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16th District PTA News

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President's Message

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the changing of colors, newly planted mums, and fund raisers!! I love looking through wrapping paper catalogs, thinking about the wonderful smells of the different candles, and trying to decide what tub of cookie dough would best fit the needs of my family. Fall festivals have to be my personal favorite!

I strive on the madness of the planning and organizing. I can't wait to go to Creamers to buy the prizes and introduce someone else to wonderful world of bulk shopping! Setting up the games and synchronizing the volunteers to provide the best possible experience for the kids is always an eye opening experience. The ultimate trip for me is waiting until about 45 minutes into the event, when all of the families have arrived and a whirlwind of activity is going on, I like to walk through the thick of crowd and see the faces of the kids. Those smiles!! It is THE best part and so worth all of the long hours, the sore back, and the trash that has accumulated in my van.

It is also at that point that I go searching for my husband and my kids to thank them for putting up with my madness during the previous weeks and not complaining when we ate peanut butter sandwiches *again* because I was too busy to cook dinner. Then I seek out the custodial crew that probably drew the shortest stick to get stuck with working during the event and both thank them for their help and apologize for creating such havoc. But it is when I seek out parents who I haven't seen at the school before and thank them, that I have had the most success.

I don't just say in passing "thanks for coming". But when I stop for a moment and thank them for taking time out of their busy schedule to come and support the school, the PTA, and more importantly, their child, is when I receive that look of surprise. Then I can see the light bulb go off. They realize that what little effort they have given just by showing up at a fun event has made a difference. They now have become a part of the PTA, the school, and their child's education. Isn't that what this is all about?

Tina Moorhead, President
16th District PTA

RESCHEDULED Bylaws Workshop

Tuesday, October 28th
6:30-8:00 PM at IAKSS

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Mark Your Calendar

- October 20-24..... Red Ribbon Week
- October 24Dixie Elem. Fall Festival
- October 24Liberty Elem. Fall Festival
- October 25Crawford M.S. Fall Festival
- October 28ADHD Support Group
- November 2.....Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 4..... Election Day No School
- November 8.....Paws to Read
- November 17-21.....Parent & Family Involvement Week
- November 20..... PTA Roundtable 6:30PM
- November 26-28.....Thanksgiving Holiday No School
- December 22Winter Break begins

More information regarding above events, including dates, times, etc. can be found at <http://calendars.fcps.net/>

Find the Missing Piece

The Missing Piece: Engaging Parents to Complete the Proficiency Puzzle

Training description: This training is designed for school Family Involvement Component Leads and teams from their schools, including other staff members, parents, PTA members and SBDM members. Participants will learn about the six objectives, apply the rubric, and assessment inventory from the Commissioner's Parent Advisory Council report; The Missing Piece of the Proficiency Puzzle. Action plans will be created and support for writing the family involvement component of your School Improvement Plan will be provided.

Instructor:

Carol Edelen, Prichard Committee

Location:

William Wells Brown Elem.

**November 5th from 8 am to 2 pm
(6 hours – Lunch provided)**

EILA credit and 3 hour SBDM training for experienced members (must attend full 6 hr. training)

You can register online at:

<http://www.fcps.net/administration/departments/sbdlm/sbdlm-training>

Note: since this training is posted on the SBDM training site, you need to indicate that you are an experienced SBDM member to register – we will handle the fact that you are not from this end, so don't worry.

Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol

In difficult financial times like these, we need to remind Kentucky policymakers that we cannot afford to neglect our children and their needs including giving them a strong start with quality early care and education. Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol and the November Advocacy Training offer us an excellent opportunity to send this message to Frankfort. The Prichard Committee's Strong Start Kentucky campaign is a co-sponsor of Children's Advocacy Day.

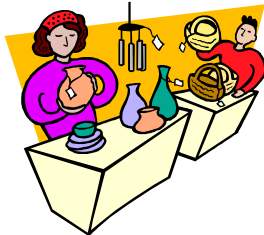
Please mark your calendars and register for:

Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol, Thursday, February 12, 2009
& Children's Advocacy Day Training
Wednesday, November 12, 2008

http://www.kyouth.org/Advocacy/Childrens_Day/index.html

Rosa Parks Mall: A Shopping Extravaganza

Rosa Parks Elementary School is hosting our 5th annual Rosa Parks Mall: A Shopping Extravaganza on Saturday, November 1 from 9 AM - 3 PM. We will have 45+ vendors/businesses participating. For more information contact: Tanya Bell Chairperson Rosa Parks Mall, 523-2425



Bryan Station Middle

Kentucky Kids Day(s) at Bryan Station Traditional Middle School: We had an "Ice-Cream Social" for all the students... Each child received a bowl of ice-cream, and we had 3 tables set-up with all types of toppings. The students really enjoyed it!
ABC night @ BSTMS - November 18
Bryan Station Traditional Middle School is having an ABC Night on November 18, 2008 @ 5:00pm...

A= Academics: The parents will get a chance to meet with the teachers to discuss grades.

B= Basketball: Enjoy a girl's basketball game against Beaumont.

C= Chili: The PTSA will host a chili supper in the cafeteria.

Special Treat: While enjoying a bowl of chili you can listen to BSTMS Jazz Band.

We love our students at Crawford

For Kentucky Kid's Day we celebrated by giving each student a free buffet ticket to Gatti-Town! We also gave each student a freeze pop during lunch!

Please join us at Crawford as we host our 1st annual Fall Festival! We are very excited about this opportunity, not only to raise funds to promote a positive learning environment, but to have fun doing it!

Join us on October 25th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for fun games, drawings, rummage sale, entertainment and food! If you would like to make a donation to the success of our 1st Annual Fall Festival, call us today @ 859-381-3370 or 859-381-3381.

Raena Washington, CMS PTSA President, rwashingtonptsa@yahoo.com
859-523-5667. 100% OF ALL PROCEEDS go for the benefit and success of Crawford's kids!

2008/2009 PTA Reflections Program

WOW!

...is the theme for this year's Reflections Program. Reflections is a cultural arts program that was established by National PTA in 1968. Students, grades P-12, in



schools with a PTA or PTSA, are invited to participate in the categories of visual arts, photography, musical composition, literature, dance and film/video.

Reflections entries are judged at the local level, the district level, then at the state level. State winners are sent to the national level. Kentucky has had National winners for several years. **Deadline for this year to the District level is November 20**, so plan your school's judging prior to the November 20th deadline.

TO DO LIST

- *Select your Reflections Committee/Chair;
- *Obtain judges for each category (judges can judge more than one category, but parents should not judge a category that their child has entered);
- *Set a deadline for your school that will allow enough time for all entries to be judged and the winners from each category to be turned into the District by November 20th;
- *Copy the following from the Leadership Handbook: pages 3-11 from the "Programs" section and pages 7-9 from the "Forms" section;
- *Read over all the information carefully. Use the school entry form obtained at the District Leadership Training.
- *Judges should receive a copy of the category

that he/she are judging prior to the judging period in order to familiarize themselves with the rules;

*Each entry must include name, grade level, category, school name, and Artist Statement on the back of each entry. Names are NOT permitted on the front of any entry, with the exception of CD's and DVD's. Videotapes or cassettes will not be permitted.

*You can also download any of the above forms from the Kentucky PTA's website at www.kypta.org under the "program" link.

*On the day of your judging, make certain that every judge has a copy of the rules.

*Each category winner must complete an official entry form, and, if under 18, have it signed by their parent/ guardian to be turned in with their entry to the district level.

*A "Local" Participation Form must be completed by each school and turned in with the winning entries.

Questions? Contact Faith L. Calhoun 859-536-0271 or faithcalhoun@yahoo.com

PTA NOTICES

Important Tax Reminder

All PTAs and PTSAs need to either file your taxes or do the e-postcard. Deadline: November 15, www.irs.gov/eo

16th District PTA Newsletter

E-mail gailburge@aol.com if you

- have news and events from your school that we can include in future newsletters
- would like to receive the monthly district newsletter through e-mail.

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