



PTA News to Use

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SUMMER 2011

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **KY PTA Convention / Leadership July 14-16**
Fern Valley Hotel,
Louisville, KY
- **16th District Leadership July 30 9:00**
Ashland Oil
3499 Blazer Parkway
- **Back to School Rallies August 6**
- **District Roundtable August 18**

Online Resources

www.pta.org
www.kypta.org
www.ptareflections.org
www.ptagreatideabank.com
www.letsmove.org
www.healthiergeneration.org
www.pta.org/healthylifestyles

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Welcome Tom Shelton! What an Amazing Process.

Tom Shelton, whose leadership in the Daviess County Public Schools has been hailed as among the best in the state, will be the next Fayette County Public Schools superintendent.

"It is our board's belief that Tom possesses the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to leverage our community's resources in a collaborative and effective way to maximize the learning for each student," said Fayette County Board of Education Chairman John Price.

Student achievement for all kids has to be job one, Shelton said.

"This community is obviously very supportive of our schools and I know we can work together to have the best school district in the nation," Shelton said. "I am hon-

ored to be able to join the existing efforts and engage in the continuing work to eliminate achievement gaps and move student achievement forward."



Shelton, 47, has 16 years of educational leadership, including three years as director of business and finance, six years as assistant superintendent for finance and opera-

tions, and the past seven years as superintendent, all in Daviess County.

Named the 2011 Kentucky Superintendent of the Year, he holds a bachelor's degree in accounting, master's degree in business administration, and a Rank I in educational administration from Murray State University. Shelton holds a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of Louisville and a graduate certificate in executive educational leadership from Harvard University.

"Thank you to the Board of Education for expressing their confidence in selecting me to work with them to continue the great work already happening in Fayette County," Shelton said. Shelton will start Sept. 1

Join our 16th PTA Facebook Group

Make sure to join our new group on Facebook! Our Corresponding Secretary Jenni Scutchfield has set it up. We already have really positive reviews.

Facebook is an excellent way to communicate with one another about what is going on with PTA. Feel free

to post all the great things you are doing at your school so the rest of us can be inspired. One of the best things about PTA is the structure that puts you in touch with others so you don't have to reinvent the wheel. Check out the PTA Great Idea Bank

to hear from fellow PTAs all across the country.

www.ptagreatideabank.org



President's Piece



PTA Leadership Picnic—great minds!

Thank you for the service of great PTA officers over this past year and those of you who have stepped up for the coming year! It will be a great new time to make a difference in the lives of all children in your school and in this district.

The district board is off to a great start. We had a picnic to get to know one another and it was lots of fun!

Don't forget your audit needs to be done in July. Due to your principals and to KY PTA by August 15th.

We encourage you to be planning – if you missed it, the summer planning packet is online at www.fcps.net/partners/pta.

Membership and Reflections are first out of the box, so make sure to be talking with your group over the next couple of months. Recruit if you need to! This is also a good time to fill committees. Chat at the ballpark, the pool or wherever.

Anyone interested in joining district committees is very

welcome! We want lots of people involved. Please check out the list further on.

Last, but not least, feel free to contact me or any other member of the board with any comments, pleas for help, suggestions or ideas. A focus of mine this year will be on extending two way communications – we want to hear from you!

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Child Advocacy
organization in the
nation with over 5
million members!*

PTA Training Opportunities

KY PTA's Leadership and Convention
July 14-16
Fern Valley Hotel, Louisville

This is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills for your role in PTA and beyond. You can still register at www.kypta.org.

16th District Leadership Development for Back to School

Everyone plan to attend this free training July 30 9:00 -1:00

Ashland Headquarters
3499 Blazer Parkway

Common Core Standards Forums to share ideas
1st Timers sessions
And much more...

Monthly PTA Roundtables!

Mark your calendars now for monthly meetings the third Thursday of each month.

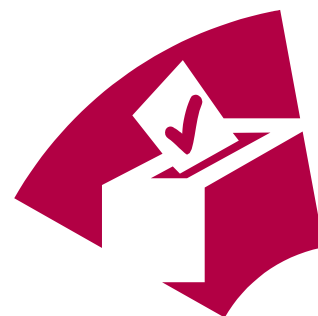
Keep in touch with the new Superintendent
Know what is going on in the district
Learn about PTA and community resources
Get to know one another!

Training Survey on it's Way

A training survey will be coming your way shortly, asking for your input on the training topics you would like to see most. We are looking for your input so spread the link to the survey far and wide. Our hope is that we will have great attendance at all the trainings this year, so not only are we ex-

pecting you to tell us what you want to hear and learn, we also want you to bring your friends...and your friend's friends... and anyone who cares about kids. Informed and engaged parents make a huge difference in kids lives.

We want to hear from you!



National PTA Resources to Share

How to Stop Literacy Loss over the Summer

As children's first and most important teachers, families have a major role to play in motivating children to read during the summer months. According to the nonprofit organization Reading is Fundamental, there are many strategies families might employ to encourage summertime reading.

<http://npta.sparklist.com/t/1857506/10501237/2322/0/>



National PTA® recently launched a campaign called Connect for Respect, an initiative to encourage PTAs to hold conversations in their communities on bullying prevention. To support PTAs in their work, National PTA has created five tip sheets to help parents understand bullying, know where to go if there is an issue, or what to do if their child is a bully. In addition, a mini-toolkit has been created to help PTAs plan their own Connect for Respect event. Through this initiative, parents can do more to help stop the destructive cycle of bullying in their communities.

<http://npta.sparklist.com/t/1857506/10501237/2323/0/>

Support the Family Engagement in Education Act

On **May 10**, National PTA's strong efforts to make family engagement a federal priority paid off: The Family Engagement in Education Act (H.R.1821/S.941) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. The bill provides incentives to schools and districts to engage families meaningfully to improve student achievement. Research demonstrates that family engagement in a child's education increases student achievement, improves attendance, and reduces the dropout rate. To learn more about the act and how you can support it, go to PTA.org/FEEA.

<http://npta.sparklist.com/t/1857506/10501237/1884/0/>

National PTA Partners with the Military Child Education Coalition

In response to First Lady Michelle Obama's and Dr. Jill Biden's Joining Forces initiative, National PTA and the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) recently announced a partnership to engage military families and support the more than 1 million grade-school-age military children. The partnership will work to build connections between military and civilian parents and students through programs and activities in school districts with a large military presence.

\$20,000 Grant Available for Schools

Parenting magazine launched its Mom Congress School Transformation Grant Contest, which will award one needy school a \$20,000 grant to provide educational resources. Entries can be submitted at Parenting.com/MomCongress. Entries require a photo or video of the nominated school. In addition, the entry must include a 200-word essay detailing how the school would use the grant money.

Visitors to Parenting.com/MomCongress will be able to view each entry and vote for the school they feel is most deserving. The school with the most votes by **September 30** will win the \$20,000 grant courtesy of *Parenting*. The winner will be announced this fall.

PTA started as parents and teachers standing up for kids. These advocates were responsible for getting the Juvenile Justice System started and Child Labor Laws enacted.



Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Presents
Coordinated School Health Institute
Schools and Communities Working for Healthier Schools
Wednesday, June 29, 2011
Kentucky Dietetic Association Presents
Growing Healthy Kids in Kentucky
Creating Healthy, Hunger-Free Communities
Thursday and Friday, June 30 & July 1, 2011
Questions? Contact the KDA Office at info@kyeatright.org or 859.245.0717



Join "Run the Streets" an all new running group for 10-18 year olds to train for a half-marathon

Beaumont Centre Family YMCA

It's free to join and get this...you get

- *Free pair of running shoes
- *Training coaches to support you
- *Free registration for a local half-marathon in October
- *Team t-shirt
- *Self-confidence to accomplish

Where? Castlewood Park (201 Castlewood Drive)

When? June 29-Oct 23 (Mon/Wed 6-7pm, Sat 8-10am)

For more info or to register contact Elissa at Beaumont YMCA

The Kentucky Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services (CRPs) is currently accepting membership applications **through July 22, 2011**. The CRPs are groups of volunteers from throughout Kentucky who are federally mandated to complete an evaluation of Kentucky's child protection system. Through a review of policy, practice and procedure, we work with the Department for Community Based Services to improve outcomes for children, families, and those who serve them. Please see <http://www.uky.edu/SocialWork/trc/kycrp.htm> for more information.

New members are required to attend an orientation on August 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Rough River State Resort Park. You may stay also for the rest of the CRP retreat if you wish. A retreat agenda, CRP Frequently Asked Questions, and membership application are available upon request. Travel will be reimbursed and a sleeping room will be provided, if needed. Email Liza at Liza@LizaHolland.com

16th District PTA Calendar of Events 2011-2012

June 9-12		<i>National PTA Convention</i>	Disney Coronado Springs, Orlando, FL
July 14-16		<i>KY PTA Convention/Leadership</i>	Fern Valley Hotel, Louisville, KY
July 30	9:00	<i>Leadership Development Back to School</i>	Ashland Oil
August 4	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
August 6		<i>Back to School Rallies</i>	
August 15		<i>Audit/ Financial Review Form due to KY PTA & Early Bird Membership</i>	
August 18	11:30	Roundtable – Membership and Reflections	Conference Room C
September 1	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
September 15	11:30	Roundtable – Common Core and Inclusion <i>Membership Payments due to KY PTA</i>	Conference Room C
September 27		<i>KY Kids Day</i>	
October 5		<i>Walk to School Day</i>	
October 6	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
October 9	1:00	PTA 5K at Second Sunday -District wide event	Coldstream Research Campus
October 15		<i>Mandatory Membership Payments Due to KY PTA</i>	
October 20	11:30	Roundtable - Healthy Lifestyles and Unity Day REFLECTIONS ENTRIES DUE	Conference Room C
October 23-31		<i>National Red Ribbon Week</i>	
November		<i>Parent Involvement Month</i> <i>Healthy Lifestyles Month</i>	
November 3	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
November 11-18		<i>United Way – Change for Change Campaign</i>	
November 17	11:30	Roundtable - Advocacy	Conference Room C
December 4	3:00	<i>Reflections Ceremony</i>	Norsworthy Auditorium
January 5	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
January 19	11:30	Roundtable – SBDM, Elections & Scholarships	Conference Room C
February 2	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
February 17		<i>PTA Founders Day</i>	
February 16	11:30	Roundtable – Parent Resources & Awards <i>Children's Advocacy Day – date TBD</i>	Conference Room C Capitol - FFT
March 1	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
March 2		<i>Read Across America Day</i>	
March 15	11:30	Roundtable – Safety and Bullying	Conference Room C
April 12	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
April 14		2nd Annual Southern Middle School Lightning Strike 5K	
April 19	11:30	Roundtable – Transitions, Budget and Audit	Conference Room C
April 21		10th Annual Bryan Station Defender Classic 5K	
May 3	11:30	Board Meeting	Norsworthy Foyer
May 5		2nd Annual Picadome Elementary Bulldog Derby 5K	
May 12		3rd Annual Sandersville Elementary Sharks On The Run 5K	
May 17	11:30	PTA Celebration Luncheon	TBA



16TH DISTRICT PTA LEADERSHIP

Executive Committee

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Consultants

National PTA Liaison	Judi Conrad
Prichard Committee	Lou Ann Ramos
FCEA	Jessica Hiler
Public Relations	Marsha Strein

Committee Chairs

Bylaws Chair	Karen Irving
Cultural Arts/Reflections	Kim Grasso
Exceptional Child	Alva Clark
Diversity and Inclusion	Jessica Berry
Gifted/Talented	Marianne Monk
Healthy Lifestyles	Melissa McDonald
Networking	Jackie Wagoner
Parental Involvement/Trainings	Kathy Smiley
Scholarship	Jessica Berry

Special Committees

PTA 5K	Skip Rafferty
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Open Positions

Advocacy
Awards/Grants
Environmental Awareness
Leadership Development
Male Involvement

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Education Advocates & Community Outreach/Partnerships

The committee actively promotes membership and participation in Education Advocates. Actively look for opportunities to partner with other organizations to further children's issues. Look for opportunities for PTA to have representatives on boards, etc.

Exceptional Child **Alva Mitchell Clark** 254-9896
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Exceptional Child committee works to provide resources for parents of children with special needs. This committee can work as a support mechanism and provide resources and trainings for parents.

Gifted/Talented **Marianne Monk** (859) 539-1559
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The Gifted and Talented committee works to provide resources for parents of children in the Gifted and Talented programs in the Fayette County Schools. This committee can work as a support mechanism and provide trainings and resources for parents.

Healthy Lifestyles **Melissa McDonald** (859) 559-7674
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Committee to promote child health and wellness throughout the district. Ensure local units are aware of Health Lifestyles Month and the resources available through national PTA. Focus on health, nutrition, physical activity, mental health and more.

Networking Coordinator/Committee – Elementary, Middle, High
Jackie Wagoner (859) 361-6703
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These three committees will help to facilitate networking among the school PTAs at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Potential activities might include networking meetings, email list servs or chats, meeting with FCPS Directors, parent training on age appropriate issues, etc. The object is for information to flow among PTAs and provide a support network for one another.

Parental Involvement/Trainings **Kathy Smiley** (412) 952-6011
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Committee presents parent education programs to assist parents in gaining skills in understanding academic issues, how to assist their children in school, resources available and advocating for their child. This committee would work with the district in promoting parental involvement and informs and encourages parents to use existing community services that are available. Develops innovative outreach to communicate with parents with the intent to promote involvement in education and children's success.

Scholarships **Jessica Berry** (859) 523-3277
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16th District offers several college scholarships annually. This committee is made up of Past Presidents and they facilitate the program.

Special Committees

PTA 5K District Run –
Skip Rafferty
Casey Hinds
Elisabeth Jensen
and Committee

This committee, which has several sub committees, will organize and product a district wide race. The purposes are to promote Healthy Lifestyles, bring schools together as a district, and raise funds for PTA programs at the district level and at individual schools.

POTENTIAL NEW COMMITTEES 2011-2013

PTA across the nation is involved in many areas. These are potential committees to add to the district programming and can be added as we identify individuals who are committed to making meaningful programming available on a district wide basis.

Awards and Grants

Committee to facilitate communication about national, state and district awards, make units aware of grant possibilities. Coordinate the outstanding programs and call for nominations for district awards

Environmental Awareness

Committee to promote care of our environment. Promote recycling programs and other resource conservation issues.

Leadership Development

Committee to develop a program of leadership trainings to help PTA members grow and build skills. Board trainings and potentially develop a mentoring program for new Presidents.

Male Involvement

Parents are indeed 50% male, yet we don't see as many men involved in PTA and in the schools. This committee will work towards letting men know how important they are in their child's success and look for innovative ways to get more men involved.

The Education Advocates PTA will focus on maximizing resources for students and PTAs on a citywide level.

Those of you who don't have a child in school now have a way to be involved in PTA!

Research proves that adult engagement increases student achievement, regardless of race or economic situation. Education Advocates is a community level PTA which looks for synergies among schools and helps to share best practices. It will look for partnership opportunities with businesses, organizations and agencies to bring the best options to bear for our students. This and much more awaits...

Membership/Sponsorship Levels

___\$10	Supporting
___\$25	Advocate
___\$50	Team Player
___\$100	Mentor
___\$250	Coach
___\$500	Children's Superhero
___\$1000	Change Agent

Many thanks to
our Education
Advocates
members so
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