



Newsletter

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September 2015

President's Letter

We are now almost a month into the 2015-16 school year. On **Wednesday, September 23**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., we will be hosting our annual Back-to-School, Back-to-PTA Conference at Gheens Academy. This year, we are focusing on three tracks: one for presidents, another for treasurers, and one that will be a mix of membership, programs, fundraising, health, and more topics being covered. Look for the registration form inside this newsletter to sign up.

If you have not yet turned in your 2015-16 officer list to the 15th District Parent Teacher Association (PTA), please do so as soon as possible. We want to make sure you are getting important information.

Financial Reviews were due to the Kentucky State and 15th District PTA Office by August 15. If you have not completed your financial review or need assistance, please call our office as soon as possible at **485-3535**.

Every PTA unit **must** purchase bonding and liability insurance by **September 1**. The cost is \$337 through The Under-



writers Group. This is a requirement of Redbook (Kentucky Department of Education [KDE]). If you have any questions about this requirement, call our office and we will help you.

If you need help getting a PTA or Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) started at your school, or if you need help with trainings, we are just a phone call or email away and are happy to help out.

This is going to be a great school year. Thank you for all you do.

Heather Wampler

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Board Trainings

Do you have new board members? As the new school year begins, it is likely that there will be some new parent leadership in your PTA/PTSA. Send them to one of our board training events. This year, we're doing training a little bit differently. Please sign up to attend one of the upcoming board training events held at Gheens Academy (4425 Preston Hwy., Louisville, KY 40213). Afternoon and evening times are available for your convenience. The training will provide information about job descriptions for the various offices as well as best practices for handling money, membership, fundraising, bylaws, and more.

September 9
6-8 p.m., Flex A

October 8
12 noon-2 p.m., Flex A

November 12
12 noon-2 p.m., Flex B

September 16
12 noon-2 p.m., Flex B

October 29
6-8 p.m., Flex A

Sign up **online** at www.15thdistrictpta.org/nbt. For more information, contact Nikki Hockman at training@15thdistrictpta.org.

Calendar of Events

September

- 7.....No School—Labor Day
- 15.....Early Bird Kentucky PTA Membership Payment Due
- 23.....Back-to-School/Back-to-PTA Conference and General Meeting
- 22 or 29 ..Kentucky Kids' Day

October

- 2-6 No School
- 6..... Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 15..... Mandatory Kentucky PTA Membership Payment Due
- 16-17..... JCPS Showcase of Schools (Middle/High)
- 22 Reflections Entries Due to 15th District PTA
- 23-31 Red Ribbon Week

November

- 2-3 No School
- 6..... Kentucky PTA Advocacy Training
- 14..... JCPS Showcase of Schools (Elementary)
- 15 Form 990 Filing Due to IRS (Also send a completed copy to Kentucky PTA.)
- 16-20 American Education Week
- 23 Unity Day
- 25-27 No School—Thanksgiving Break

Membership Drive Time Welcome Back

Yes, it is that time of year again. As summer winds down, it is time for PTA/PTSA's to wind up. We need to engage, involve, and inform both old and new families about the importance of supporting our schools through the PTA. Thank families who have joined in the past and ask for their continue support. Reach out, and welcome new families to your school. Encourage them to join the PTA, and engage them by asking them to come and volunteer at school events. Remember that the PTA is the largest advocacy group for kids. Let's aim high. Get out there, and promote the PTA.

John Buie
Second Vice President of Membership

Membership Things to Do

- Plan to attend all school functions, such as registrations, orientations, open houses, classroom volunteer meetings, and parent orientation meetings. Have a table with information about the PTA's programs, activities, advocacy efforts, and membership.
- Send letters of invitation home with students for their families to join the PTA. Include a survey to learn about members' areas of interest.
- Record membership and remit all dues on a monthly basis.
- Have a membership table at your first meeting. Use this opportunity to welcome everyone and to encourage their involvement with the PTA.
- Contact all newcomers to your school, and personally invite them to join the PTA.
- Include articles in your PTA, school, and community newsletter. Describe the activities, advocacy, and programs of the PTA.

ESEA-NCLB Reauthorization Update

- The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Student Success Act of 2015 (H.R.5) on July 8. National PTA sent a letter to the House of Representatives that outlined the association's position on certain provisions in the bill and potential amendments. The House considered a total of 14 amendments before final passage—adopting five, rejecting eight, and withdrawing one.
- The Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 (S. 1177) was passed by the Senate on July 16. National PTA joined nine other education organizations to urge leadership in Congress to move quickly to appoint conferees and start the next step in the process for reauthorization.
- Our National PTA advocacy by our members and leaders contributed to three major legislative victories during the Senate floor debate of S.1177. All three amendments we advocated for were adopted into the final legislation. These amendments will improve family engagement provisions for states, local education agencies, and early childhood learning programs.

Brian Wampler
Legislative Chairman



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August Is Re-Enrollment

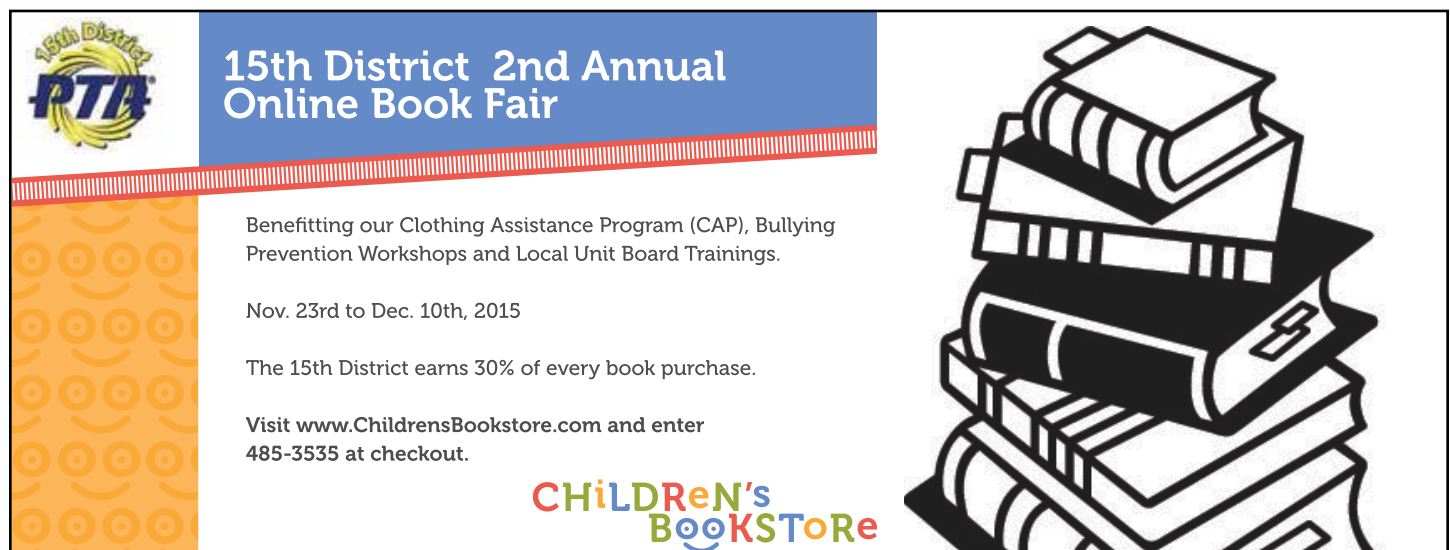
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15th District PTA

15th District 2nd Annual Online Book Fair

Benefitting our Clothing Assistance Program (CAP), Bullying Prevention Workshops and Local Unit Board Trainings.

Nov. 23rd to Dec. 10th, 2015

The 15th District earns 30% of every book purchase.

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CHILDREN'S BOOKSTORE



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

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

9 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 **Wednesday, September 23, 2015**, at **JCPS Gheens Academy**. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for a full day of workshops that are designed to help get you prepared. More than 25 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.

Workshops topics will include three tracks—one just for presidents, one just for treasurers, and a mixed track of Membership, Programs, Parent Engagement, Reflections, and more!

We hope that all officers and chairs, both new and returning, will attend. The cost is \$10 a person (\$15 at the door), which includes registration, conference materials, and meals (light breakfast and lunch). This is a legitimate PTA expense and can be included in the budget. The reservation form and a check made payable to 15th District PTA are due by **September 18, 2015**.

If you have questions, call the 15th District PTA Office at **485-3535**.

Send reservations to:

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

Name of PTA/PTSA: _____


Total Number of Guests: _____ x \$10 = _____

Names of Attendees: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Be Part of PTA's
Reflections® Program



2015-2016 Theme:
Let Your Imagination Fly
Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.

Dance Choreography • Film Production • Literature
Music Composition • Photography • Visual Arts

Deadline for entries:
For details, contact:

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Learn more and get involved!
PTA.org/Reflections

Reflections

Want to have a great program in your school? Have the National PTA Reflections Program. It is a program designed to enrich students in the areas of visual art, music, photography, literature, film/video production, and dance choreography. The theme for this year is “Let Your Imagination Fly.”

Each student may enter in any of the six art areas. (Special artists 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

Support 15th District PTA



<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1157139>
Link to support the 15th District PTA.



<http://www.igive.com>
Sign up and choose to support the 15th District PTA.

- Grades Nine Through Twelve
- Special Artist—Ungraded

Local PTAs can submit entries to the district by October 22, 2015. There is one entry per 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 preschool, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade (which is the Primary category) in music and so forth.

Packets of information and forms were sent out to all PTAs, principals, art teachers, reflections chairmen, Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) coordinators, music teachers, English teachers, technology teachers, and dance/physical education (PE) teachers during August.

Make the Reflections Program a part of your PTA program. For more information, call Sharon Whitworth at **485-7450** or email her at sharon.whitworth@jefferson.kyschools.us.

CAP

Each local PTA is asked to send volunteers to work at the Clothing Assistance Program (CAP) twice a year. Volunteers are asked to work two to three hours between 10 am and 1 p.m. on their assigned days. It is critical we have schools send volunteers, since CAP is solely run by volunteers and we need everyone to make this program successful.

CAP is located at 319 South 15th Street. Going west on Muhammad Ali, take a right onto 15th Street, and our entrance is at the end of the football field fencing before the next intersection. If you have any questions, contact us at **485-7062** or jpcscap@jefferson.kyschools.us.

PTA Keeping It Green

The 15th District PTA recycles ink jet and laser cartridges, fax machines, copy machines, and all-in-one printers. We also recycle cell phones. If your school is using the return label in the cartridge box to recycle or is just throwing these items away, please forward via the JCPS Pony to:

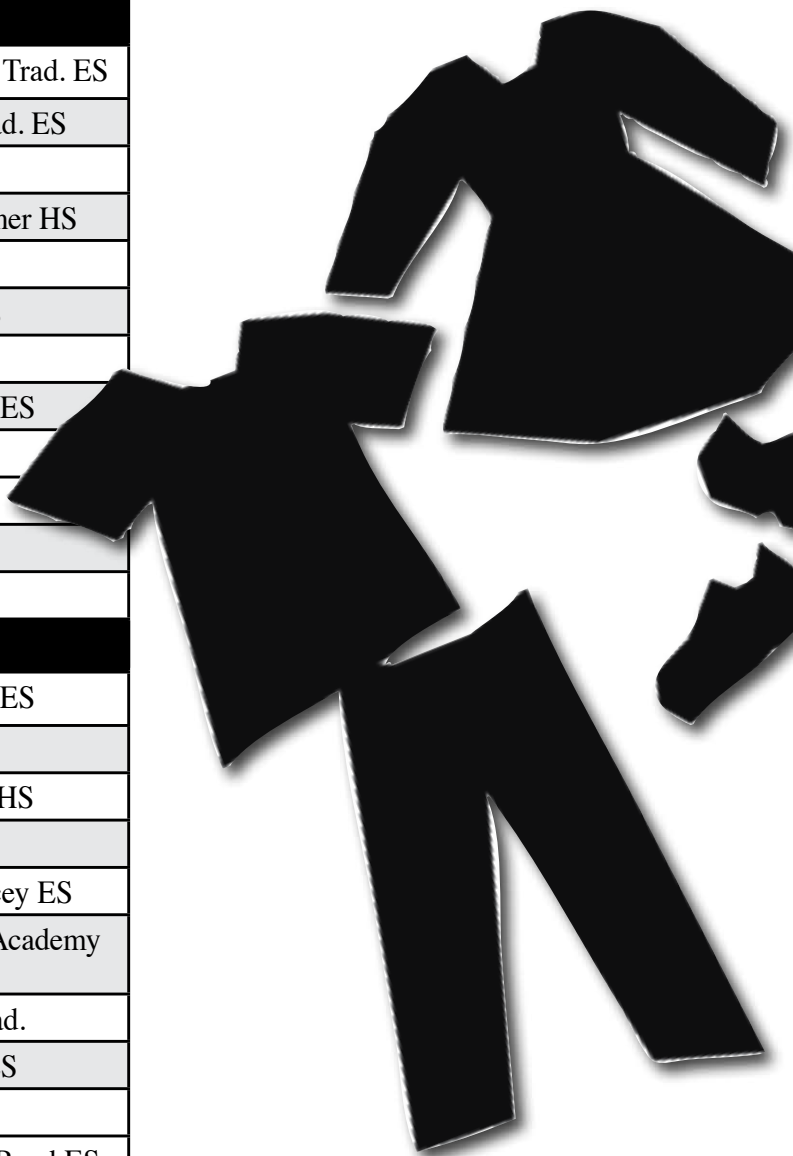
15th District PTA Office
Central Stadium
Attention: Zina Harris



If your workplace is interested in recycling, please contact Zina at zyt.hars27@gmail.com or **(502) 807-1878** and we will make arrangements to pick up these items.

CAP Calendar

SEPTEMBER	
1	Crums Lane ES, Luhr ES, Greathouse/Shryock Trad. ES
3	Goldsmith ES, Johnson Trad. MS, Audubon Trad. ES
8	Middletown ES, Coral Ridge ES, Norton ES
9	Jefferson Co. Trad. MS, Chenoweth ES, Waggener HS
10	Fairdale ES, Stopher ES, Crosby MS
15	Blake ES, Byck ES, Brown School, Portland ES
16	Wilkerson Trad. ES, Slaughter ES
17	Jeffersontown ES, Rangeland ES, St. Matthews ES
22	Atherton HS, Wellington ES, Meyzeek MS
24	Kennedy ES, Smyrna Trad. ES, Gutermuth ES
29	Shacklette ES, Iroquois HS, Bloom ES
30	Field ES, Blue Lick ES, Farmer ES
OCTOBER	
1	Carrithers MS, Hawthorne ES, Schaffner Trad. ES
7	Carter Trad. ES, Gilmore Lane ES, Wilder ES
8	Lassiter MS, Okolona ES, Pleasure Ridge Park HS
13	Shelby Trad. Acad., Maupin ES, Hite ES
14	Southern HS, Breckinridge-Franklin ES, Chancey ES
15	Thomas Jefferson MS, Wheatley ES, Olmsted Academy South
20	Engelhard ES, Greenwood ES, Foster Trad. Acad.
21	Frost Sixth-Grade Acad., Valley HS, Wheeler ES
22	Fairdale HS, Stonestreet ES, Barret Trad. MS
28	Zachary Taylor ES, Conway MS, Johnsonstown Road ES
29	Farnsley MS, Cochrane ES, Myers MS



A Voice FOR OUR CHILDREN 2.0



This parent advocacy group will offer parents the opportunity to:

- Help prepare their child for academic success.
- Help ensure that their child is college- and career-ready.
- Develop a support network among parents.
- Learn about and access community resources.
- Gather information for their personal and professional growth.

- ✓ Structured Recreation for Children
- ✓ Children 18 and Under Receive a Hot Meal
- ✓ Light Refreshments for Parent Participants
- ✓ Dinner Served for Students *
- * (Must Arrive by 5:30 p.m.)

Parents want an opportunity to express concerns, pose questions, gain information, and share opinions?

If this is the opportunity that you're looking for, then **A Voice for Our Children 2.0** is for you!

Beginning **September 10th**, parent cohorts will meet on the second Thursday of each month, at the following sites:

Newburg Neighborhood

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Newburg Library
4800 Exeter Avenue

California Neighborhood

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
California Community Center
1600 W. St. Catherine

Parkland Neighborhood

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Southwick Center
3621 Southern Ave

If you'd like additional information or are interested in registering to participate in one of these cohorts, please contact the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) Volunteer Talent Center at **485-3710**.

Become a Voice for Your Children!



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2015-16 District and State PTA Awards

Welcome back to school! As you get back into the buildings and the terrific programs and events begin to take place, please review the district and state PTA awards and be thinking about 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 15th District PTA's website at www.15thdistrictpta.org.
- Deadlines:
- State—**November 15, 2015; February 15, 2016; and March 15, 2016**
- District—**March 1, 2016**
- Submitting an application for a state award does not qualify you for a district award. Each application **must** be a separate entry.

15th District PTA Awards

Due 3/1/2016

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

Kentucky State PTA Awards

Due 11/15/2015

- Proudfoot Award

Due 2/15/2016

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

Due 3/15/2016

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

Speaking Up for Children An Advocacy Training for PTA Members



Friday, November 6, 2015
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Kentucky PTA Office
Frankfort, Kentucky



Registration is \$25 and includes:

- Materials
- Continental breakfast
- Lunch

Please send check to:

Kentucky PTA
148 Consumer Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: (502) 226-2207

Deadline: October 22, 2015

Kentucky PTA Advocacy Training Registration Form 2015

Name: _____ Position: _____
PTA Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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800-307-4PTA (4782)

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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.