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16th District PTA News

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President's Message

It won't be long until every PTA will be holding their elections and overseeing the election of SBDM Parent Representatives. This process is not difficult, but is one of THE most important functions that the PTA serves each year. It is imperative that every group handle the process according to Best Practices established by PTA and the Kentucky Department of Education.

Keep in mind that just because your PTA has "always done it this way" doesn't necessarily mean that the elections have been handled in the best possible way. If you weren't able to attend the roundtable in February, keep these things in mind:

- You will need a copy of your membership list at the election. Only current PTA members can vote in the PTA election.
- You will need a list of parents/guardians of your school, with their grade level, for SBDM elections. The parents of students who are "outgoing" (being promoted to either middle or high school) are not eligible to vote at their current school, but can vote at the school where they will be attending next year. Please encourage them to do so.
- Make every effort to invite new incoming parents (newly enrolled kindergarteners, 5th, or 8th graders from your feeder schools) to participate in the elections.
- You need to give 30 days' notice of when elections are to be held and who will be running.

Also, Jessica Berry and I were invited to come and view a new service that Channel 13 is working to release soon. It is an "On-Demand Video" service that allows you to access and view programs that are either being aired currently or that have been previously aired. This is wonderful for those who do not have cable, but would like to see programs where their children have been featured. Be looking for this soon.

If you have questions or concerns about any aspect of your PTA, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Mark Your Calendar

- March 19PTA Roundtable 11:30 AM
- March 24ADHD Parent Support Group
- March 25-26.....Regional World Languages Festival
- March 26-28.....SCAPA presents Fiddler on the Roof
- March 30-April 3.....Spring Break
- April 11Reforest the Bluegrass
- April 16PTA Roundtable 11:30 AM
- April 20-May 1High School State Testing
- April 28ADHD Parent Support Group
- May 4.....Elementary and Middle School State Testing Begins
- May 25Memorial Day No School

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

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.

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