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**President's Message – Getting Prepared**

April showers bring May flowers... Now is the time that all local PTA/PTSA units are nominating and electing new officers for next year. Arrangements should be made now for your required Audit and plans for a transition meeting should be made so that the current and the new executive board can make an effective transition. Officers will be installed in May or June. Remember your County Council Officers and District PTA can help with installation of new officers. Final plans should be made to recognize your Volunteers.

Many thanks to all participants and supporters of the Henrico County Council of PTAs Scholarship Walkfest. What a wonderful way to support graduating high school seniors in Henrico County. We look forward to rewarding several recipients of this Scholarship at our Annual Awards Banquet! Speaking of our Annual Awards Banquet...as you know it will be held on Tuesday, May 1st at Hermitage HS. We hope to see all of our local PTA units represented. This is an opportunity for us to recognize our wonderful volunteers, PTA membership achievements and accomplishments of our local PTA units. Mr. Fred Morton, Superintendent, and many representatives from HCPS and our School board members will also be attending to share in the recognition of your accomplishments. Our special guest is Dianne Florence, President, Virginia PTA. The reservation form is due now as well as your Volunteer of the Year form and the Unit Assessment Form.

Spring also brings culminating activities like prom and graduation parties. Parents of high school students need to monitor these activities very carefully. One characteristic that these events have in common is that students can and will be put into social situations which can result in poor decisions about behavior. If he or she is going with a group, who else is going? If it is a date, who is it? Be sure you know who is driving. Although curfews are often lifted for these events, be sure you know when your student is planning to return home. I strongly recommend that students participate in school or PTA/PTSA sponsored after prom and/or all night graduation parties. These are guaranteed to be alcohol free/drug free events with plenty of adult supervision but lots of fun activities for students. PTA/PTSA committees raise funds for games, prizes and food to provide a safe event for students. Be skeptical about private parties. Call to be sure parents are aware a party has been planned. Ask if they will be there. Will students stay over night? Will alcohol be on the premises? Some parents think they are doing the right thing by collecting car keys and then allowing students to drink alcohol in a private home. Please understand that this is not only misguided, it is unlawful. Police will be called and parents can be charged with providing alcohol to minors and/or contributing to the delinquency of minors. Most importantly, you must talk with your student about your expectations for their behavior and you must do it often. We tend to think that they know what we expect, but study after study has shown that the most effective deterrent to drug and alcohol use is for parents to talk to their children often about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Say it every day. And then give them a hug. A hug is always a good idea!

Please let us know if we can help you in any way to fulfill the duties of your position. We thank all of you for volunteering your time to benefit your children, our schools and the Henrico community. You are awesome!

**Anne Carson**  
HCCPTA President

## President's Checklist:

### April

- ✓ Recognize outstanding contributors to the PTA by giving them one of Virginia PTA's Honorary Awards.
- ✓ Submit Unit Assessment Form by today.
- ✓ Honor all PTA Volunteers and nominate someone for PTA Volunteer of the Year.
- ✓ Attend the District PTA Annual Meeting and Legislation Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### May

- ✓ Attend HCCPTA Annual Meeting and Banquet on Tuesday, May 1.

### June

- ✓ Update 2006-2007 PTA/PTSA Officer with the HCCPTA. Go to [www.HCCPTA.com](http://www.HCCPTA.com) then click on [Submit PTA Officers "Contact" information].
- ✓ Have transitional board meeting with old and new members. Assume duties at end of transitional meeting.
- ✓ Send all forms including the new officers names/addresses to the State Office. EIN (tax ID) number must also be on file with state PTA Office by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Review and update committee procedure books, develop procedure books for new positions.
- ✓ Make sure the outgoing president arranged the audit for the previous year financial records.
- ✓ Make reservations for Virginia PTA's Leadership Training Conference and Virginia PTA's Legislation/Education Conference.
- ✓ Remind your Treasurer that all dues collected since March 1 must be in to the State Office by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**This section was not printed in its entirety in the February Newsletter.**

### SUGGESTED USE OF PTA FUNDS

**Below is a section of the Local Unit Resource Guide on "Suggested Use of PTA Funds" that was not printed in its entirety. (The Local Unit Resource Guide is something each PTA President received this summer and can be found in its entirety at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org) in the Forms library section under Members Only. It is a wonderful resource!)**

#### After-school Programs

PTA funds may be used to support after school programs for children and youth. The PTA must work with the principal/school division to develop the types of programs to be offered after school. The safety and supervision of students must be a top priority. PTAs may provide and directly pay for any supplies necessary for the implementation of after school programs.

PTA insurance covers all students involved in after school programs and all volunteers who assist with after school programs. However, PTAs are not employers and PTA insurance does not cover individuals who are paid for services such as teaching after school programs. Workmen's compensation insurance is required by law in the state of Virginia for any group or organization that employs individuals. PTAs may donate funds to the school/school division for the purpose of paying school employees (teachers, teacher assistants, custodians, etc.) for their time given to after-school programs, etc. Cash payments are not an acceptable form of PTA payments. Receipts must document all PTA payments. PTAs must obtain a receipt from school to verify the use of the funds for the salaries of school employees. PTAs may utilize outside providers of services such as Gymstrada, etc. The PTA pays the employer for services and the employer pays their employees involved in offering these services.

### **Searching for thoughts, Ideas and Solutions - We need your help!**

PTA units in our Alternative Schools are struggling. We are in search of ideas on ways to help them be successful. That may include other PTA units "adopting" these units, sharing their leadership resources. Or ....what other thoughts or suggestions do you have to help keep these units alive? Would your PTA unit be interested in partnering with another PTA unit to share ideas, successes and programs that work?

Contact Anne Carson, President, HCCPTA with any suggestions you may have at: [president@hccpta.com](mailto:president@hccpta.com)

### **Did you know...**

PTAs in Henrico County are a part of the Richmond District PTA. There are 21 Districts that make up the Virginia PTA. The Richmond District is made of PTAs in the following counties/cities: Charles City County, Fluvanna County, Goochland County, Hanover County, Henrico County, Lousia County, New Kent County and the City of Richmond.

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**Henrico County Council of PTAs**  
**2007 Annual Meeting & Banquet**  
Tuesday, May 1, 2006 – Hermitage High School  
Registration 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner & Meeting 6:30 p.m.

It is getting to be that time of year – time to gather and celebrate our successes and recognize our Volunteers of the Year, Scholarship winners and honor our local units for membership.

**Forms required by 4/3/07:**

- 1) **Reservation Form** – Please submit one form and one check for all attendees from your school. NOTE the submission deadline is **NOW**. Payments will not be accepted at the door. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU BEFORE SPRING BREAK!
- 2) **Volunteer of the Year Entry Form** – Please return this and submit only **ONE** name, as committees or groups will not be accepted. Note that this form must be signed by the PTA President.
- 3) **Unit Accomplishment Form** – Please take a minute to let us know what you have been up to this year. Because this is a popular event and seating is limited, we must adhere to the posted deadline.

**2006-2007 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**New this year regarding Volunteers of the Year**

Henrico County Council of PTAs will be selecting one outstanding volunteer from the Elementary School Volunteers of the Year and one outstanding volunteer from our Middle/High School Volunteers of the Year that are submitted to be recognized at our Annual Banquet. These top two Volunteers of the Year from Henrico County PTAs will be forwarded to the District level for consideration in selection for recommendation for Volunteer of the Year at the State Level!

Make sure you get your Volunteer of the Year honoree in on time to our Volunteer Chair as directed in your invitation mailing regarding our Annual Banquet!

## SERVICE AWARDS

Now is a good time to give some thought to having your PTA recognize someone with a service award this year.

The Scholarship Fund of the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers is funded primarily by proceeds from the President's Honor Award, Honorary Life Memberships, Distinguished Service Awards, and Certificates of Appreciation. The number of scholarships awarded each year depends upon the number of these awards presented.

**Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership**

This is one of the highest tributes a person can receive. Any local unit, council, or District in conjunction with the State PTA can give a Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership. This award recognizes individuals contributing to the health and welfare for our youth.

**Virginia PTA President's Honor Award**

This award recognizes meritorious service on behalf of children and youth to an individual who has previously received the Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership Award.

**Virginia PTA Student Leadership Award**

This award recognizes a student for their leadership skills and efforts on behalf of children and youth.

**Virginia PTA Distinguished Service Award**

This award recognizes a person who has contributed a special service on behalf of children and youth.

**Virginia PTA Certificate of Appreciation**

This award is in recognition of exceptional interest in and dedicated efforts toward the Objects of the PTA. This is a nice way to award a person outside of PTA.

**Honor/Memorial Gift & Donations**

Donations in honor or in memory of special individuals are always welcome. This is a special way to honor or remember a special individual. At any time, Virginia PTA will accept donations to help provide a scholarship to Virginia's graduating seniors.

**Forms**

Forms for the Service Awards are located at the following locations:

- Virginia PTA web site at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org) in the FORMS LIBRARY in the MEMBERS ONLY section
- Virginia PTA Local Unit Resource Guide
- Contact [info@vapta.org](mailto:info@vapta.org)

**The Nominating Committee of the County Council has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 Executive Board:**

President	Claire Pollock
Area VP, Brookland District	Helena Lythgoe
Area VP, Fairfield District	Dow Smallwood
Area VP, Three Chopt District	Mirinda Lawrence
Area VP, Tuckahoe District	Sharon Dunkum
Area VP, Varina District	Andrea Beck
Secretary	Tawanda Hudson
Treasurer	Ingrid Johnson

A summary of the PTA experience of the nominees follows:

**President**

**Claire Pollock**

Claire has been a PTA leader at the local and Council levels. She is currently completing her first term as Council Secretary and her second term as Membership and Credentials Chair. She is past President of Carver ES PTA and Three Chopt ES PTA.

**Area VP, Brookland District**

**Helena Lythgoe**

Helena has been a PTA leader at the local and Council levels. She is currently serving as Communications Chair and Scholarship Committee Chair, and was instrumental in setting up the HCCPTA Website in 2006. Helena is currently the President of the Hungary Creek MS PTA and a Vice President at Springfield Park ES PTA.

**Area VP, Fairfield District**

**Dow Smallwood**

Dow is currently serving as County Council Delegate and Lay Advisory Delegate for the Laburnum ES PTA.

**Area VP, Three Chopt District**

**Mirinda Lawrence**

Mirinda has been a PTA leader at the local and Council levels. She is currently serving as the Area VP for the Three Chopt District. She has served as President at Chamberlayne ES PTA and Hungary Creek MS PTA and as Vice President at Chamberlayne ES PTA, Wilder MS PTA and Hungary Creek MS PTA.

**Area VP, Tuckahoe District**

**Sharon Dunkum**

Sharon has been a PTA leader at the local, Council and District levels. She is currently serving as the Area VP for the Tuckahoe District and is the President of the Richmond District PTA.

**Area VP, Varina District**

**Andrea Beck**

Andrea has been active in PTA for many years. She is currently serving as the Area VP for the Varina District and is on the Ward ES PTA board.

**Secretary**

**Tawanda Hudson**

Tawanda has been active in PTA for several years. She is new to the Council but is currently serving as Treasurer at Rolfe MS PTA.

**Treasurer**

**Ingrid Johnson**

Ingrid has been very active in PTA for many years. She is currently serving as Treasurer at Springfield Park Elementary and held this same position on two other separate occasions. Ingrid was also Treasurer at Short Pump Middle. She has also served as VP of Programs on two separate occasions, as well as several other board positions.

The nominees will be considered for election at the Annual Meeting and Banquet on May 1.

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**Twin Hickory Library or Bust!**

Innsbrook Branch will permanently close on Fri., May 4 at 5:30 p.m. It will reopen as the new and larger Twin Hickory Area Library at 5001 Twin Hickory Rd. on Mon., Jul 9 at 9:00 a.m. The new library is adjacent to Deep Run High School and the Twin Hickory Recreation Center. Twin Hickory Library will have a café, wireless computer accessibility, a computer instruction lab, study and meeting rooms, expanded service hours, and a wide selection of materials to browse and enjoy. From May 5 – Jul. 8, please visit the following nearby libraries: Gayton, Glen Allen, and Tuckahoe. If you have any questions, please call 652-3258.

## **BECOME A BETTER LEADER WITH PTA LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Training is an integral part of developing effective leaders. When PTA leaders capitalize on the training opportunities all levels of PTA have to offer, they are better able to support units, increase membership, build community partnerships, and cultivate future leaders.

### ***Upcoming training opportunities include:***

- **Richmond District Leadership Training**  
The Richmond District and the James River District PTA will hold its Annual Training Workshop on Saturday June 2, 2007, at Pocahontas Middle School in Henrico County. This is a one-day training event for all PTA positions. An information packet will be sent to local unit PTA Presidents in late March along with registration forms and directions. New this year will be a session for PTA leaders from Henrico County to get together to share ideas.
- **Incoming PTA Presidents training** conducted by HCCPTA May 29th at Greenwood Elementary at 7:00 p.m.
- **Virginia PTA Leadership Training Conference**, July 13-14, 2007 at Longwood University. Go to: [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org) for additional details.

Of course there are additional training opportunities available at the National PTA level that includes E-learning and National PTA's leadership conferences. Go to: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) for additional information on these training opportunities.

Leadership conferences are a wonderful way to build skills and make connections. They are also a great way for both new and experienced leaders to receive training on topics critical to their success as leaders and the success of their PTA's. Leadership training is a justifiable PTA budget expenses. Don't miss these opportunities!

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## ***Footsteps to the Future*** ***Walkfest***



## **Henrico County Scholarship Fund In honor of Dr. George H. Moody**

### **What is the scholarship fund?**

The Henrico County Council Scholarship Fund has been in existence for more than 20 years. It was previously named the Moody Scholarship Fund however there's been some confusion with it being connected somehow with Moody Middle School. The Henrico County Council of PTAs has awarded an average of 12 scholarships for the past couple of years at an average of \$1200 to graduating Henrico County Seniors. The Scholarship is based on financial need, academic achievement and school/community activities.

### **How is money raised?**

Two ways:

- 1) Direct donations from PTA local units. Each unit typically budgets an amount annually to be donated to the scholarship Fund.
- 2) Our annual Fundraiser. This year it was the HCC PTA Walkfest held 3/24/07 at Tucker High School

### **How can you help?**

- 1) See if your local unit has submitted a donation to this year's scholarship fund. Submit it as soon as possible or least let us know that it's coming.
- 2) Make a personal donation to the scholarship Fund. It's tax deductible!
- 3) Know a local business owner who'd like to make a donation? Send them our way.
- 4) See if your SCA needs a spring project. Collect pennies and donated to our Scholarship Fund

For more information see our website: [www.hccpta.com](http://www.hccpta.com), under scholarship or email committee chair, Helena Lythgoe at [scholarship@hccpta.com](mailto:scholarship@hccpta.com)

## Varina Area Connection

The Varina High School PTSA is organizing and hosting a presentation on Drinking and Driving, aimed at both adults and teenagers, on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Their presentation will include speakers on various topical aspects, such as:

- **Legal ramifications for drivers and adults that host teen drinking parties**
- **Presentation by MCV trauma team**
- **Personal insights by those that have lost loved ones**
- **Other Resources: MADD, SADD, AA and Al-Alon-Teen**

Andrea Beck

Area VP Varina District, Henrico County Council of PTA's

### **Message with a Meal**

Join us at **Short Pump Middle School** for an informative parenting program discussing the risk factors our teens face with drugs, alcohol and tobacco. This interactive program will teach you, as a parent, how to help your teen reduce these risks.

The presentation and group discussion will be facilitated by a coordinator from the Henrico County Mental Health Dept. It will include important steps **you** can take to guide your child in making good choices regarding substance abuse:

- Factors that put your child at risk and how you can reduce those risks
- Avoiding trouble – helping your child say no to drugs
- Managing conflict – controlling and expressing anger constructively
- Involvement – how to create a family support network

There are two opportunities to take advantage of this free program, called *Guiding Good Choices*. The content will differ for each of the program days, so you can attend one or both. Format will be a series of videos followed group discussions.

Thursday, April 26 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Light dinner included)

Friday, April 27 from 10:00am – 12:00pm (Light lunch included)

A \$50 gift card to Short Pump mall will be raffled off among the attendees.

Each child of those parents attending will be eligible for a \$25 gift card!

RSVP by Monday, April 23, to Jana Forshey at 364-9131 or janaforshey1@verizon.net

### **Concerned about your child's eating and weight?**

VCU can help!

Participate in  
**NOURISH**

Nourishing Our Understanding of Role Modeling to Improve Support and Health

An exciting new intervention for parents of children ages 6-11 developed by VCU faculty as a research study!

#### You will learn how to:

Teach your children healthy eating & exercise behaviors  
Plan quick and easy family meals  
Teach your children healthy attitudes toward appearance  
Effectively role model healthy eating and exercise behaviors

#### Intervention participants will receive:

\$20 gift cards for completing questionnaires before and after the intervention.  
A pedometer  
Eligibility for a \$75 gift card raffle

The intervention takes place for 12 weeks, 1½ hours each week.

Contact us to see if you are eligible for this study at: (804) 827-9211 or rwalker5@vcu.edu for more information.

# REFLECTIONS Recognition at the District Level

We all take pride in our Henrico County students, their diversity and talents. There was no better evidence of this than on March 18th at Wilder Middle School. The Richmond District PTA presented their Annual Reflections Recognition Ceremony. Twenty Three Henrico students received recognition! The Richmond District includes Henrico County, Hanover County, Richmond City, Goochland County, Louisa County, Fluvanna County, and Charles City schools. The following students were recognized at the District Level:

## Visual Arts

Award of Merit - Claire Copeland-Ruby Carver ES  
Award of Excellence – Annika Wooten – Pocahontas MS

Award of Excellence – Maria Deiz – Springfield Park ES  
Outstanding Interpretation – Jennifer Ragone – Freeman HS

## Film/Video Production

Outstanding Interpretation – Anna Stanley – Maude Trevvett ES  
Award of Excellence – John Venuti – H. F. Byrd MS

Outstanding Interpretation – Arielle Eisen - Shady Grove ES  
Outstanding Interpretation – Matthew Clegg – Henrico HS

## Choreography/Dance

Award of Excellence – Emma Dulog – Twin Hickory ES  
Award of Excellence – Carly Pearce – Short Pump MS

Outstanding Interpretation – Selena Rawley – Twin Hickory ES  
Outstanding Interpretation – Aishwarya Sriram – Henrico HS

## Literature

Outstanding Interpretation – Mia Owens – Pemberton ES  
Outstanding Interpretation – Serena Tang – Freeman HS

Award of Excellence – Brianna Duff – Pocahontas MS

## Photography

Award of Excellence – Corey Colden – Nuckols Farm ES  
Outstanding Interpretation – Morgan McCleaf – Short Pump MS

Award of Excellence – Amelia Campbell – Pinchbeck ES  
Award of Merit – Faith Walker – Godwin HS

## Musical Composition

Outstanding Interpretation – Holden Vest – Varina-Mefhoud ES  
Award of Merit – Laura Dobbs – Short Pump MS

Outstanding Interpretation – Christopher Powell – Jackson Davis ES  
Outstanding Interpretation – Maelyn Cable – Hermitage HS

## Virginia State PTA Reflections Honorees from Henrico County

We are even more excited about the following students who were recognized at the State Level for Reflections. They include:

### Photography

Award of Merit – Morgan McCleaf – Short Pump MS

### Musical Composition

Award of Excellence – Holden Vest – Varina-Mefhoud ES

### Visual Arts

Award of Merit – Jennifer Gagone – Freeman HS

### Film/Video Production

Award of Merit – Arielle Eisen – Shady Grove ES

### Literature

Award of Merit – Serena Tang – Freeman HS

## Citizenship Essay Winners from Henrico County “The Power of One Vote”

### High School Division

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Erin Bresson – J. R. Tucker HS

4<sup>th</sup> Place – John Delano – J. R. Tucker HS

**Congratulations to all of these talented Henrico County students!**

## IDEA SHARING

Several PTA/PTSA's are gearing up to help their schools celebrate significant anniversaries. If you have been through this type of event and can share any incite on what you did and how it was funded, it would be helpful to other PTAs. We will include the ideas and suggestions in our next newsletter. Please write to our communications chair Helena Lythgoe at [newsletter@hccpta.com](mailto:newsletter@hccpta.com).

### ATTENTION: HENRICO COUNTY PTA LEADERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE...

**Richmond District PTA Annual Meeting and Banquet**  
**April 23, 2007**

*At "The Place" in Innsbrook*

- All local units in the Richmond District are invited to send a representative to this important event.
- Membership Awards will be given out.
- Future State Legislation Program will be discussed and your input is needed.
- State PTA Representatives will be in attendance.

All Henrico County PTA/PTSA Presidents received an invitation in the mail which contained the details of the event. Please contact Sharon Dunkum, Richmond District Director via e-mail at [richmond@vapta.org](mailto:richmond@vapta.org) with any questions you may have.

\*\*We would love to see a strong representation from Henrico County there. After all we have more PTA units than any other County that makes up the Richmond District!

### Planning and Organizational Meetings Planned for new PTAs.

#### **Elko Middle School PTA –**

Planning Meeting - May 3, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at Sandston ES

Organizational Meeting - June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at Sandston ES

Please contact the Principal, Mrs. Perera at [kaperera@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:kaperera@henrico.k12.va.us), or Andrea Beck at [beckshomerepair@comcast.net](mailto:beckshomerepair@comcast.net) with any questions you may have regarding these meetings.

#### **Colonial Trail Elementary School PTA –**

Planning Meeting - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the library at Short Pump Middle School

Organizational Meeting - May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the library at Short Pump Middle School

Please contact the Principal, Mr. Cantone at [pjcanton@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:pjcanton@henrico.k12.va.us), or Wendy Logan at [wplogan@verizon.net](mailto:wplogan@verizon.net) or Kim Mayfield at [kmayfield4@verizon.net](mailto:kmayfield4@verizon.net) with any questions you may have regarding these meetings.

Anyone interested in helping these PTAs get up and running, should plan on attending these meetings.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Richmond District PTA Annual Meeting and Banquet**

**April 23, 2007**

*At "The Place" in Innsbrook*

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### Henrico County Council of PTAs

**"Annual Meeting, Awards and Recognition Banquet"**

Tuesday, May 1, 2007 6:00 p.m. Hermitage HS

Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The deadline for all materials, including the volunteer of year recipient for your school is NOW. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [Banquet@hccpta.com](mailto:Banquet@hccpta.com)

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### **Incoming PTA Presidents Meeting**

May 29th at Greenwood ES 7:00 p.m.

# VIRGINIA PTA ACTION ALERT! March 28, 2007

Dear friends of Virginia PTA,

Please contact your members of Congress and set up a meeting to discuss the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind between April 2 and 13 when they are home!

PTA has a legislative initiative to improve the parent-involvement provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act that were announced earlier this week.

We need your help getting our parent-involvement recommendations included in the Senate and House reauthorization bills.

- Set up a meeting with your member of Congress between April 2nd and 13th when they are working in their local offices
- You can help shape the federal law. By talking to your Senator or Representative, you can make a difference
- If you can't meet face to face, e-mail or call to show support for the PTA Parent Involvement Initiative
- Ask members of your community and school to add their voices to the conversation.

Details on the PTA Parent-Involvement Initiative:

- Starting with a news release, congressional briefing and media coverage
- Summaries, PTA's specific legislative recommendations, talking points and an issue brief have been posted on PTA.org
- A national conference call for all Federal Legislation Chairs was held earlier this week to answer your questions and to hear comments. For additional information, contact your state legislation committee chairman, Stella Y. Edwards at [legislation@vapta.org](mailto:legislation@vapta.org), 804-530-1809

Congress appears ready to move quickly to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, including No Child Left Behind -- so you should be ready too.

Your help is  
instrumental in  
improving our nation's  
schools

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<http://capwiz.com/npta2/dbq/officials>  
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call the Congressional  
Switchboard at 202-224-3121

For summaries of PTA's  
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and other information:

[http://www.pta.org/archive\\_article\\_det\\_ails\\_1175106200125.html](http://www.pta.org/archive_article_det_ails_1175106200125.html)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS State Leadership Training Conference (LTC) July 13 -15<sup>th</sup>, 2007

A two day session, on the campus of Longwood University, offering a variety of workshops on basic PTA training and topics related to current issues. Meet PTA members and leaders from across the state and share ideas.

**\*\*This is a justifiable PTA expense and in fact one that all PTAs Leaders should attend!**

## HCPS Parent Resource Center – Upcoming Workshops

<b>Workshop:</b>	<b>Summer Enrichment Opportunities for Advanced K-8 Students</b>
	Make this summer exciting and educational for your children at the same time! Attend this workshop and learn about opportunities in the Richmond area that will stimulate learning and provide hours of fun.
Presenter	Nancy Squire, Gifted Education Teacher, Retired
Location	Carver Elementary School Library
Date & Time	April 17, 2007 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Location	Brookland Middle School Library
Date & Time	April 17, 2007 3:00-4:30 p.m.
<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Special Education Advisory Committee</b>
	Exceptional Education Annual Report
Location	Brookland Middle School Library
Date & Time	April 24, 2007 6:30 p.m.
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Summer Enrichment Opportunities K-5</b>
	Learn about opportunities in the Richmond area that will stimulate learning.
Presenter	Mike Hill, Retired Educator
Location	TBD
Date & Time	April 25, 2007 6:30-7:30 p.m.
<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Special Education Advisory Committee</b>
	Assistive Technology Update HCPS Vision Strategy Initiative Committee Report
Location	Brookland Middle School Library
Date & Time	May 22, 2007 6:30 p.m.

# Scholarship Donations Needed

Our goal this year is to raise at least \$18,500 by May, so that we can award at least nine scholarships to HCPS graduates who want to further their education. Please discuss with your board the possibility of making a contribution. Please note that this program is a PTA/PTSA sponsored activity; that it is completely reliant on your generosity, and the success of our scholarship fundraiser; Walkfest this year, and that all of the money contributed; goes directly towards educational scholarships for HCPS graduates. If your PTA/PTSA would like to support this program, please send your donation to the "HCCPTA Scholarship Fund," Attn: Kim Harris, Treasurer, HCCPTA, 4682 Rollingwood Lane, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Additional information about the scholarship program is available on our website at [www.hccpta.com](http://www.hccpta.com).

## **Many thanks to the following PTA/PTAs that have already made a donation to the Scholarship fund this year:**

Arthur Ashe Elementary	Holladay Elementary	Springfield Park Elementary
Byrd Middle	Jackson Davis Elementary	Three Chopt Elementary
Crestview Elementary	Moody Middle	Tuckahoe Middle
Dumbarton Elementary	Nuckols Farm Elementary	Tucker High School
Fair Oaks Elementary	Pemberton Elementary	Twin Hickory Elementary
Gayton Elementary	Pinchbeck Elementary	Ward Elementary
Glen Allen Elementary	Ratcliffe Elementary	Wilder Middle
Greenwood Elementary	Rivers Edge Elementary	
Highland Springs Elementary	Short Pump Middle	



## Henrico County Council of PTAs Scholarship Fund

In honor of Dr. George H. Moody

### LOCAL UNIT DONATION REMITTANCE FORM

School or PTA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your donation via PTA check made payable to HCCPTA:  
Scholarship Program  
c/o Kim Harris  
4682 Rollingwood Lane  
Glen Allen, VA 23060

**Thank you in advance for all your support of this very worthy cause.  
Together we can make a difference in a graduating senior's future!**

## **Check out our Website!**

Check the HCCPTA Website ([www.hccpta.com](http://www.hccpta.com)) for useful information.