

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

September 2009

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

If you have any questions or suggestions for the 16<sup>th</sup> District newsletter, please contact Jessica Berry, 16<sup>th</sup> District President, at [jdberry@insightbb.com](mailto:jdberry@insightbb.com) or Colleen Wolfe, 16<sup>th</sup> District Corresponding Secretary, at [colleen.wolfe@insightbb.com](mailto:colleen.wolfe@insightbb.com).

The next district newsletter will be published on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please submit all articles by September 20.

## President's Message

Greetings all PTA/ PTAs,

I hope this newsletter finds you off to a great start and in full swing. By now, you should have submitted your audit, held a membership drive, and had or scheduled your first board meeting. Hopefully, you have also had a chance to meet with your principal to discuss ways in which your PTA/PTSA can best support the school and the students. One way to increase student achievement is by participating in the Reflections program. The PTA believes that all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in this program. Read more about Reflections in this newsletter. This program is open to all PTA/ PTAs in good standing.



Speaking of that, I want to take this opportunity to remind you that in order to be in good standing you should do the following things:

- Make sure your bylaws are current.
- Submit your PTA Financial Review form to KYPTA.
- Submit your list of officers to KYPTA.
- Send District and KYPTA dues

Once you are in good standing, your tax exempt letter will be sent to you directly from KYPTA. If you are having trouble or need assistance with any of the above, please don't hesitate to call. In addition, we are also available for Board training. If you feel your PTA/PTSA needs training (whether a full course or a refresher), please let me know. The 16<sup>th</sup> District Board is here for you because **Together Everyone Achieves More.** Have a great month!!

Jessica Berry, President  
16<sup>th</sup> District PTA

## Dates to Remember

September 1 .....	Application Window Opens Magnet and G&T Applications
September 7 .....	No School, Labor Day
September 8 .....	Bylaws Training, 11:00 a.m. Conference Room A, IAKSS
September 14-25 .....	Fall state testing
September 15 ...	"Early Bird" dues payment
September 15 .....	MCAP deadline
September 17 .....	Suggested date for middle school progress reports
September 17 .....	Roundtable meeting, 6:00 p.m., Norsworthy Auditorium
September 20 ....	District Newsletter Deadline
September 22 .....	KY Kids' Day
September 25 .....	District dues deadline
September 27 .....	Walk to School Registration Deadline
September 29 .....	Bylaws Training, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A, IAKSS
October 5 .....	Missing Piece Training, 8:30 a.m. Temple Adath Israel
October 7 .....	Walk to School Day
October 9 .....	ACE Fall Carnival, 6pm-9pm
October 15....	Magnet and Gifted & Talented Application Deadline
October 15.....	"Required" dues payment
October 13.....	Advocacy Training Registration Deadline
October 15 ..	No School, flexible records day
October 16 .....	No School
October 18-24.....	Safe Schools Week
October 21-22.....	Advocacy Trng., Frankfort
October 22 .....	Roundtable meeting, 11:30 a.m. Conference Room C
October 29 .....	Missing Piece Training, 8:30 a.m. Temple Adath Israel
October 26-30.....	Red Ribbon Week
November 19.....	District Reflections Deadline

Information regarding above events can be found at <http://calendars.fcps.net/> and <http://www.kypta.org/>.

# Let's Fight Flu Together!

## Schedule Clinics at Your School



It's hard not to be concerned about H1N1 and the seasonal flu this year.

Check out [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) and [www.fcps.net](http://www.fcps.net) to stay informed of the latest news. Find out how PTA can help support your school's efforts in keeping all children healthy this school year. Talk to your school administration and the local health department about partnering for a flu vaccination clinic in your school or community. Flu vaccination clinics can take place anytime between late September and January. The PTA *Let's Fight Flu Together!* seasonal flu vaccination program is an option. For more information on how to register for the flu vaccination clinic, go to [www.pta.org/flushotclinics](http://www.pta.org/flushotclinics).

Source: PTA Info Center

# Walk to School Day

Would you like to earn money for your school and increase the health and wellness of the students at the same time? If so, sign up and join kids and families around the globe who will be participating in Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Participation is easy: Sign up by September 27<sup>th</sup>; participate in the event on October 7<sup>th</sup>; record the number of students that walk or bike to school; submit the number of students that participated and the number of students enrolled at your school.

The school with the highest percentage of walkers/bikers will receive \$500, \$250 and \$100 respectively to help support health and wellness programs within their school. Walking helps maintain a healthy weight, aids in relaxation and stress management and increases oxygen to the body and brain.

More info will be available at the September Roundtable or you can contact Ruben Perez at the Lexington Fayette County Health Department, 288-2410 or [ruben.perez@ky.gov](mailto:ruben.perez@ky.gov).

# 2009-2010 Reflections

## Program Theme:

# "Beauty Is...!"

PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The Reflections Program provides students with the opportunity to create works of art—in a variety of mediums—for fun and recognition. Reflections can also serve as an outlet for students to creatively explore what they are learning in the classroom. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which include art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, film, and other art media, they grow intellectually; they learn to analyze their thoughts and feelings. The Reflections Program helps teachers and parents encourage the creativity, self-discovery, and lifelong learning of their children. Talk to your principal about how your school can support the PTA Reflections Program in an effort to increase student achievement, foster student talents, and promote the arts in your home, school, and community.

**Please note:** PTA Reflections fliers and posters for the 2009-2010 program year are now available online at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org). These are customizable Word documents. Add your deadlines, contact information, and other pertinent details before printing. Local PTA or PTSA deadlines are up to you, but be sure to coordinate your deadlines with the November 19<sup>th</sup> District deadline. Any PTA/PTSA in good standing is eligible to sponsor a Reflections Program.

For further information contact Jessica Berry at [jdberry@insightbb.com](mailto:jdberry@insightbb.com) or Jaime Nebbitt at [janebb@email.uky.edu](mailto:janebb@email.uky.edu).

# Bylaws & More

Offered at Two Times!

## Daytime

Tuesday, September 8 11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Conference Room A, IAKSS

## Nighttime

Tuesday, September 29 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. Conference Room A, IAKSS

Please attend or send a representative from your school! All are welcome!

Questions?? Contact Jessica Berry, 16<sup>th</sup> District President  
[jdberry@insightbb.com](mailto:jdberry@insightbb.com)

# SportsKid of the Year



Sports Illustrated KIDS and United Way are searching for young athletes who are making exceptional contributions--on and off the field of play. If you know a kid who excels in sports, does well in school and gives back to the community, tell us about them! They could end up on the cover of Sports Illustrated KIDS! For info and the nomination form, go to <http://sikids.launchfire.com/sportskids/>



Don't forget to pay your District dues by September 25<sup>th</sup>!

# Membership

This year's membership theme is:  
**Together Everyone Achieves More**

## September is PTA Membership Month

Encourage parents, educators, and community members to join now for children's success all year long. Information and materials for membership ideas is on the national PTA website at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).

## Ways to Recruit Men to your PTA

1. Make the membership pitch relevant to males.
2. Use specific messaging and advertising aimed at men.
3. Just ask them.
4. Ask the women in your PTA to invite the men in their children's lives to join PTA.
5. Create more volunteer opportunities and special events for dads.
6. Emphasize that becoming a PTA member does not have to involve a large time commitment.
7. Give it to 'em straight.
8. Communicate with men the way they want to be reached.
9. Seek out male members in the community.
10. Recognize and celebrate members.

Source: National PTA Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual-May 2008

## District and State Dues

Be sure to make your 16<sup>th</sup> District dues payment by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the schools that have already paid. \*\* Winner of the early payment drawing at the August roundtable meeting was **Veterans Park Elementary School**. Please mail your payment to: Kathy Smiley, 2848 Majestic View Walk, Lexington, KY 40511 or bring it to the September roundtable meeting. Make checks payable to 16<sup>th</sup> District PTA.

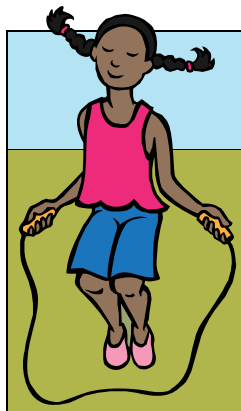
Be sure that your school is sending dues payments to KY PTA by the 15<sup>th</sup> of EACH month for all members not previously submitted.

Kathy Smiley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
16<sup>th</sup> District PTA

# KY PTA Kids' Day

## September 22, 2009

Kentucky PTA Kids' Day was established in 1985 to set aside one day just for our students. The goal is to send the message to each child that he or she is a special and unique individual who is respected and loved. Kentucky PTA Kids' Day also serves as a day to make the public aware of the educational and personal needs of children and the role they play as our most important natural resource. For example, Athens Chilesburg Elementary PTA will host Zak Morgan, an entertainer who uses music, magic, theatre and comedy to encourage children to read books and exercise their imaginations. If you can't celebrate on the "official" day, hold a Kids' Day event when it fits into your calendar.



# Advocacy Training

## Speaking Up for Children

Kentucky PTA will hold advocacy training for all interested PTA/PTSA advocates in Frankfort, October 21-22, 2009. Each session is limited to 25 people. The deadline to register is October 13, 2009. More info can be found on the Kentucky PTA website ([www.kypta.org](http://www.kypta.org)) under Training & Events.

# Magnet and Gifted & Talented Information Nights and Application Window

FCPS magnet schools offer such options as Spanish immersion and individually prescribed education, while the gifted & talented programs provide the highest level of service in the areas of creative and performing arts, math, science, general intellectual ability and specific academic aptitude.

Admission to magnet schools and gifted & talented programs is by application only. The application window is September 1 - October 15 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Each of the magnet schools and gifted & talented programs holds a Family Information Night before the application deadline. Please see the complete list of dates and the online application at [www.fcps.net](http://www.fcps.net) or call 381-4741 for more details.

Source: [www.FCPS.net](http://www.FCPS.net)

## Sign-up Now!

### The Missing Piece: Engaging Parents to Complete the Proficiency Puzzle

The 16<sup>th</sup> District PTA believes Parent Involvement can make the difference for students and schools! Bring a friend or whole team from your school. Learn about the 6 objectives Fayette County wants to meet for Family Involvement. Assess where your school is and design a plan to strengthen your Family Involvement.

**October 5<sup>th</sup> or October 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
(6 hours- lunch provided)

Carol Edelen, Prichard Committee, Instructor

Temple Adath Israel auditorium,  
124 N. Ashland Avenue

Contact Alice Nelson to register at  
[alice.nelson@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:alice.nelson@fayette.kyschools.us).