

16th District PTA News

May 2011

PTA Scholarships

The 16th District PTA awards a scholarship to outstanding students from each of Fayette County's high schools to continue their education. Winners will be presented at the district's annual PTA Spring Luncheon on May 19, 2011.

PTAs/PTSAs can send scholarship donations to the 16th District PTA:

Jessica Berry
216 Shannon Court
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President's Message

Greetings,

As most of you probably know, my term as President comes to an end this month. It has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. Thank you for your support of PTA, our schools, our children, and the 16th District Board. Your efforts and dedication are truly appreciated.



As we make our transitions, remember to send your list of new officers to the 16th District, schedule a board training and/or planning session over the summer, attend KYPTA Convention Leadership and/or our 16th District Leadership Training scheduled for July 30th (location TBA). See the contact information for the new officers listed below.



Don't forget to send in your registration for the Spring Luncheon. Deadline is this Thursday, May 5th. Again, I thank you for all you do for our students and I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon as we celebrate PTA successes throughout our district. Have a great month!

Jessica Berry, President
16th District PTA

New Officers

Liza Holland - President
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Kathy Smiley – 1st Vice President
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Jaime Nebbitt – 2nd Vice President
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Kate Wood – Recording Secretary
396-2638, scrappykate@hotmail.com

Jennifer Scutchfield – Corresponding Secretary, 492-9808,
j.scutchfield@insightbb.com

Colleen Wolfe – Treasurer, 338-2192
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Dates to Remember

- May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 2-6 Elementary and middle school state testing continues
- May 3 Winburn Middle Family Walk Night, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- May 5 Deadline for registration, PTA Spring Luncheon
- May 5 Ninth-Grade Improvement Awards
- May 12 PTA Fundraising Fair, IAKSS Conf. C, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- May 13 Deadline for early registration, National PTA Convention
- May 14 Sharks on the Run 5K
- May 17 No classes for students
- May 19 PTA Spring Luncheon, Fasig-Tipton, 11:00 a.m.
- May 30 No school, Memorial Day
- May 31 Grant deadline for KYPTA Convention/Leadership
- May 31 Early Bird registration deadline, KYPTA Convention/Leadership
- June 3 Last day of school for students
- June 3-4 High school graduations
- July 30 District Training, watch for info

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

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6

Remember everything that your teachers and school staff do for the kids in your school. During this special week, plan to show them how much they are appreciated! Find ideas http://www.pta.org/teacher_appreciation.asp.

** Note: Due to testing, some schools have chosen to celebrate the week of May 9-13.

Membership Notes

In the month of May, the Membership Chairperson should:

- ▶ Celebrate your PTA's/PTSA's accomplishments.
- ▶ Make sure all records are in order and accurate.
- ▶ Turn over all records to next year's membership chair or president; include accurate financial accounting of number of members and amount of dues sent to state office and district; outline of the year's planning and those responsible for each activity; a list of membership committee's name, addresses, phone numbers; evaluation of this year and recommendation for next year; state and national membership materials.

Source: KY PTA Leadership Notebook

PTA Award Winners

The winners of the Rising Star and Self Esteem awards from the 16th District PTA are listed below. Congratulations!

Christa McAuliffe RISING STAR-ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Excellence
Samuel Burdette, ACE
Jinju Santalucia, Clays Mill

SELF ESTEEM – PRIMARY DIVISION

Excellence
Jackson Gonzales, Liberty
Merit
Phenix Schwarz-Ward, Maxwell

SELF ESTEEM – INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Excellence
Gillian Amend, Liberty
Jillian Breeden, Liberty
Merit
Zoey Lowther, Liberty



SELF ESTEEM – MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

Excellence
Trevor Woods, Bryan Station Middle

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Convention/Leadership

Make plans to attend the 5th annual KYPTA Convention/Leadership which will be held July 14th-16th in Louisville. Join over 200 other PTA and PTSA leaders, volunteers, and others interested in education, health and welfare issues of children and youth at the convention. Grants are available to help defray costs to local PTAs. The grant application for KYPTA Convention/Leadership 2011 is due May 31st. The grant winners will receive one free hotel room at the Fern Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Louisville. They will also receive one free registration, which includes all scheduled meals during the conference.

The application can be found at <http://kypta.org/uploads/58/File/CL%202011/grant%20app%20may%2031%2011.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact the Kentucky PTA office at (502) 226-6607.

National PTA Convention

The National PTA Convention is being held in Orlando, FL this year. The convention and exhibition runs from June 9th-12th. The deadline for advance registration is May 13th. Get info at <http://www.pta.org/3977.htm>.

Reflections

The state Reflections winners from the 16th District are listed below. Those in bold will be moving on to the national competition. Those with an asterisk (*) are creative interpretation winners. Congrats to all of the 16th District winners and good luck to those moving on!

The 2011-2012 Reflections theme is "Diversity means..." The 16th District deadline will be October 20, 2011. We are looking for a district Reflections chair. Anyone interested, please contact Liza Holland at Liza@LizaHolland.com.

Reflections Winners

Musical Composition Award of Excellence



Primary – **Sallie Kate Goff**
Intermediate – **Ashvin Sial**
Intermediate – Zachary Ratliff LeSage*
Middle – **Caroline Copley**

Award of Merit

Primary – Madelyn Groth

Film Production Award of Excellence

Primary – **Charles Caswell**
Primary – Kelly Landry
Intermediate – Megan Slusarewicz

Dance Choreography Award of Excellence

Primary – Shayda Alsalihi
Middle – **Presli Neal**
Middle – Molly Felty



Award of Merit

Primary – Emma Monziona
Intermediate – Elora Mukhopadhyay

Literature

Award of Excellence

Primary – **Jackson Gonzales**
Intermediate – Annika Sial*
Middle – **Alice Li**

Award of Merit

Intermediate – Jacob Ernst
Middle – Loretta Peterson
Senior – Maria Wu

Photography

Award of Excellence

Middle – Emily Tolliver
Special Needs – Demetrius Grasso

Award of Merit

Primary – Jackson Gonzales
Intermediate – Kacie Hughes
Senior – Brittany Hill

Visual Arts

Award of Excellence

Middle – **Joanna Slusarewicz***
Senior – Sarah Caton

Award of Merit

Primary – Makayla Barnes

Superintendent Search Committee

The week of April 18th was a busy one for McPherson and Jacobson, the search firm hired by the Fayette County Board of Education to recruit our next Fayette County Schools superintendent. In the span of three and a half days, the consultants facilitated more than 40 focus group discussions and public forums with local community members. Each group was asked to share the strengths of our community and school system as well as the challenges the next schools chief will face and the qualities our next leader should possess. For those unable to attend one of the focus groups or public forums, an online survey was available in order to garner input.



- The search timeline is as follows:
- ▶ May 9, noon: Board meets to receive feedback from stakeholders, go over interview procedures, etc.
 - ▶ May 11, Board meets with search committee to review feedback.
 - ▶ May 16, application closing date.
 - ▶ May 17 to May 30: the screening committee will work with the search firm to review all applicants and identify top candidates for the school board to consider.
 - ▶ May 31: Board of Education receives finalists.
 - ▶ June 6 to 9: interviews with finalists, focus group meetings with finalists, public forums with finalists.

Please contact Jessica Berry, parent representative with questions at jdberry@insightbb.com.

Fundraising Fair

The 16th District PTA invites you to be part of its first fundraising fair. It's an opportunity for you to have exposure to multiple fundraising vendors in a single setting, making more effective use of your time. The fair will be held on Thursday, May 12th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in IAKSS Conference Room C. See you there!

PTA Dues Increase

On March 7 the national board of directors unanimously approved a motion to recommend to the delegates of the 115th National PTA Annual Convention to increase the National PTA dues 50 cents from \$1.75 to \$2.25. This is the first dues increase in over 10 years. In that time, National PTA has produced tangible results for children—just as it did yesterday, does today and will do again tomorrow. For a complete download of everything this money is used for please see the district PTA webpage: www.fcps.net/partners/pta.

This increase will be reflected in the dues payments that you send to the KYPTA each month. Please keep this increase, as well as the district increase, in mind as you prepare your budget for 2011-2012.

STEM for Girls

The Third Annual KY Girls STEM Collaborative Conference titled "STEM Opportunities and Needs in Kentucky: Making the Connection between Education and Industry" will be held Wednesday, June 29th from 9am - 3pm at Northern Kentucky University in the Student Union.

The Conference works to ensure girls in grades K-12 are aware of potential careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and encourages them to pursue careers in those fields. Keynote speaker Nancy Holliday, General Manager at Microsoft, and representatives from local industry will be present to talk with local educators, parents, and students about their job and career path.



Mark your calendar and register today: \$25/person, <http://www.nkychamber.com/External/WCPages/WCEvents/EventDetail.aspx?EventID=1223>

For more info, please contact Bethany Bowling at Bowlingb2@nku.edu or Kelly Jones at kjones@nkychamber.com.

Peace and Global Citizenship Fair



The event is focused on learning about global cultures and about living in ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable ways. The fair offers art and other fun activities for children.

Please join in the 6th Annual Peace & Global Citizenship Fair on May 14th from noon until 6:30 p.m. on the grounds of BCTC, 470 Cooper Drive. The Peace Fair is intended to be a glimpse into an alternative to the culture of war. The event is focused on learning about global cultures and about living in ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable ways. The fair offers art and other fun activities for children.

For this year's fair, musical entertainment will include Nelda Wyatt, Lost Dog, Chasing Dragons, Cheryl Pan and the adorable Chinese dancers, Sydney Cubit, belly dancer Tina Safiya, and others. New activities this year include Kentucky Time Banks, which involves cooperative sharing of skills and time; a film festival, including The Economics of Happiness; and community art for cultural understanding. Please mark your calendar, and encourage friends and family to come! For more info, visit www.peace2day.org.

NOBLE Youth Leadership Scholarship

NOBLE is the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. Their annual conference will be held in Lexington, July 16th-20th. The Youth Leadership Conference, held concurrently, targets ages 13-18. At the conference, the youth participants develop projects for their community and gain an understanding of leadership. Scholarships are available to local youth wishing to participate. The scholarship application and more info can be found at <http://www.noble2011.com/youth.html>.



16th District PTA Scholarship Donation Form

The Scholarship's objective is to give deserving young people the financial means to continue their education. The Scholarship is based on financial need, academic achievement and contribution to the community through extracurricular activities; these scholarships are a practical way to promote the ideals of the PTA!

The 16th District PTA encourages every local unit to make a contribution, no matter how small. Scholarships are awarded at the PTA luncheon in May and contributors will be listed in the program. Complete the information below and send to our district president.

Thank you,

Debbie Boian
16th District Scholarship Chair

16th District PTA Scholarship Donation

School Name: _____

Donation 2010-2011: \$ _____

Send to: Jessica Berry
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