletown
Mill Creek	Minors Lane	Newburg
Olmsted Academy No.	Olmsted Academy So.	Pleasure Ridge Park
Roosevelt-Perry	Rutherford	Shacklette
Smyrna	Southern High	Stopher
Thomas Jefferson	Trunnell	Tully
Waller-Williams	Watson Lane	Watterson
Western High	Westport	Wheeler
Wilkerson	Zachary Taylor	

10 Percent Increase Over 2008-09 Membership

Atherton	Ballard	Binet
Brandeis	Breckinridge-Franklin	Carrithers
Central High MCA	Chenoweth	Conway
Dawson Orman	Eastern	Engelhard
Fairdale Elementary	Fairdale High	Farmer
Farnsley	Frayser	Frost
Gilmore Lane	Greenwood	Highland
Indian Trail	Iroquois High	Jeffersontown High
Johnsontown Road	Knight	Laukhuf
Lincoln	Maupin	Medora
Mezseek	Middletown	Olmsted Academy So.
Roosevelt Perry	Rutherford	Shacklette
Thomas Jefferson	Trunnell	Waller-Williams
Watson Lane	Watterson	
Western MST Magnet High	Westport	Wheeler
Wilkerson	Zachary Taylor	

President's Award (100 More Than 2008-09 Membership)

Atherton	Ballard	Central High MCA
Chenoweth	Conway	Dawson Orman
Eastern	Engelhard	Fairdale Elementary
Fairdale High	Farmer	Fern Creek Elementary
Highland	Jeffersontown High	Louisville Male
Mezseek	Middletown	Pleasure Ridge Park
Shacklette	Watterson	Western High
Westport		

200 Members More Than 2008-09 Membership

Atherton	Conway	Fairdale Elementary
Jeffersontown High	Western High	Westport

District's Largest PTAs Based on Number of Members

Elementary	Fern Creek Elementary	1,390 Members
Middle	Crosby Middle PTSA	1,537 Members
High	Butler Traditional High PTSA	4,967 Members

District's Top Percentage Increase This Year

Based on 2008-09 membership

Elementary	Roosevelt-Perry Elementary PTA	.550 percent
	Maupin Elementary PTA	.233 percent
Middle	Westport Middle PTSA	.132 percent
	Conway Middle PTSA	.119 percent
High	Western High PTSA	.558 percent
	Iroquois High PTSA	.365 percent
Preschool	Dawson-Orman Preschool	.142 percent

Top Membership

Based on percentage of current year enrollment

Optional

First	Butler Traditional High PTSA	.298 percent
Second	Audubon Traditional Elementary PTA	.208 percent
Third	Barret Traditional Middle PTSA	.201 percent

Small Elementary (Up to 450)

First	Engelhard Elementary PTA	.39 percent
Second	Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary PTA	.38 percent
Third	Frayser Elementary PTA	.37 percent

Large Elementary (451 and up)

First	Fern Creek Elementary PTA	.180 percent
Second	Bowen Elementary PTA	.158 percent
Third	Tully Elementary PTA	.138 percent

Middle

First	Crosby Middle PTSA	.125 percent
Second	Kammerer Middle PTSA	.76 percent
Third	Noe Middle PTSA	.73 percent

High

First	Fern Creek Traditional High PTSA	.96 percent
Second	Pleasure Ridge Park High PTSA	.78 percent
Third	Jeffersontown High PTSA	.70 percent

Combined

First	Binet School PTA	.161 percent
Second	Anchorage School PTA	.73 percent
Third	Brown School PTSA	.57 percent

Preschool

First	Dawson Orman Preschool PTA	.73 percent
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200 Percent Membership (Based on Enrollment)

Audubon Traditional Elementary PTA
Barret Traditional Middle PTSA
Butler Traditional High PTSA

100 Percent Membership (Based on Enrollment)

Audubon Traditional Elementary PTA	Barret Traditional Middle PTSA
Binet School PTA	Bowen Elementary PTA
Butler Traditional High PTSA	Crosby Middle PTSA
Dunn Elementary PTA	DuPont Manual High PTSA
Fern Creek Elementary PTA	Greathouse/Shryock Trad. Elem. PTA
Hite Elementary PTA	Louisville Male High PTSA
Lowe Elementary PTA	Norton Elementary PTA
Smyrna Traditional Elementary PTA	Stopher Elementary PTA
Tully Elementary PTA	

District's Top 20 PTA/PTSA's Based on Number of Members

1. Butler Traditional High PTSA ... 4,967	11. Tully Elementary PTA ... 1,121
2. Louisville Male High PTSA ... 2,055	12. Greathouse/Shryock
3. DuPont Manual High PTSA ... 1,957	Traditional Elementary PTA ... 1,007
4. Pleasure Ridge Park High PTSA ... 1,741	13. Noe Middle PTSA ... 980
5. Crosby Middle PTSA ... 1,537	14. Stopher Elementary PTA ... 947
6. Fern Creek High PTSA ... 1,518	15. Ballard High PTSA ... 900
7. Fern Creek Elementary PTA ... 1,390	16. Jeffersontown High PTSA ... 802
8. Audubon Traditional	17. Norton Elementary PTA ... 747
Elementary PTA ... 1,298	18. Dunn Elementary PTA ... 719
9. Barret Middle PTSA ... 1,291	19. Kammerer Middle PTSA ... 695
10. Bowen Elementary PTA ... 1,180	20. Lowe Elementary PTA ... 664

PTA/PTSA's Working Toward Bylaw Compliance or Who Have Their Bylaws

Up-to-Date

Anchorage	Auburndale	Audubon	Ballard
Barret	Bates	Binet	Blake
Bloom	Blue Lick	Brandeis	Breckinridge-Franklin
Brown	Butler	Byck	Camp Taylor
Cane Run	Carter	Carrithers	Central High MCA
Chancey	Chenoweth	Churchill Park	Cochran
Cochrane	Coleridge-Taylor	Coral Ridge	Crosby
Dawson Orman	Dixie	Doss	Dunn
DuPont Manual	Eastern	Engelhard	Fairdale Elementary
Fairdale High	Farmer	Farnsley	Fern Creek Elementary
Fern Creek High	Field	Foster	Frayser
Frost	Gilmore Lane	Greathouse/Shryock	Greenwood
Gutermuth	Hartstern	Hawthorne	Hazelwood
Highland	Hite	Indian Trail	Iroquois High
Jacob	Jefferson Co. Trad.	Jeffersontown Elem.	Jeffersontown High

2009-2010 15th District PTA Awards

PTA/PTSA's Working Toward Bylaw Compliance or Who Have Their Bylaws Up-to-Date (continued)

Johnson
Johnsontown Road
Kammerer
Kennedy
Kenwood
Kerrick
King
Klondike Lane
Knight
Lassiter
Laukhuf
Layne
Liberty
Lincoln
Louisville Male
Lowe
Luhr
Maupin
McFerran
Medora
Mezzeek
Middletown
Mill Creek
Minors
Lane
Moore Traditional
Newburg
Noe
Norton
Okolona
Olmsted Acad. North
Olmsted Acad. South
Our Angels
Portland
Price
Pleasure Ridge Park
Ramsey
Rangeland
Roosevelt-Perry
Rutherford
Sanders
Schaffner
Semple
Seneca
Shawnee
Shelby
Slaughter
Smyrna
Southern
St. Matthews
Stonestreet
Stopher
Stuart
Thomas Jefferson
Trunnell
Tully
Waggener
Waller-Williams
Watson Lane
Watterson
Wellington
Western High
Western Middle
Westport
Wheatley
Wheeler
Wilder
Wilt
Young
Zachary Taylor

15th District PTA 2009-10 Hall of Fame Winners

Timothy Hagan—Hite Elementary
Fife Wicks—Jeffersontown Elementary

15th District PTA Outstanding PTA/PTSA Programs

Chancey Elem. PTA
Chenoweth Elem. PTA
Louisville Male High PTSA
Pleasure Ridge Park High PTSA

15th District PTA Outstanding Local Unit Web Site Award

Chancey Elem. PTA
Louisville Male High PTSA

15th District PTA Outstanding Volunteer Award

Tracey Wachter—Hite Elementary

15th District PTA Outstanding Volunteer Participation Award

Norton Elementary PTA

15th District PTA Outstanding Newsletter Award

Chenoweth Elem. PTA
Pleasure Ridge Park High PTSA
Price Elementary PTA

15th District PTA "Together We Can" Award

Hite Elementary PTA
St. Matthews Elementary PTA

Schools Participating in 2009-10 Board Trainings

Blue Lick Elem. PTA
Chancey Elem. PTA
Coleridge-Taylor Elementary PTA
Cochran Elem. PTA
Conway Middle PTSA
Dixie Elementary PTA
Engelhard Elem. PTA
Goldsmith Elem. PTA
Hawthorne Elem. PTA
Jeffersontown Elem. PTA
Johnson Traditional Middle PTSA
Knight Middle PTSA
Slaughter Elem. PTA
Stonestreet Elem. PTA
Stuart Middle PTSA
Western High PTSA
Western Middle PTSA

15th District PTA Spelling Bee Winners

First Place
Mahati Vavilala
Mezzeek Middle
Second Place
Parker VanHouten
Tully Elementary
Third Place
Vincent
Schweinhart
Jefferson County
Traditional Middle

PTA/PTSA Schools That Participated in the Spelling Bee

Audubon
Barret
Blue Lick
Brandeis
Breckinridge-Franklin
Brown
Carrithers
Chancey
Chenoweth
Cochrane
Coleridge-Taylor
Conway
Crosby
Crums Lane
Dunn
Eisenhower
Engelhard
Farmer
Farnsley
Fern Cr.
Field
Greathouse/Shryock
Greenwood
Gutermuth
Highland
Hite
Indian Trail
Jefferson Co. Trad.
Jeffersontown Elem.
Johnson
Johnsontown Road
Kammerer
Kennedy
King
Klondike Lane
Laukhuf
Lowe
Luhr
Mezzeek
Minors Lane
Moore
Myers
Newburg
Noe
Okolona
Olmsted Academy So.
Ramsey
Rangeland
Sanders
Schaffner
Semple
St. Matthews
Stopher
Stuart
Tully
Watterson

Wheatley
Wilder
Wilt
Zachary Taylor

PTAs, PTSA's, People, and Schools Who Have Volunteered, Donated Money, or Clothing to the Clothing Assistance Program

Anchorage (C)(V)
Audubon (C)(V)
Ballard (C)(V)
Barret (C)(V)
Bates (V)
Binet (V)(C)
Blue Lick (V)
Bowen (V)
Brandeis (V)
Brown(C) (V)
Butler (V)
Byck (V)
Camp Taylor (V)
Carrithers (C)
Carter (V)
Central (C)(V)
Chancy (V)
Chenoweth (C)(V)
Coleridge-Taylor (C) (V)
Conway (V)
Coral Ridge (V)
Crosby (C)(V) \$100
Dawson Orman (V)
DuPont Manual (C) (V)
Dunn (V)
Eastern (V)
Fairdale High (V)
Farmer (V)
Farnsley (V)
Fern Creek Elem. (C)(V)
Fern Creek High (V)
Field (V)
Foster (C)(V)
Goldsmith (V)
Greathouse/Shryock (V)
Gutermuth (V)
Hartstern (V)
Hawthorne (V)
Highland (V)
Hite (C)(V)
Indian Trail (C)
Jefferson Co. Trad. (V)
Jeffersontown Elem. (C)(V)
Jeffersontown High (V)\$500
Kammerer (V)
Kennedy (V)
Kenwood (V)
King (C)
Lassiter (V)
Liberty (V)
Lincoln (V)
Louisville Male (C) (V)\$200
Lowe (V)
Luhr (C)
Meyer (V)

Middletown (V)
Mill Creek (V)
Myers (V)
Newburg (V)
Noe (C)(V)
Norton (C)(V)
Pleasure Ridge Park (C)(V) \$250
Rutherford (V)
Seneca (V)
Smyrna (C)(V)
Southern High (V)
St. Matthews (C)(V)
Stopher (C)(V)
Stuart (C)
Thomas Jefferson (C)(V)
Trunnell (C)
Tully (V)
Valley (C)
Waggener(C)
Watson Lane (V)
Watterson (V)
Western High (V)
Wheatley (V)
Wheeler (V)
Wilder (V)
Wilt (V)
Young (V)
Zachary Taylor (V)
(C) Clothing donation (V) Volunteers (\$)
Money donated to the Clothing Assistance Program

Schools Who Donated Prom Outfits for Our Prom Attire Giveaway

Ballard High
Pleasure Ridge Park High
Valley Trad.High
Ballard High School won a mini-refrigerator to give away to a senior.
Pleasure Ridge Park High and Valley Traditional High won DVD players to give away to a senior.

We would like to thank Binet and Churchill Park Schools student workers who came every Tuesday and Thursday to volunteer for us. Also, we would like to thank other student workers who did their community service hours at CAP. We couldn't do this program without the help from Carol Bartlett, all of the Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) coordinators, neighborhood Place Parent coordinators, AmeriCorps workers, other

school district employees, and many outside organizations and people who volunteered.

Student Scholarships

The 15th District PTA Honor Roll certificates cost \$10 each and are a terrific way to show a deserving volunteer how much he or she is appreciated. The funds raised by the sale of these certificates go directly into the Scholarship Fund. Listed below are the 2010 scholarship recipients:

\$1,700 Evangeline J. Sansome Memorial Scholarships

Brittany Basham,
Pleasure Park Ridge High
Alonzo Clark, Butler Traditional High
Brandon Coggeshall, Waggener Traditional High
Stacy Colston, Pleasure Park Ridge High
Courtney Crutcher, Butler Trad. High
Brandy Denton, Butler Trad.High
David Duff, Butler Traditional High
Maranda Dukes, Louisville Male High
Kaitlin Fortwengler, Atherton High
Raven Gillespie, Central High School MCA
Kaitlin Hart, Pleasure Park Ridge High
Morgan Patton, Butler Trad.High
Seth Pollitt, Iroquois High
Heather Thompson, Fern Creek Trad. High
Daniel Wills, Jeffersontown High
Corey Wilson, Butler Traditional High
Tori Ziegler, Butler Traditional High

\$1,700 June Key Scholarship

Cierra Andrews, Pleasure Park Ridge High

\$1,700 Harold Rayer Memorial Scholarship

Eriauna Stratton, Louisville Male High

\$1,700 Ken Helfrich Memorial Scholarship

Monica Zachariah, Butler Trad. High

PTSA's That Submitted Students for 15th District Scholarships

Atherton
Butler Traditional
Central High MCA
Fairdale
Fern Creek
Jeffersontown
Louisville Male
Pleasure Ridge Park
Seneca
Waggener

PTAs/PTSA's That Participated in Reflections

Atherton
Audubon Traditional
Ballard
Barret
Binet
Brandeis
Butler Traditional
Byck
Camp Taylor
Central High MCA
Chenoweth
Churchill Park
Conway
Crosby
Dunn
DuPont Manual
Eastern
Field
Foster
Greathouse/Shryock
Hite
Jeffersontown Elem
Kammerer
Kennedy
Kenwood
King
Klondike
Lincoln
Louisville Male
Lowe
Luhr
Mezzeek
Middletown
Mill Creek
Minors Lane
Newburg
Noe
Norton
Pleasure Ridge Park
Roosevelt-Perry
Seneca
Smyrna
St. Matthews
Stonestreet
Stopher
Tully
Waggener
Watterson
Wilder
Wilkerson
Zachary Taylor

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2009-2010 15th District PTA Awards

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2009-10 Kentucky PTA Reflections, Christa McAuliffe Rising Star, Scholarships, and Self Esteem Winners (announced May 8, 2010, in Frankfort)

Visual Art

Intermediate

Andrew Bussey Roosevelt-Perry Elem. Award of Excellence

Middle

Abigail Stowers Noe Middle. National

High

Richard Quick Pleasure Ridge Park High Award of Excellence

Quantez Crowe Louisville Male High. Award of Merit

Special Needs

Ja'Vonta Miller Roosevelt-Perry Elem. Award of Excellence

Aaron Lewis Roosevelt-Perry Elem. Award of Excellence

Chimel Ford Pleasure Ridge Park High Award of Merit

Andrew Murphy Churchill Park School. Award of Merit

Literature

Intermediate

Hannah Belk Hite Elementary Award of Excellence

Middle

Amanda Brow Noe Middle. Award of Excellence

Special Needs

Trevor Polston Wilkerson Elementary Award of Excellence

Music

Intermediate

Emily Liu Norton Elementary Award of Merit

Middle

Grant Forbes Meyzeek Middle National

High

Hannah Buckley Eastern High National and Creative Interpretation

Special Needs

Trevor Polston Wilkerson Elementary Award of Excellence

Photography

Primary

Willow Heichel St. Matthews Elementary Award of Merit

Intermediate

Emily Liu Norton Elementary Award of Excellence

Brianna Mattingly Roosevelt-Perry Elem. Award of Merit

Middle

Sarah Hunter Crosby Middle Award of Excellence

Dance Choreography

Primary

Bryce Moberly Watterson Elementary Award of Excellence

Chace Bland Lincoln Elementary Award of Merit

Middle

Megh Kumar Meyzeek Middle Award of Excellence

Film Production/Video

Middle

Jim Middle Noe Middle. National

Harrison Wainwright Meyzeek Middle Award of Excellence

High

Joy DeWitt Ballard High Award of Excellence

2010-11 Reflections Theme: "Together we can ..."

15th District PTA Self Esteem Award Winners

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade Three)

Itzelly Garcia Price Elementary

Nana Agyeman Price Elementary

Carrington Bagwell Chenoweth Elementary

Zachary Hood Chenoweth Elementary

Kellie Kidder Jeffersontown Elementary

Intermediate (Grades Four and Five)

Brianna Law Stonestreet Elementary

Maria Nylund Stonestreet Elementary

Nicole Wheeler Stonestreet Elementary

Lizzie Bartholomew Chenoweth Elementary

Sophie Wegenast Chenoweth Elementary

Middle (Grades Six through Eight)

Elizabeth Markert Noe Middle

Charity Brogdon Highland Middle

Grace Cushman Highland Middle

Senior High (Grades Nine through Twelve)

Spencer Zwenger Eastern High

Anntress Manion Brown School

Connor Allen Eastern High

Jessica Hinkle Eastern High



Kentucky PTA Self Esteem Winners

Primary

Carrington Bagwell.....Chenoweth Elementary Award of Excellence

Kellie Kidder.....Jeffersontown Elementary Award of Excellence

Nana Agyeman.....Price Elementary Award of Merit

Intermediate

Lizzie Bartholomew.....Chenoweth Elementary Award of Excellence

Middle

Charity Brogdon.....Highland Middle. Award of Excellence

Elizabeth Markert.....Noe Middle. Award of Excellence

High

Anntress Manion.....Brown School Award of Excellence

Connor Allen.....Eastern High Award of Excellence

Jessica Hinkle.....Eastern High Award of Excellence

Caitlin Farhat.....Atherton High. Award of Merit

Spencer Zwenger.....Eastern High Award of Merit

Kentucky PTA Christa McAuliffe Rising Star Winners

Glena Amante Highland Middle

Hannah May Highland Middle

Angela Rowe Atherton High

Jasmine Cowherd Ballard High

Patrick Gregg Atherton High

Kentucky PTA Harold Steele \$1,000 Scholarship Winners

Benjamin Gies Atherton High

Kentucky PTA Student \$500 Scholarship Winners

Kristin Decker Butler Traditional High

Kevin Moses Lee Central High MCA

Eriauna Stratton Louisville Male High

Calendar of Events

June

10-13 National PTA Convention, Memphis, TN

14-18 CAP work days, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

21-25 CAP work days, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

28-July 2 CAP work days, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July

6 and 7 CAP work days, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

12 and 13 CAP work days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

16 and 17 Kentucky PTA Convention\Leadership, Louisville

22 and 23 CAP work days, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

26-30 CAP Back-to-School Blitz Week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

August

2-7 CAP work days, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

9-11 CAP work days, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

17 First day of school for students

21 CAP work days, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For Parents/Guardians of Children With Special Needs: Organizing Your Child's Records

As we reach the end of this school year, I know the natural feeling is to want to forget about school, meetings, and paperwork for a few months. But summertime is a great opportunity to get all of our paperwork organized. We all know there is a lot of information to keep up with when you have a child with special needs.

Being able to have your child's essential personal, medical, and education information organized and compiled into a binder is very useful and can save a lot of time at meetings, doctors' appointments, or in an emergency. I have compiled some suggestions to help make recordkeeping much easier.

You will need the following:

- A 3-inch or bigger binder
- Tab dividers (one to three packages)
- Sheet protectors (top-loading, clear, plastic)
- Ruled notebook paper
- Plain, white copy paper
- 3-hole punch

The first thing to do is to sort through the paperwork, being sure to compare documents that appear to be duplicates to be sure they are **exactly** the same. If you are not absolutely sure, keep and file both documents. If you have short pieces of papers or messages, attach them to a standard piece of paper to keep all documents uniform-size. Before punching holes in any papers, look to see if you will be losing any part of the reports. It is best to place reports and assessments, such as IEPs and psychological testing, in a sheet protector.

Next, label and arrange the dividers and sections as follows, arranging the documents from newest to oldest so that the current documentation is on top.

Profile Section

Type or print out a page with a list of pertinent personal information about your child, such as his or her full name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, doctors' and therapists' contact information, insurance information, emergency contacts, blood type, any food and drug allergies, likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses, and coping mechanisms. Include any information you feel is helpful to have readily available for appointments, meetings, and in case of an emergency.

History Section

This section includes immediate family tree information, including contact information, child and family health history, developmental history, and significant life events.

Medical/Hospitalizations/Medications Section

- Keep all letters to and from doctors. Keep a list of appointments, and list the date of the appointment, the doctor's name, the diagnosis, and the results of any tests.
- Create a record of all hospitalizations. List the

hospital name, date of admission and discharge, reason for admission, diagnosis, tests completed, and the doctor's name. Also, include a copy of the hospital discharge summary.

- Create a record of all current medications. List the name of the medication, its purpose, the doctor who prescribed it, and contact information for the pharmacy.
- Create a record of all past medications. List the name of the medication, its purpose, the dates it was taken, the prescribing doctor, the medication's benefits, reactions and side effects, and why the medication was discontinued.

Diagnostic and Treatment Reports Section

- Create a list of current diagnoses. It is also helpful to keep a list of diagnoses that your child has been given, including the date and the doctor name.
- Ask for and keep a copy of all diagnostic tests, such as blood work and x-rays.
- Keep a record of any treatments and the benefits and side effects of each.
- Keep a copy of your child's immunization records.
- Keep copies of any articles or information you have shared with your child's doctors and/or therapists, and note his or her comments and suggestions.

Psychological/Behavioral/Social

This is where you file copies of reports and assessments of psychological, emotional, behavioral, or social concerns. Again, whenever an assessment or test is done, ask for a copy of the results and the doctor comments.

Educational Section

This will probably be one of the largest sections in the binder. If it seems too large, you may want to divide this into two or more sections to meet your needs. This section is where you will keep paperwork relating to your child's education. This includes an initial referral or study, letters, notes, report cards, assessments and testing reports, behavioral reports, work samples, eligibility documents, progress reports, and his or her IEP or 504 plan. You should also include the following, if applicable: Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA), Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP), behavior charts (positive and negative), and any other reports or paperwork that are a part of your child's education file. I personally keep at least three years' records in the current binder and file the other papers in a binder for reference. It is sometimes helpful to look back at previous goals and interventions to see how they worked.

Legal/Confidential Paperwork

This is where I keep such documents as a copy of his or her birth certificate, a Social Security card, an insurance card, adoption paperwork, subsidy agreements, and contact information.

Final Tips

- Make sure all documents, notes, and phone messages are dated.
- It is important to keep a copy of everything. Don't hesitate to ask for copies from anyone providing services for your child. You have a right to these documents.
- Keep this book current and updated. Accurate recordkeeping is essential! This book can be a great resource for you and others who are a part of your child's life.
- When you take your child to a doctor's or therapist's appointment or attend a meeting about your child, more time can be spent helping your child and meeting his or her needs because you have all of the information readily available.
- When you have the binder organized, create a master document list for the binder by sections. Add to your master list as you add to the binder.

I have just tried to give you some directions in creating your binder. There may be other documents you want to include, or some you don't want to include, some that don't apply to your child. You may also want to personalize it for you and your child. Remember to protect this binder, as it contains personal information about your family!

A Daily Journal

One final thing I would strongly recommend that you do is keep a daily journal. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate or long. It is simply writing a few notes at the end of the day about your child's school day, special events, successes, fears and anxieties, important family events, and anything that seems of importance about the day. This is a helpful tool down the road when you are trying to figure out why your child is struggling; it could be the anniversary of a difficult period in your child's life. You will also be able to see any patterns and be able to prepare yourself and others involved with your child to help him or her to use appropriate coping skills and have fewer behavioral issues. This will help your child deal with past issues successfully and develop confidence when he or she is able to get past a rough patch or avoid a hospitalization. This also helps reduce your stress level as a parent/guardian!

And, last but certainly not least, enjoy the summer with your family, relax a little, don't stress over the little things, choose your battles, create and record memories with your family, and take time for yourself—you deserve it!

Please let me know if I can be of service to you and your child. If there is a subject you would like more information on or would like to have shared in future newsletters issues, please let me know.

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