



16th District PTA News

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E-mail colleen.wolfe@insightbb.com if you have news and events from your school to include in future newsletters or if you would like to receive the monthly district newsletter through e-mail.

The next district newsletter will be published on September 1. Please submit all articles by August 26.

President's Message

Greetings PTAs/PTSAs,

My name is Jessica Berry and it is an honor and a pleasure to serve you as the 16th District PTA President for the 2009-2011 school years. I am excited to begin working with such a dedicated and distinguished group of people in this district. The 16th District Board is here to serve you.

For more than 100 years, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has provided support, information and resources to families focused on the health and education of children. Our vision is to make every child's potential a reality. Our mission is to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families, communities, and a strong advocate for the education and the well-being of every child. Our core values include collaboration, commitments, accountability, respect, inclusiveness, and integrity.

There is no better district to promote the vision, mission, and core values than in Fayette County. This district, unlike anywhere else, has created a phenomenal partnership with the 16th District PTA in an effort to collaborate with parents and communities. Our shared vision is a world-class education system for our children, all children.



So I charge each and every one of you to join us in this shared vision. Arthur Ashe, a famous tennis player, once said to "start where you are, use what you have and do what you can." So no matter what, start your PTA where you are, use what you have and do what you can to support this district and our children in their academic achievement. For I truly believe that **Together Everyone Achieves More**. Thank you and I look forward to working with such a great **TEAM!**

Jessica Berry, President
16th District PTA

Mark Your Calendar

- August 21 No School, Staff Development
- September 7 No School, Labor Day
- September 14-25 Fall state testing
- September 15 "Early Bird" dues payment
- September 17 Suggested date for middle school progress reports
- September 17 Roundtable meeting, 6:00 p.m. Norsworthy Auditorium
- September 22 KY Kids Day
- September 25 District dues deadline
- September 28. No School, Staff Development

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

Dates to Remember

Roundtable Meetings

The district roundtable meetings are held in Conference Room C at IAKSS. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

- September 17th, 6:00 p.m.
- October 22nd, 11:30 a.m.
- November 19th, 6:00 p.m.
- December 17th, 11:30 a.m.
- January 21st, 6:00 p.m.
- February 18th, 11:30 a.m.
- March 18th, 11:30 a.m.
- April 22nd, 6:00 p.m.

District Board Meetings

The district board meets from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the table outside of Norsworthy Auditorium. Meetings are open to everyone, but you must be on the agenda to address the board. To be included on the agenda, please contact Jessica Berry at jdberry@insightbb.com.

- September 3rd
- October 1st
- November 5th
- December 3rd
- January 7th
- February 4th
- March 4th
- April 8th
- May 6th

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,
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Reflections is Celebrating 40 Years! Theme for 2009-2010: Beauty Is...

Reflections is a cultural arts program that was established by National PTA in 1969. Students in grades P-12 are invited by their PTA or PTSA to participate in the categories of visual arts, photography, musical composition, literature, dance choreography and film.

Reflections entries are judged at the local level, the district level, and state level. State winners are sent to the national level. The deadline for submissions to the district level is November 19th. Each local PTA/PTSA should set their school deadline to allow enough time for all entries to be judged and the winners turned into the district by the November 19th date.

More information will follow in the September newsletter. Contact Jaime Nebbitt, Cultural Arts/ Reflections chair, at janebb@email.uky.edu with questions.

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.

Build a Successful Membership Campaign

1. Develop a recruitment and retention team and formulate a goal.
2. Target potential members.
3. Never hang up your marketing hat.
4. Model inclusiveness.
5. Make use of key resources.
6. Implement your membership recruitment and retention plan.
7. Orient and integrate.
8. Be responsive and motivating.
9. Evaluate and adjust accordingly.

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

District and State Dues

A district dues payment letter was sent to each school and should be in the PTA/PTSA mailbox. The 16th District dues are only 10 cents per the number of members from last year. The district dues payment deadline is September 25th.

The first mandatory state/national dues payment deadline is October 15. However, "Back to School" payment was due on August 15; "Early Bird" dues can be paid by September 15. The payment form is located in the Leader's Notebook in Part I – Forms, page 4.

Kathy Smiley, 2nd Vice President
16th District PTA



Don't Forget...

You should have already turned in your Financial Review form (audit) to the state and to your principal.

2009 -2011 16th District PTA Board Members

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