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16th District PTA News

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President's Message

I hope this finds everyone back to normal from the ice and wind storms. My family had taken precautions - we had gotten out the flashlights, books, and puzzles. I never knew I was such a princess and had to have my electricity! Cable and internet were the only things interrupted. Luckily for my kids, that lasted only a few hours.

At this month's Roundtable, we will be going over procedures for conducting your PTA and SBDM elections. Even though you may have handled many elections in the past, we want every PTA to be represented. There are certain guidelines and procedures that must be followed and we want to make certain everyone is aware of these and uses best practice methods across the district. Last year I received calls from many PTA members questioning whether an election was being done correctly or how something regarding the election should be handled. My board and I want to make certain we are all on the same page for this.

Winter seems to bring a lull in PTA. Usually, not much is planned for February and March. Don't make the mistake of letting time slip up on you, and don't forget that the things you do now are what will make your year-end successful. Review your calendar and determine if you are prepared for elections, fundraising, audits, taxes, and passing the torch to your successor.

Keep your fingers crossed for Stu as the announcement for the National Superintendent of the Year draws near. I don't need an award to confirm what I already know in my heart. Stu is not just the best superintendent, but a true leader, advocate, crusader, and father-figure for our kids.

Tina Moorhead, President
16th District PTA



Mark Your Calendar

- February 13-25 FCPS District Elementary Art Show @ Lexington Green
- February 16.....No School Presidents' Day
- February 19.....PTA Roundtable 6:30 PM
- February 24.....ADHD Parent Support Group
- Feb 28.....Middle School Cheer and Dance Showcase
- March 6.....Weather make-up day
School in session
- March 10.....ACT Test for HS Juniors
- March 19.....PTA Roundtable 11:30 AM

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

16th District Board Elections

All nominations for new officers on the 16th District PTA Board are due by February 19. A form can be found at the FCPS website or by contacting Cathie Lydon at 351-6381. Based on the nominations received, a slate will be presented by the nominating committee at the March 19th Roundtable.

Membership will vote for officers at the April 16th Roundtable.

Mark your calendar for the February Roundtable on the 19th at 6:30 PM.

We will be going over all of the necessary procedures that your PTA needs in order to run the upcoming PTA and SBDM elections. Even if you can't attend, make certain that someone from your board does.

And remember, 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 cathiellydon@hotmail.com and/or tina.moorhead@insightbb.com

CIPL Focused on STEM Areas Seeks Parent Participants

LEXINGTON, KY – A grant from the J. Graham Brown Foundation to the Prichard Committee will fund a special Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (CIPL) focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This institute will be implemented in partnership with the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science and The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University.

The institute will be conducted Sept. 17-18, Oct. 22-23, and Nov. 19-20 in Louisville, KY to provide leadership training and support parents to advocate for improved science and math education in their schools.



The Commonwealth Institute's curriculum focuses on training parents to better understand Kentucky's standards-based educational system, accountability system, leadership skills development of a project to implement as a partner with their schools to improve student achievement.

The cost of the program – instruction, supplies, meals and lodging – is covered by the J. Graham Brown Foundation grant. Applications are now being accepted from across the state of Kentucky, class size is limited to 30 parents. To apply or receive more information, visit www.cipl.org or call Lou Ann Cavenee-Ramos at (859) 233-9849, ext. 231.

CIPL, entering its twelfth year of nationally acclaimed parent training, is an arm of The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.

Calendar Change!

Friday, March 6, 2009 was originally scheduled to be a Records Day for teachers; however, we will now have school on that day to make up our snow day from January 16, 2009. Be sure to mark your calendars! There WILL BE SCHOOL on Friday, March 6th.

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 was originally scheduled to be a Professional Development day for teachers; however, we will now have school on that day to make up our snow day from January 26, 2009. Be sure to mark your calendars! There WILL BE SCHOOL on Tuesday, May 19th.

The remaining snow days (Jan. 27 - Jan. 30 and Feb. 4) will be made up at the end of the school year as follows:

Friday, May 29
Monday, June 1
Tuesday, June 2
Wednesday, June 3
Thursday, June 4

Membership Update

Membership numbers are down for our 16th 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 16th District. Please email me @ lucyblank@msn.com if I can help you with this or answer any questions. Good luck and I will see you at Roundtable.

16th 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 16th District Scholarship Fund? If you're not sure or have any questions about the scholarship fund, contact Karla Mays at 268-4771.



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 and/or would like to receive the monthly district newsletter through e-mail.

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