



Newsletter

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June–July 2014

President's Letter

As the school year comes to an end, we should be proud of what we have achieved as individuals, families, and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) leaders. Even though summer is a good time for relaxation, it is also a time for PTA leaders to prepare for the back-to-school season.

Attend the Kentucky PTA Leadership Convention in Fort Knox from **July 18 to 19**. Go to www.kypta.org for more information.

Attend the 15th District PTA Back-to-School/Back-to-PTA Conference on **September 24**. We are using a **new** format this year with three tracks—one specifically for treasurers, one for presidents, and one to cover everything else. Plus, we will have vendors there. More details are to come.

Don't forget to schedule a local board training, where we come to your school and go over bylaws, job descriptions, and correct procedures for your entire board to hear at the same time.

Here are some things you **must** do to start off your year right:

- Pay 15th District PTA dues for the 2013-14 school year. They are due by **October 15!**
- In addition, one payment **must** be made to the Kentucky PTA for your state and national membership dues.
- The treasurer's books for the 2013-14 school year must be audited. Submit the PTA Financial Review Form to the 15th District PTA and the Kentucky PTA no later than **August 15**.

- Every PTA must file a 990 with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and send copies to the 15th District PTA, the Kentucky PTA, and the Kentucky Attorney General.
- Every PTA must purchase insurance. Through the Underwriters Group, the cost is \$337 and payment needs to be made by **September 30**. This is mandatory under the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).
- Have bylaws approved by the Kentucky PTA every five years.

If you need help with any of these items, please call. We want to help you any way we can.

Enjoy time with your family and friends this summer, but most of all, enjoy this time with your child. Look for fun ways to keep your child's academic skills sharp during the warm weather ahead. Consider signing him or her up for camps, and visit nature centers, museums, and libraries as a family. Together, we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Heather Wampler, President
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Calendar of Events

June

- 6Last Day of School
- 15.....Kentucky Membership Payment Due
- 19–22118th Annual National PTA Convention and Exhibition in Austin, TX
- 30End of fiscal year/Close out financial books.

July

- 15.....Kentucky Membership Payment Due
- 18 and 19.....Kentucky PTA Convention/Leadership 2014
- 26CAP Blitz
- 28–31CAP Blitz

August

- 1CAP Blitz
- 13.....First Day for Students
- 15.....Kentucky Membership Payment Due
Mandatory Financial Review Due to the Kentucky PTA



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.

PTA Vision

Making Every Child's Potential a Reality

2013-14 15th District PTA Awards

Congratulations

DuPont Manual High PTSA
Largest Unit in Kentucky—1,916 Members
Pinky Jackson, PTSA President
Jerry Mayes, Principal

Congratulations

Fern Creek Traditional High PTSA
New PTSA
Diane Adams, President
Dr. Nathan Meyer, Principal

2013-14 Membership Equaled 2012-13 Membership

Academy @ Shawnee	Greenwood	Okolona
Atkinson	Gutermuth	Phoenix School of
Auburndale	Hawthorne	Discovery
Binet	JTMS	Ramsey
Carter	King	Southern
Central	Klondike Lane	Valley
Chancey	Lassiter	Waller-Williams Env.
Chenoweth	Laukhuf	Watterson
Churchill Park	Layne	Western HS
Coral Ridge	Lincoln	Western MS
Crosby	Louisville Male	Wheatley
Dixie	McFerran	Wheeler
DuPont Manual	Medora	Wilder
Foster	Middletown	Wilkerson
Gilmore Lane	Norton	Zackary Taylor

39 Members Over 2012-13 Membership

Academy @ Shawnee	Crosby	Norton
Atkinson	Dixie	Ramsey
Binet	DuPont Manual	Valley
Carter	Foster	Watterson
Central	Laukhuf	Western HS
Chancey	Lincoln	Western MS
Chenoweth	Louisville Male	Wilkerson
Coral Ridge	McFerran	Zachary Taylor

10 Percent Increase Over 2012-13 Membership

Academy @ Shawnee	Gilmore Lane	Ramsey
Binet	Gutermuth	Valley
Carter	Hawthorne	Waller-Williams Env.
Central	King	Watterson
Chancey	Klondike	Western HS
Chenoweth	Lassiter	Western MS
Churchill Park	Laukhuf	Wheatley
Coral Ridge	Layne	Wilder
Dixie	Lincoln	Wilkerson
Foster	McFerran	

President's Award (100 More Than 2012-13 Membership)

Central	Lincoln	Western MS
Foster	McFerran	Wilkerson
Laukhuf	Valley	

200 Members Over 2012-13 Membership

Western Middle PTSA

District's Top Schools With Percentage Increase This Year Compared to Last Year's Membership

Achievement Area 1

Small Elementary (less than 500)

Dixie Elementary PTA 146 percent

Large Elementary (less than 500)

Wilkerson Traditional Elementary PTA 108 percent

High

Valley High PTSA 185 percent

Combined

Phoenix School of Discovery PTSA..... 9 percent

Achievement Area 2

Small Elementary (less than 500)

Coral Ridge Elementary PTA 82 percent

Large Elementary (more than 500)

McFerran Prep. Academy PTA 400 percent

High

Academy @ Shawnee PTSA 600 percent

Optional

DuPont Manual High PTSA 3 percent

Achievement Area 3

Small Elementary (under 500)

Laukhuf Elementary PTA 59 percent

Middle

Lassiter Middle PTSA 37 percent

High

Southern High PTSA 4 percent

Optional

Carter Traditional Elementary PTA 18 percent

Achievement Area 4

Large Elementary (more than 500)

Watterson Elementary PTA 62 percent

Middle

Ramsey Middle PTSA 20 percent

Achievement Area 5

Small Elementary (less than 500)

Hawthorne Elementary PTA 36 percent

Large Elementary (more than 500)

Foster Traditional Academy PTA..... 102 percent

Middle

Western Middle PTSA 182 percent

Achievement Area 6

Small Elementary (less than 500)

Atkinson Academy PTA 161 percent

Large Elementary (more than 500)

Chenoweth Elementary PTA 16 percent

High

Central High MCA PTSA 56 percent

Special Schools

Binet School PTA 66 percent

Top Membership (Based on Percentage of Current Year Enrollment)

Optional

First

Greathouse/Shryock Trad. Elem. PTA..... 148 percent

Second

Barret Traditional Middle PTSA 143 percent

Third

Audubon Traditional Elem. PTA..... 126 percent

Small Elementary (less than 500)

First.....Lincoln Elementary PTA..... 67.8 percent

Second.....Medora Elementary PTA 67.1 percent

ThirdLaukhuf Elementary PTA 57 percent

Large Elementary (more than 500)

First.....Dunn Elementary PTA 140 percent

Second.....Norton Elementary PTA 99 percent

ThirdBowen Elementary PTA..... 95 percent

Middle

FirstCrosby Middle PTSA 115 percent

Second.....Western Middle PTSA..... 95 percent

ThirdNoe Middle PTSA..... 62 percent

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2013-14 15th District PTA Awards

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High

First.....	Pleasure Ridge Park High PTSA.....	32 percent
Second.....	Jeffersontown High PTSA.....	28 percent
Third.....	Central High MCA PTSA.....	27 percent

Combined

First.....	Binet School PTA.....	326 percent
Second.....	Waller-Williams Env. School PTA.....	61.7 percent
Third.....	Brown School PTA.....	61 percent

100 Percent Membership (Based on Enrollment)

Audubon Traditional Elementary PTA.....	126 percent
Barret Traditional Middle PTSA.....	143 percent
Binet School PTA.....	326 percent
Carter Traditional Elementary PTA.....	101 percent
Crosby Middle.....	115 percent
Dunn Elementary PTA.....	140 percent
DuPont Manual High PTSA.....	102 percent
Greathouse/Shryock Traditional Elementary PTA.....	148 percent

District's Largest PTA/PTSA

Small Elementary (less than 500)

Lincoln Elementary PTA.....	333 Members
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Large Elementary (more than 500)

Dunn Elementary PTA.....	862 Members
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Middle

Crosby Middle PTSA.....	1,652 Members
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High

Pleasure Ridge Park High PTSA.....	592 Members
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Optional

DuPont Manual High PTSA.....	1,916 Members
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Combined

Brown School PTSA.....	402 Members
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Special Schools

Binet School PTA.....	225 Members
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District's Top 20 PTAs/PTSAs (Based on the Number of Members)

1. DuPont Manual High PTSA.....	1,916
2. Crosby Middle PTSA.....	1,652
3. Louisville Male High PTSA.....	1,236
4. Butler Traditional High PTSA.....	924
5. Barret Traditional Middle PTSA.....	914
6. Greathouse/Shryock Trad. Elementary PTA.....	884
7. Dunn Elementary PTA.....	862
8. Noe Middle PTSA.....	825
9. Audubon Traditional Elementary PTA.....	778
10. Norton Elementary PTA.....	724
11. Stopher Elementary PTA.....	709
12. Bowen Elementary PTA.....	691
13. Tully Elementary PTA.....	650
14. Carter Traditional Elementary PTA.....	595
15. Pleasure Ridge Park High PTSA.....	592
16. Farmer Elementary PTA.....	538
17. Eastern High PTSA.....	537
18. Johnson Traditional Middle PTSA.....	498
19. Ballard High PTSA.....	457
20. Western Middle PTSA.....	440

15th District PTA Special Project/Program Award

Byck Elementary PTA
 Dunn Elementary PTA
 DuPont Manual High PTSA
 Hite Elementary PTA

Laukhuf Elementary PTA
 Middletown Elementary PTA
 Noe Middle PTSA
 Southern High PTSA

15th District PTA Outstanding Local Unit Web Site Award

Kennedy Montessori Elementary PTA

15th District PTA Outstanding Volunteer Award

Gay Adelman, Academy @ Shawnee PTSA
 Andrew Smith, Middletown Elementary PTA
 Jason Hardy, Jeffersontown Elementary PTA

15th District PTA Outstanding Volunteer Participation Award

Laukhuf Elementary PTA

15th District PTA Outstanding Male Involvement/Participation Award

St. Matthews Elementary PTA

15th District PTA Outstanding Nurse Award

Jennifer Mattingly, Klondike Elementary

15th District PTA Outstanding Membership Campaign Award

Western Middle PTSA

15th District PTA Outstanding Newsletter

Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School PTA

15th District PTA Outstanding Social Media Award

Hawthorne Elementary PTA
 DuPont Manual High PTSA

15th District PTA

2013-14 Hall of Fame Winners

Kim Hardesty, Coral Ridge Elementary
 Kathy Young, Hite Elementary
 Dr. Scott Hooper, Jeffersontown Elementary
 Patty Saylor, Middletown Elementary
 Paula Fox, Western Middle

15th District PTA Self Esteem Award Winners

Primary (K-3)

Norah Crothers, Chenoweth Elementary
 Lydia Morgan, Chenoweth Elementary

Intermediate (4-5)

Gracie Liby, Chenoweth Elementary

Middle (6-8)

Nicola Ansell, Noe Middle
 Jessica Brown, Noe Middle
 Garrett Ferguson, Noe Middle
 Michael Hill, Noe Middle
 Claudia Ojeda, Noe Middle
 Connor Ridenour, Noe Middle
 Traci-Ann White, Noe Middle

High (9-12)

Joseph Falcon, Academy @ Shawnee
 Jaden Malone, Academy @ Shawnee
 Jessica Rigers, Academy @ Shawnee
 William Wicker, Academy @ Shawnee



CAP

The Clothing Assistance Program (CAP) was lucky to have so many volunteers during the 2014 We Give Mayor's Give A Day week of service. CAP was open for the entire week, including Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the following Saturday, to accommodate those wanting to volunteer.



Give A Day at CAP With Mayor Fischer

During April, we had lots of volunteers who gave up their free time to support us, including the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau, Boyce College-Project 1937 group, Latter

Day Saints Ward 2, Humana, Young Women's group, and students from Trinity High School, Atherton High School, Seneca High School, Field Elementary School, and Meyzeek Middle School.

On Saturday, April 19, we were honored to have Mayor Greg Fischer come and volunteer with our We Day Ambassadors, Kris and Wendy Sirchio. They started a pants drive as well as collected backpacks and school supplies. They were able to provide more than 1,000 pairs of pants for students. Anne Nash and her family from Highland Cleaners cleaned and pressed the pants and brought them to us. Ann even had an employee helping us that day. The Sirchio family, the Nash family, their friends and families, Myra Carpenter from Humana, Forde Womack from Trinity High, Lee Cooper from Atherton High School, Teresa Korster Mills,

Dina Metzger from Field Elementary, Axl Metzger from Meyzeek Beta Club, 15th District PTA Board members, Heather and Brian Wampler, Sharon Whitworth, and Barbara Fischer sized and hung all pairs of pants. Others sorted and sized clothing and boxed them up for us. Mayor Fischer helped deliver the pants and distribute them as well. All of the volunteers for the week helped sort, straighten, and prepare clothing for the upcoming Blitz Week.

Blitz Week is just around the corner! What is Blitz Week, you may ask? Blitz Week is when we have about 2,000 families in need come to CAP to get clothes for the new school year. Each student who attends a school with



Volunteers from the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau helped out at CAP.

a uniform requirement receives a pair of pants, a shirt, a belt, five pairs of socks, and five pairs of underwear. The families are also allowed to shop our family areas for clothing for the entire family. Appointments are made through the Youth Services Center (YSC) in their school. Blitz Week is **July 26 through August 1**. In order to prepare for this week, we need volunteers to help us prepare. CAP is open every Tuesday and Thursday this summer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for volunteers. It won't open for customers until the Blitz.

Barbara Fischer, CAP Director



Summer Learning: Motivation to Education

At last, summer is upon us! There are just a few days left of school. Another school year is behind us; our future has drawn nearer. What your child has learned this year should prepare him or her for the future or at least for next school year. However, remember that learning cannot cease. The developing mind is not designed to lay dormant for long periods of time and retain knowledge. A dormant mind cannot excel.

As visions of summer ignite thoughts of fun in the sun, the aroma of barbeque, the sound of blue ocean waves, and the feel of hot sand under our feet, we must also visualize how to incorporate continued learning into summer. Academic growth should have no summer restrictions. If your child is to thrive academically and intellectually, it is up to us as parents to seek opportunities of learning continuously. There are tons of ways to teach in the home, from challenging conversations that prompt your child to think to exploring outside the home. As children journey through academic growth, one of the best predictors of success is a child's motivation.

Human beings by nature are motivated in one way or another. Studies have shown that students who are academically motivated perform better in school than students who have little to no mo-

tivation. Parents can enhance internal motivation in many ways. Encourage your child to try new things, and expose him or her to the world through books, travel, conversation, etc. Most of all, show interest in his or her world by asking his or her opinion about things. Engage your child in conversation that challenges him or her to think and to reach a conclusion or an opinion. It's not the conversation that matters the most but the engagement that excites, bonds, and boosts your child's motivation. Children love it when mom or dad shows interest in their world. This is key in motivating your child to embrace learning. Motivation brings children alive and creates an eagerness to embrace learning.

The final bell will ring soon, indicating that the 2013-14 school year is history. Summer break is no time to rest. We must continue to provide our children with the tools they will need to compete in a global world. Summer break is a great time to enhance learning by focusing on building your child's internal motivation. A motivated child will excel in all endeavors, but most of all, motivation is the key to education. Have a fun-filled summer of learning!

Kim Stevenson, Diversity Consultant

Required 2013-2014 Financial Review Form (formerly Audit Report Form)

Deadline: August 15, 2014*

**ALL PTAs/PTSAs MUST FILE WITH THE IRS - E-MAIL IRS Form 990 N DUE by
11/15/2014 if your income is normally less than \$50,000**

**If your income was \$50,000 to \$200,000 complete 990-EZ, with Schedule A and Schedule
B, if necessary, - DUE to the IRS by 11/15/2014**

**If your income is over \$200,000 complete 990 with Schedule A and Schedule B, if
necessary, DUE to IRS by 11/15/2014**

Mail this Financial Review Form to Kentucky PTA, P. O. Box 654, Frankfort, KY 40602-0654

*Kentucky PTA and local unit bylaws require all PTAs and PTSAs to file a Financial Review Form with
Kentucky PTA by August 15, each year, to remain a "unit in good standing."

Financial Review Report Form for the Local PTA/PTSA

Name of PTA/PTSA _____ PTA District _____ County _____

This financial review is for the 2013-2014 fiscal PTA/PTSA year.

(For most PTAs/PTSAs this will be July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Check your bylaws if unsure.)

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|---|----------|
| 1. Beginning Balance (as of last date covered by last financial review) | \$ _____ |
| 2. Receipts (total receipts from the beginning to the end of the period covered by this financial review) | _____ |
| 3. Total Cash Available (add number 1 and number 2) | _____ |
| 4. Disbursements (total disbursements from the beginning to the end of the period covered by this financial review) | _____ |
| 5. Ending Balance (subtract number 4 from number 3) | _____ |
| 6. Bank Statement Balance (for last month covered by this financial review) | _____ |
| 7. Checks Outstanding | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| Total Checks Outstanding | \$ _____ |
| 8. Bank Account Balance (Subtract number 7 from number 6) | \$ _____ |

Date of financial review: _____

We have examined the books of _____ PTA/PTSA for the
financial year 2013-2014 and find them to be: (Please choose one)

Correct Substantially Correct Incomplete Incorrect

Substantially correct with the following adjustments: _____

Comments: _____

Signature: Financial Review Committee Chair (or professional auditor) _____

2. (member) _____ 3. (member) _____

**This Financial Review information should be presented to the PTA/PTSA at its first general meeting
after the completion the financial review.**

Remember to mail this report to Kentucky PTA and keep copies for your records.



**KENTUCKY PTA
CONVENTION/LEADERSHIP 2014
REGISTRATION FORM**
Saber & Quill at Fort Knox, KY
July 18-19, 2014

Submit a separate registration form for each attendee or guest.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

PTA/PTSA name: _____ PTA/PTSA District: _____

Officer Position for '14-'15: _____ Phone number: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Emergency phone number: _____

Select one of the following:

If registering on or before June 1st, registration fees are as follows:

____ Registration: \$89 ____ Student registration: \$65

If registering after June 1st, registration fees are as follows:

____ Registration: \$125 ____ Student registration: \$75

Please select all of the following that apply:

____ Voting Member ____ First time Convention/Leadership attendee ____ Life Recognition Member

Registration includes: admittance to all workshops, Exhibit Hall, PTA Store, Friday luncheon, Friday Life Recognition and Awards dinner, and Saturday luncheon.

Additional meals for guests may be purchased at a cost of \$25 per person.

- ____ Friday Luncheon
- ____ Friday Life Recognition Dinner
- ____ Saturday Luncheon

By submitting this registration form, I give my permission to Kentucky PTA to use photos taken of myself during Convention/Leadership for Kentucky PTA publications, its website, and its social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest. _____ **(Initial here)**

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Vegetation option (Y/N) : _____

Please mail all forms and checks payable to:

Kentucky PTA
P.O. Box 654
Frankfort, KY 40602-0654
502-226-6607
kyptapattyh@bellsouth.net

*A block of rooms has been reserved by Kentucky PTA at the Gold Vault Inn for \$75.90 including taxes.
Please call 1-800-266-2104 to make reservations.*

*No refunds after June 15th. Registrations may be transferred.
Please notify Kentucky PTA in the event of a transfer.*

Officers for the 2014-15 School Year

Name of PTA/PTSA: _____

Name of President: _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of First President: _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Second President: _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Third President: _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Fourth 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 S. 15th Street, Louisville, KY 40203, send it via the Pony; or e-mail to sharon.whitworth@jefferson.kyschools.us.

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For additional information about the PTA, please go to Kentucky PTA at www.kypta.org or National PTA at www.pta.org.