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# 16<sup>th</sup> District PTA News

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## President's Message

With the announcement of Stu being named Superintendent of the Year for the state of Kentucky, I consider myself very lucky to work with him in my position as 16th District President. I feel that I have personally learned so much from his leadership. He leads by example. He is patient, considerate, compassionate, aggressive, knowledgeable, and funny.

I first thought of him standing at the forefront charging the way, only to discover that he wasn't leading the way. He stands *behind* our children pushing *them* ahead. This is his greatest asset. Now, he is one of the four finalists waiting to hear who will be named the top superintendent in the country.

I'm not surprised to find him being considered for this at a national level. He has worked countless hours for our kids. He considers them his kids. This is not a job for him. It is a passion. And it shows.

For my kids sake, I hope I am working as hard as Stu to ensure they are growing to their full potential.



Tina Moorhead, President  
16<sup>th</sup> District PTA

## Calendar Change!

Students in the Fayette County Public Schools will have to make up a school day missed because of winter weather. February 13 WILL be a school day. The original calendar called for students to be off on that day, but designated it as a possible weather make-up day. Students and staff are expected to be in school that day.

Also, since there will be no primary election this year, May 19 will now be a possible weather make-up day if needed. The original calendar called for students to be off on that day.

## Mark Your Calendar

- January 15.....16<sup>th</sup> District PTA Roundtable 11:30 AM
- January 19.....No School MLK Jr. Day
- January 27.....ADHD Parent Support Group
- February 7.....District Science Fair
- February 13.....Weather Make-Up Day  
School is in Session for Students & Staff
- February 16.....No School Presidents' Day
- February 19.....16<sup>th</sup> District PTA Roundtable 6:30 PM
- February 24.....ADHD Parent Support Group

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

## District Academic Challenge

Our next District Academic Challenge will be held on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, and we need your help! We need moderators to ask questions during our primary and intermediate rounds of competition. We would like for every PTA to try to get at least 2 people to volunteer. If you will be able to help, please let me know as soon as possible. Spread the word if you know of anyone else who would be willing to moderate as well. Thanks so much!

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## Upcoming Elections

Mark your calendar for the February Roundtable on the 19th at 6:30. We will be going over all of the necessary procedures to ensure that your PTA needs in order to run the next PTA and SBDM elections. Even if you can't attend, make certain that someone from your board does.

Anyone (including current office holders) interested in running for a district board position - President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, or Treasurer will need to submit their name, position they are interested in, and their qualifications to the nominating committee by the February 19th Roundtable Meeting. Nominations can be emailed to [cathielydon@hotmail.com](mailto:cathielydon@hotmail.com) and/or [tina.moorhead@insightbb.com](mailto:tina.moorhead@insightbb.com)

# 2008/2009 PTA Reflections Program Winners!

## Dance Choreography

### PRIMARY

1<sup>st</sup> Elora Mukhopadhyay

2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Seevers

### INTERMEDIATE

1<sup>st</sup> Kennedy King

2<sup>nd</sup> Krista Manche

3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Gdovka

### MIDDLE

1<sup>st</sup> Presli Neal

### SENIOR

1<sup>st</sup> Han Shi

## Dance Performance

### INTERMEDIATE

1<sup>st</sup> Justina Cryder

1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Summers

## Film Production

### PRIMARY

1<sup>st</sup> Nicholas Skidmore

### INTERMEDIATE

1<sup>st</sup> Laura Rogers

2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Bellocq

3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Skubik-Peplaski

### MIDDLE

1<sup>st</sup> Sam Stucky

2<sup>nd</sup> Sriyanshi Suryadevara

## Literature

### PRIMARY

1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Ernst

2<sup>nd</sup> Elora Mukhopadhyah

3<sup>rd</sup> Allen Mundok

### INTERMEDIATE

1<sup>st</sup> Annie Griffith

2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Bell

3<sup>rd</sup> Molly Brown

### MIDDLE

1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Hickey

2<sup>nd</sup> Genae Knowles

3<sup>rd</sup> Kenya Walker

### SENIOR

1<sup>st</sup> Nicole Schladt

## Music Composition

### PRIMARY

1<sup>st</sup> Zachary Ratliff

2<sup>nd</sup> Parker Hodge

3<sup>rd</sup> Rachel Seevers

### INTERMEDIATE

1<sup>st</sup> Ben Henault

2<sup>nd</sup> Austin Brooks

3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Partington

### MIDDLE

1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Wood

### SENIOR

1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Hensley

## Photography

### PRIMARY

1<sup>st</sup> Nicholas Skidmore

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Brant

3<sup>rd</sup> Henry Madison

### INTERMEDIATE

1<sup>st</sup> Olivia McCrary

2<sup>nd</sup> Alexis Wells  
3<sup>rd</sup> Waveney Brooks

### MIDDLE

1<sup>st</sup> Michael Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Shayna Clark

3<sup>rd</sup> Tristan Depew

### SENIOR

1<sup>st</sup> Whitley Goins

2<sup>nd</sup> Allie Wood

3<sup>rd</sup> Shelby Rosenberg

## Visual Arts

### PRIMARY

1<sup>st</sup> William Ding

2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Lozovoy

3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor Liu

### INTERMEDIATE

1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Feldman

2<sup>nd</sup> Hidetaka Kawada

3<sup>rd</sup> Justin Murray

### MIDDLE

1<sup>st</sup> Corrine Elliot

2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Petter

3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Steinmetz

### SENIOR

1<sup>st</sup> Elise Beckman

2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Eckmann

3<sup>rd</sup> Ashley Elder

## Membership Update

Membership numbers are down for our 16<sup>th</sup> district PTAs & PTSAs. You still have time to do membership drives to include your totals in the March deadline for the State PTA Awards and the 16<sup>th</sup> District. Please email me @ [lucyblank@msn.com](mailto:lucyblank@msn.com) if I can help you with this or answer any questions. Good luck and I will see you at Roundtable.

## 16<sup>th</sup> District Scholarships

A reminder regarding the District scholarship information is in each high school counselor's office. PTAs please put a paragraph in your newsletters to remind parents of the scholarship and the upcoming deadline of March 26th.

Attention PTA Treasurers: Have you mailed your contribution to the 16<sup>th</sup> District Scholarship Fund? If you're not sure or have any questions about the scholarship fund, contact Karla Mays at 268-4771.

## Children's Advocacy Day

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 offers 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**

[http://www.kyouth.org/Advocacy/Childrens\\_Day/index.html](http://www.kyouth.org/Advocacy/Childrens_Day/index.html)



## 16<sup>th</sup> District PTA Newsletter

E-mail [gailburge@aol.com](mailto:gailburge@aol.com) if you have news and events from your school that we can include in future newsletters and/or would like to receive the monthly district newsletter through e-mail.

## 16<sup>th</sup> District PTA Executive Board

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