



# Newsletter

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October 2015

## President's Letter

October is a busy month with many deadlines, special observances, and fall festivals. One important deadline is all Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs)/Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSAs) must send in a membership payment to the Kentucky PTA by **October 15** in order to remain in good standing.

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is on **October 6**. This is your chance to see how things are going with your child and to partner with teachers on improving your child's performance. National PTA has created grade-by-grade Parent Guides, which are good resources for what to discuss at conferences. You can view or download these guides at [www.15thDistrictPTA.org](http://www.15thDistrictPTA.org) by clicking on the KCAS link. Also check out the YouTube video on how to have a parent-teacher conference.

The Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) Middle and High School Showcase of Schools is scheduled for **October 17 and 18** at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC). Come and talk to students who currently participate in magnet or school programs. In addition, key JCPS employees will be available to answer questions about the application process, transportation, the English as Second

Language (ESL) Program, and the Exceptional Child Education (ECE) Program for special-needs students. In addition, the PTA will be there with a booth, so stop by and see us.

Research shows that the arts contribute to creative thinking, emotional resilience, problem solving, and other important twenty-first-century skills. For more than 40 years, the National PTA Reflections Program has given students the opportunity to express themselves creatively and be recognized for it. By now, you should be collecting all of your entries for this year's Reflections Program. These entries are due to the 15th District PTA Office by **October 22**.

Red Ribbon Week is observed during the last week of October, but your school can determine which days work best for you. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment to the creation of a drug-free America.

Keep up the great work, and remember to contact us if you need anything.

*Heather Wampler*

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## Secretary's Corner

The most important thing to remember as a secretary is, "If it isn't in the minutes, it didn't happen." The secretary's main responsibility is to keep accurate minutes of the meetings, including all motions and decisions made by the board or membership. The minutes will be used to dispute any

issues that come up after the meeting or to remind the members what was decided by the group. So, remember, "If it isn't in the minutes, it didn't happen."

Autumn Neagle  
Secretary



## Calendar of Events

### 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

### December

- 15..... 15th District PTA Reflections Program and General Meeting, 7 p.m., Durrett Auditorium
- 21-Jan. 1..No School—Winter Break

# Board Trainings

## Got New Board Members?

If you haven't already done so, make sure your new officers 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 provides information about job descriptions for the various offices, best practices for handling money, membership, fundraising, bylaws, and more.

**October 8**

12 noon–2 p.m., Flex A

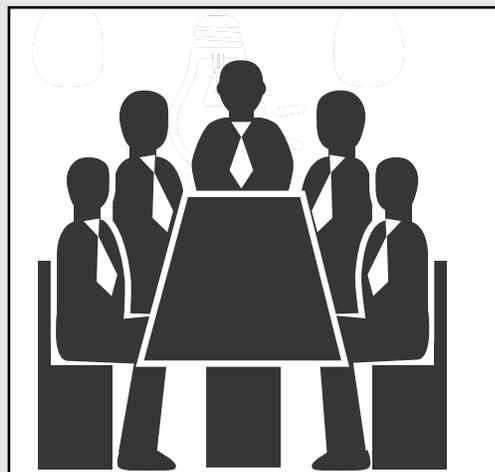
**October 29**

6–8 p.m., Flex A

**November 12**

12 noon–2 p.m., Flex B

Sign up online at [www.15thdistrictpta.org/nbt](http://www.15thdistrictpta.org/nbt). For more information, contact Nikki Hockman at [training@15thdistrictpta.org](mailto:training@15thdistrictpta.org).



## What's Happening in Your PTA/PTSA?

We would love to hear about your PTA/PTSA! We want to toot your horn and share your excitement about your membership drives, successful programs, etc. Send us the particulars so that we can share them in future newsletters. Type your story/news in a Microsoft Word document using Times New Roman font, and email it as an attachment to Gay Adelman at [communication@15thdistrictpta.org](mailto:communication@15thdistrictpta.org). If you have photos to share with your story, please send them in JPEG format. We are looking forward to hearing from you and sharing your many good ideas and successes!

Gay Adelman  
Fourth Vice President, Communications



## Insurance Requirement

Every PTA unit **must** purchase bonding and liability insurance by September 1. The cost is \$337 through The Underwriters Group. This is a requirement of Redbook (Kentucky Department of Education [KDE]). For your convenience, a form can be found on our website at [www.15thdistrictpta.org](http://www.15thdistrictpta.org).



## 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.

Visit [www.ChildrensBookstore.com](http://www.ChildrensBookstore.com) and enter 485-3535 at checkout.

**CHILDREN'S  
BOOKSTORE**



# CAP

The Clothing Assistance Program (CAP) Back-to-School Blitz took place July 27 through July 31, 2015. During this week, 200 families came through and received clothes to prepare their children ready for school. The resource coordinators at the schools, the program specialists at Neighborhood Place sites, and other volunteers help each day to make this annual event a success.



The following week, CAP pulls clothing for the students in homeless shelters so that they are able to start school with proper clothing. There are several community events at the different schools, and appointments were made, and a special day was made for them to come.



In addition, on August 15, we accepted another 100 appointments to accommodate working parents. Other special days were open and continued through the end of August. On top of all of that, regular appointments started August 13.

It can be challenging to accommodate all the families in need at the start of the school year, but our amazing CAP volunteers, with help from JCPs employees and the community, make it possible. In all, from July 27 through

August 27, we served more than 2,100 students!

I want to thank the following people:

- Sharon Whitworth, Autumn Neagle, Nikki Hockman, and Sandy Stevens, who volunteered during these times
- Stephanie Frank and her family for getting the food together to feed our volunteers
- The Family Resource Center (FRC) coordinators and the Youth Services Center (YSC) coordinators for helping
- Ben Langley and all his program specialists who helped open extra times for appointments and provided the program specialists to fill the orders

CAP is open year-round for those families needing assistance. Families are able to come once from August until December and once from January through April. May is left for emergencies only.

CAP is an all-volunteer program and depends on our local PTAs and PTSAs to volunteer their time to help keep this program going. Whether you get 1 person or 20 to help us at CAP, it is much needed and appreciated. Thanks.

Barbara Fischer  
CAP Director

# CAP Calendar

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, Johnstontown Road ES
29	Farnsley MS, Cochrane ES, Myers MS
NOVEMBER	
4	Dunn ES, Newburg MS, Doss HS
5	Fern Creek ES, Highland MS, Kerrick ES
10	Butler Traditional HS, Auburndale ES, Watson Lane ES
11	Moore Traditional School, Semple ES, Dixie ES
12	King ES, Coleridge-Taylor ES, Frayser ES
17	Mill Creek ES, Cochran ES, Seneca HS
18	Western HS, Rutherford ES, Olmsted Academy North
19	Westport MS, Hartstern ES, Trunnell ES



**Support the 15th District PTA by Signing up for the Kroger Community Rewards program.**







<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>

**OR 1-800-KROGERS (choose option 3)**

**Our NPO Number is 99507**

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:

National PTA  
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Learn more and get involved!  
[PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections)

## It's Not Too Late to Be a Part of the 15th District PTA Reflections Program

It is not too late to participate in the 15th District PTA Reflections Program. You could just do one of the categories, which are music, visual art, literature, photography, dance choreography, and film/video production, and still participate in the program. What a great way to have your students at your schools participate in the arts.

The theme this year is "Let Your Imagination Fly ...." Don't forget that the Reflections deadline for PTAs to submit their entries to the 15th District PTA is **October 22, 2015**. All entries must be brought to the 15th District PTA Office at 319 S. 15th Street. Please do not mail large packages through the United States Post Office; we do not have a mailbox that can accommodate large mailings.

Check out [www.15thdistrictpta.org](http://www.15thdistrictpta.org) for all the information and forms that need to be filled out for the Reflections Program.

Our Reflections Awards Ceremony is **December 15, 2015**, at the Sallie Phillips Durrett Auditorium at 7 p.m. If your child is a 15th District PTA winner, you will be notified. Call Sharon Whitworth at **(502) 485-7450** for more information.

## 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.



## PTA Keeping It Green

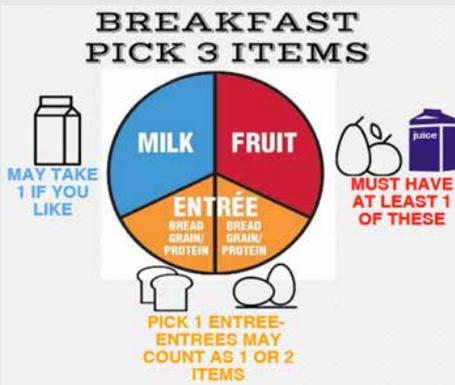
The 15th District PTA recycles ink jet and laser cartridges, fax machines, copy machines, and all-in-one printers. We also recycle cell phones. If your school is using the return label in the cartridge box to recycle or is just throwing these items away, please forward via the JCPS Pony to:

15th District PTA Office  
Central Stadium  
Attention: Zina Harris

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

# The Importance of Breakfast

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day for students, but for a variety of reasons, many families can't provide their children with a healthy breakfast every morning. Many children don't want to eat in the morning, some don't get up early enough to have time for breakfast, and the unfortunate reality is that many families can't afford to prepare a healthy breakfast for their children.



This is where JCPS School and Community Nutrition Services (SCNS) can help out your family! JCPS schools serve a nutritious breakfast every school day. Depending on your child's school, breakfast may be served in the cafeteria, in the classroom, or even at a grab-and-go station. School breakfast includes a breakfast entrée such as an egg and cheese quesadilla, cereal and toast, pancakes and sausage, along with fresh fruit/fruit juice, and low-fat milk. Each and every school day, breakfast is available for students. Contact your child's school for breakfast times, and check out our Nutrislice app to see what's on the menu.

Did you know that 127 of our schools participate in Community Eligibility (CE)? This program provides school meals (breakfast and lunch) at no charge to the students enrolled in participating schools regardless of income. For more information, check out our website at [www.jcpsfoods.org](http://www.jcpsfoods.org).



## What's on the Menu?

Check out our free menu app and website! Go to [www.jcps.nutrislice.com](http://www.jcps.nutrislice.com) or look for Nutrislice in your app store! Find monthly menus, nutritional information, allergen information, and more.

## Paid Meal Prices for Non-CE Schools

### 2015-16 MEAL PRICES

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$1.75	\$2.60
Middle/High	\$1.85	\$2.75
Reduced Price*	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult	a la carte	\$4.25

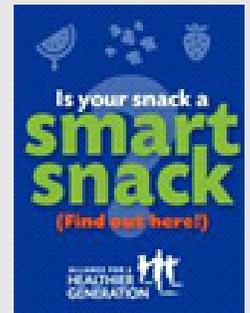
Extra Milk is 40¢ at all grade levels.

\*Reduced prices have been eliminated.

Students with reduced-price eligibility will not be charged for meals.

## Is Your Snack a Smart Snack?

Check out the Smart Snacks Calculator at <https://foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org/calculator/>.



## Special Dietary Needs

SCNS accommodates many students with special dietary needs. Households are required to submit medical referral forms annually. Need to know more? Contact Lori Williams at Ext. 6480 or call Health Services at Ext. 3387.



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## Annual Awards Banquet

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.



9700 Bluegrass Parkway (off I-64/Hurstbourne)  
Louisville, KY 40299

We are looking forward to a fantastic banquet. Join us, and celebrate all of your PTA/PTSA accomplishments for the year! Each table seats eight (8) people.

Reservations are \$35 a person if received by **Monday, May 2, 2016.**

Reservations are \$45 a person if received between **Tuesday, May 3, 2016 and Saturday, May 7, 2016.**

We are unable to accept reservations after **May 7, 2016.**

**All reservation requests must include a check made payable to the 15<sup>th</sup> District PTA**

To be sure that your PTA holds as many seats as you require, send in your reservations as soon as possible. If you need/want to be seated with another school, please send in both reservations at the same time.

**Send reservations to:**

15<sup>th</sup> District PTA, Banquet Reservations  
319 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Louisville, KY 40203

*A vegetarian plate will be available if it is ordered at the time you make your reservation.*

Please note: NO refunds will be made after **May 2.**

**Complete and return the form below with payment to reserve your banquet tickets.**

Name of PTA, school, or JCPS department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35 (**May 2, 2016** deadline)

Total number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45 (**May 3 through May 7, 2016**, deadline)

Amount of check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of vegetarian plates needed: \_\_\_\_\_

# From Our Awards Chairperson

Do you know a local public school board member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty? Show your appreciation by nominating him or her for an award!

The Proudfoot Award is presented annually to a Kentucky public school board member who has exhibited distinguished leadership and service to the community during his or her tenure on the local school board. This award is named after the late Dr. Warren H. Proudfoot, a member of the Rowan County Board of Education and past president of the Kentucky School Board Association.

To nominate a board member for the Proudfoot Award, follow the criteria on the form found in the *Kentucky PTA Leaders' Notebook* or online at [www.kypta.org](http://www.kypta.org). Entries must be postmarked by **November 15, 2015**. Faxed or emailed copies are not acceptable. Nothing says thank you as much as nominating someone for an award. Good works and efforts should be acknowledged and rewarded!

There are many awards offered by the district, state, and National PTAs. The awards honor the programs, events, and people who make your PTA special. Review the forms and criteria in the *Kentucky PTA Leaders' Notebook* or online at [www.15thdistrictpta.org](http://www.15thdistrictpta.org) or [www.kypta.org](http://www.kypta.org). Apply for as many as you want. If you have any questions regarding any of the awards, please contact me at [pattymartin9464@gmail.com](mailto:pattymartin9464@gmail.com).

When completing awards applications, remember that district and state awards require separate application forms.

Patty Martin  
Awards Chairperson

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Diversity, Equity, and Poverty Programs



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

<b>Newburg Neighborhood</b> 5:30–7:30 p.m. Newburg Library 4800 Exeter Avenue	<b>California Neighborhood</b> 5:30–7:30 p.m. California Community Center 1600 W. St. Catherine
<b>Parkland Neighborhood</b> 5:30–7:30 p.m. Southwick Center 3621 Southern Avenue	

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**.

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# Membership

## Engage! Explain! Recruit!

Engaging and explaining are great ways to recruit new PTA members. Make sure to engage with people at all school events. This is a great way to get people to join the PTA. When talking to people, explain the function of the PTA. Let them know of things that your local unit is doing, but also explain how PTA is the largest child-advocacy group in the United States. By explaining what our roles are as a group, they get a better understanding of all the great things that we do. One of the biggest reasons for not joining that I hear from people is that they do not have time to volunteer. Let them know that joining does not mean that they have to volunteer. By following these steps, Carol, president of Central High School Magnet Career Academy's (MCA's) PTSA, has already had more people join this year than the PTSA had for all of last year.

# Required Membership Dues Payment

The required membership dues payment is due by **October 15**. At least one payment must be made by **October 15** to be considered a unit in good standing. You should continue to send membership payments to Kentucky PTA by the 15th of every month. You must be a unit in good standing to be eligible to participate in any PTA programs. Refer to the *Kentucky PTA Leaders' Notebook* "Financial Matters" section (State and National PTA Dues Payment Form).

Please mail the completed form to:

Kentucky PTA  
148 Consumer Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Make checks payable to Kentucky PTA.

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For additional information about the PTA, please go to Kentucky PTA at [www.kypta.org](http://www.kypta.org) or National PTA at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).