

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Lafayette High School Talent Night—Saturday November 5th—7 pm to 10 pm Beeler Auditorium
- Rosa Parks Mall 9-3 November 12th 1251 Beaumont Center Lane
- 16th District Presents: Bullying Awareness Program - November 15th—6 p.m. IAKSS Building
- United Way Change for Change Drive November 11th-18th
- Parent Involvement Day November 17th!
- Unity Day November 21st

### Online Resources

[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)  
[www.kypta.org](http://www.kypta.org)  
[www.ptareflections.org](http://www.ptareflections.org)  
[www.ptagreatideabank.com](http://www.ptagreatideabank.com)  
[www.letsmove.org](http://www.letsmove.org)  
[www.healthiergeneration.org](http://www.healthiergeneration.org)  
[www.pta.org/healthylifestyles](http://www.pta.org/healthylifestyles)  
[www.volunteerspot.org](http://www.volunteerspot.org)

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## PTA 5K on Second Sunday-A Big Success!



Almost 750 FCPS students and families participated in our inaugural PTA 5K on Second Sunday! There were



so many smiling faces and runners and walkers of all sizes from schools all across the district! It was a beautiful day at Coldstream Park by the Legacy Trail.

Over 200 gathered for the Fun Run, which was kicked off by FCPS Board Chair John Price; KY PTA President Teri Gale; and 16th District President Liza Holland. The 5K

followed soon after with over 450, led by Amanda Ferguson, FCPS Board Member; Mike McKenzie, FCPS High School Director; and 16th

District VP, Kathy Smiley.

Our overall winner was Kaydence Pagano with



William Keplinger, student at Dunbar High School coming in second. You can see the full race results at:

<http://www.fcps.net/media/532746/2011%205k.pdf>



## NEW 16th District Green Team!



We are excited to report that there is a new committee active at the District Level—the Green Team!

Maxine Rudder an Education Advocate PTA member is the chair. If you or anyone else you know would be interested in this great new committee, please contact Maxine at [Maxine@bgpride.org](mailto:Maxine@bgpride.org). They will be having an initial meeting in November prior to the roundtable date. Details TBA.

# President's Post



## Thoughts on PTA

*Your PTA can do great things. Find out what the needs of the parents and students are at your school and fill those needs. Just because it has been done for years does not mean it has to be done. Put your time and talents to work where it will make a real difference for kids and families.*

Congratulations to all on an amazing PTA 5K on Second Sunday!

I am so proud of our district for putting together this event which had multiple impacts: promoting a Healthy Lifestyle, creating new Healthy Lifestyles committees in each school, engaging LOTS of families in a healthy and fun activity, raising funds for our PTAs to implement programs for their home families, making a great statement about what PTA is and can be in the eyes of the community. WAY TO GO!!

November is Healthy Lifestyles Month, Par-

ent Involvement Month and includes our annual Unity Day Celebration. There is a lot to celebrate and educate about this month.

Our Roundtable topic will be Advocacy. Did you know that PTA was founded on social justice issues? Your PTA was instrumental in the establishment of Child Labor Laws, the Juvenile Justice System, hot lunches in schools, polio vaccinations, the TV rating systems and much more. As the largest child advocacy organization in the nation, PTA can and does make a difference in this country. Your membership is like a vote for

your child! Come learn more.

We will be advocating for some immediate issues in the district – there is a need for more safety measures on the roads surrounding Sandersville Elementary. Unfortunately, a child was hit by a car there recently. We also are going to support the request for LFUCG presence near the park that is next to the Tates Creek Campus – especially at arrival and dismissal times. Perhaps there is something you think PTA should advocate for. Let us know!

Look for the Cassidy Jog-a-Thon and the PTA 5K on Channel 13's *Spotlight on PTA* this month. Keep us in mind if you have an event we can come share with the community!

## Advocacy Committee

It is fall, which means it's time to prepare legislative agendas for the upcoming Kentucky General Assembly Session. The key to getting things through Council, Congress or the General Assembly is organization and advocacy. I am pleased to chair the Advocacy Committee of the 16<sup>th</sup> District PTA, and am inviting all our PTAs to join in the organization. To make sure we have a clear, resounding and accurate voice, I am inviting EVERY PTA in the district to designate one person to serve on and be their school's advocate representative. The purpose of the committee is to develop this year's slate of issues to be addressed by our community and elected officials, get behind the legislative agenda of our state and national parent bodies, and work to see meaningful change happen on behalf of our children. Even if you do not have a representative available for our first meeting, know that we desire your input. What do you feel are the top issues that need to be addressed for the sake of our kids? Some items already suggested have included a new crosswalk near Sandersville Elementary, serious attention given to youth programming noting recent shootings and deaths, healthy eating within our schools, better communication with parents with the simplifying of literature and language used by the education community, improved websites, and a "Parents' Bill of Rights". It should be an exciting committee doing a great work. We welcome your insight and participation. I hope to hear from you or a designee soon.

# Race Result Highlights

- 1 Kaydence Pagano
- 2 William Keplinger
- 3 Natalie Postel
- 4 Favia Sapp
- 5 Beittany Niehaus
- 6 G.A. Smith
- 7 Benjamin Tuttle
- 8 Eric Ebner
- 9 Shane Shoemaker
- 10 Travis Yazell

**WINNER of the Bonus money**  
 \$1000 from Councilman McChord  
 for most Second Sunday Participants as a % of Enrollment  
*DIXIE ELEMENTARY!!*  
**FCPS Bonus for finishers as a % of enrollment**  
**Dixie**  
**Stonewall**  
**Veterans Park**



Full Race Results online at <http://www.fcps.net/media/532746/2011%205k.pdf>

If you are a winner and did not get your medal, email Liza Holland [Liza@LizaHolland.com](mailto:Liza@LizaHolland.com)



*Engaging Families is a big part of the mission of PTA!*

## Exceptional Child Committee to Meet

Exceptional Child Committee of the 16th District is having a meeting to discuss the wonderful Awareness Week project that was recently conducted at Glendover Elementary. The project was a

huge success and helped to bring education about the joy of children with differences to the whole school community. They would like to spread the program to other schools. The group will meet about

this and any other things this group would like to do. The meeting will be at the Race for Education offices 1818 Versailles Road  
**Thursday, November 10th**  
**11:30 am**

## Congratulations To Dixie for the Golden Apple!!!

Dixie Elementary PTA won the Golden Apple Award from the Community Partners Leadership Team! This award recognizes outstanding support to the schools by high performance community partners. The PTA has been integral to the success of Dixie Magnet Elementary. The group's unwavering commitment to reach out to Dixie's families and its support of staff have enhanced the school climate.

The PTA has partnered with the school in various activities including:

- Arts Enrichment Program – recruiting parents to teach after-school arts-based classes that culminate with an Arts Night showcase;
- Parents and Teachers as Arts Partners (PTAP) – participating with staff in writing, directing, researching and producing two original Kentucky history plays;
- Agendas – buying copies for all students at the beginning of the school

year to assist Dixie families with back-to-school expenses.

- Parent Mystery Reader Program – recruiting volunteers to visit classrooms and read to students.
- Arts bags – Stuffing bags for K-2 students with art, music and writing activities.

The PTA also has an ongoing partnership with the school's Family Resource Center and helps plan programming such as Breakfast with Your Best Man, Student of the Month Breakfast, & much more. Go Dixie!!

# Treasurer Tips



**Does your PTA spend a lot of money on bank charges? Do you feel like you're throwing money away?** Check with your bank to see how they can reduce these charges. If they cannot, it might be time to look for a new bank. Consider these points:

- Do not pay a monthly fee. Many banks have a "Non-profit" category that does not require a monthly fee regardless of the balance on the account. Or they are willing to waive the monthly fee for the PTA. Talk to the manager of your branch if needed.
- Don't pay for checks. Again, banks will typically waive the check printing fee for PTAs. You just have to ask.
- If there is a monthly transaction fee, make sure that the transaction volume is high and the amount per transaction is low. For instance, free checking up to 500 transactions/month and then 25 cents per transaction after that is reasonable today. Some accounts offer transaction volume as low as 200 transactions/month and 40 cents per transaction after that. If your transaction volume is regularly in excess of 500 transactions, then you should be able to negotiate no transaction fee.
- Find out the charge to your account if you deposit a check that is returned. Hopefully this is not an ongoing problem, but charges can be \$12.00-\$15.00 per item.

Also note that PTAs cannot use check cards or debit cards. **Two signatures are required on every check.** This is PTA guideline, not bank policy. Using the debit cards/check cards only requires one person's authorization. Most banks with automated processing today do not have the capability to check for the dual signature. It needs to be a discipline within your PTA process.



**Last reminder that taxes are due to the IRS by November 15<sup>th</sup>.** After filing your form, please send a copy to KY PTA and to the Attorney General. If you have any questions, please contact 16<sup>th</sup> District PTA Treasurer, Colleen Wolfe, at

[colleen.wolfe@insightbb.com](mailto:colleen.wolfe@insightbb.com).



The post of  
16th District  
PTA  
Corresponding  
Secretary is  
open for nomi-  
nations.

We thank Jenni  
Scutchfield so  
much for her  
service!

# Membership Minute

First, let me say “Way to go!” 16<sup>th</sup> district is off to a great start, the following schools have already achieved membership award status: Beaumont Middle, Breckinridge Elementary, Henry Clay High School, James Lane Allen Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Sandersville Elementary, Squires Elementary and Stonewall Elementary and Tates Creek Middle (as of September 15<sup>th</sup>). Congratulations again and remember to pay your district dues (\$.25/member) at the same time that you pay National and State dues.

## **This month’s tips are on delivering “our” message to potential members.**

**Be prepared to describe at least three recent accomplishments of your PTA:** provide both objective and subjective information about your PTA’s accomplishments; this will appeal to prospective members who are mission-driven and want to see that your programs have a significant impact on children and the community.

**Develop a list of state and national accomplishments.**

**Describe the current goals and expected outcomes of your PTA.**

**Highlight the benefits of being a member of your PTA:** Include both tangible and intangible benefits.

**Match member interests and skills with volunteer jobs:** The most effective way to find volunteers is to say, “Tell us what you like to do and we’ll find a way to use your skills and interests.”

**Keep all members in the loop.** Personally contact inactive members to thank them for their support and to update them on your PTA’s goals and progress.

Should you have any questions or need any assistance with membership, give me a call 859-619-3949 or email [jaimenebbitt@gmail.com](mailto:jaimenebbitt@gmail.com) Until next month.....happy recruiting!

Jaime

## Congratulations!!!

Stonewall Elementary has lots to cheer about.

Jennifer Crockett has been chosen from a nationwide pool of applicants to attend a National PTA Train the Trainer Training on Grassroots Advocacy in December. We are proud of Jenn and look forward to having her share all that she learns with us here in Lexington.

Kudos as well to Stonewall for winning the National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Grant! This brings \$1,000 to the school for Healthy Lifestyles Programming. Only 10 were awarded nationwide. Way to go!!

## Communications for PTA

PTA is meant to be a resource to families for things that will keep kids realize their potential. We have formed a communications committee to look for ways to become a better communications vehicle and resource for families. Feel free to join in the fun. We are dreaming big. Contact Liza at [Liza@LizaHolland.com](mailto:Liza@LizaHolland.com) if you are interested.

Also, if you have an interest in serving on the board as Corresponding Secretary, we are taking nominations to fill the position.

# PTA Announcements

*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.*

**Day Treatment is in need of plain color golf/polo shirts (must have collar) in the following colors: white, gray, black, brown, and beige (adult sizes– the bigger the better).**

**We also need belts in all sizes (the bigger the better) and pull-over crew neck sweatshirts in plain colors with no writing and no hoods: gray, white, or black and tan khaki pants—all sizes.**

**Lisa Berman  
Lexington Day Treatment Center  
1177 Red Mile Place  
(850) 246-4381**

16th District PTA Presents..

## Bullying Awareness Program

“It takes a Village To Stop Bullying”

Tuesday, November 15, 2011  
6 p.m.

IAKSS Building  
Conference Room C

Open to everyone

Presenter: Ms. Jan Hatfield  
Safe Schools Resource Specialist

### Free Preschool Fair to offer Lexington parents information, support

The third annual Lexington Preschool Fair will take place Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 am - noon at Trinity Christian Academy, 3900 Rapid Run Dr. At the fair, area preschool representatives will hand out information, speak to parents and answer questions about their programs. Area parents are invited to the free event. Children’s activities will be available. The fair is organized by the MOMS Club of Lexington-East.

For more information about the fair, or about MOMS Club, contact the MOMS Club of Lexington - East at 1-859-955-0056 or via email at momsclublexeast@yahoo.com.

## KDE seeks to fill Next-Generation advisory council

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to apply for membership in the Next-Generation Student Council, a new group formed by Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday.

The council will provide valuable feedback from Kentucky students and engage student leaders in learning by doing. The group will meet with the commissioner and Kentucky Department of Education staff, in person and virtually, to discuss how decisions made at the state level affect students throughout Kentucky and will provide feedback on critical issues impacting students and schools.

The Next-Generation Student Council seeks teenagers with refreshing ideas and thoughtful insight into how schools and student achievement can be improved. Students who represent the diverse academic, geographic, demographic and school-size variables are encouraged to apply.

Appointments to the council will be based on how well the applicants communicate their ideas and goals. Eleven students will serve from January through June 2012.



## 16TH DISTRICT PTA LEADERSHIP

### Executive Committee

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## News to Note

True to its final performance, called "Shine," defending champion Paul Laurence Dunbar High School captured its seventh state marching band title.

Lafayette High was runner-up in the Class 5A showdown Saturday night at Western Kentucky University's stadium. That's exactly how the perennial rivals ended up last year.

Lafayette, whose show was titled "Shadows of Eternity," has won 16 state championships. Since 1990, these two schools have dominated the Kentucky Music Educators Association's contests.

Twenty bands in five classes competed in the 2011 championships. Tates Creek High was sixth and Henry Clay eighth in their division. It was the first time four Lexington bands finished in the top 8 in Class 5A.

Bands are divided into classes 1A through 5A based on high school enrollment. They are judged on musical performance, visual performance and general effect – everything from individual posture and spacing to intonation and overall sound.