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President's Message

Most PTAs have begun the process of selecting next year's leaders. This process is very important in order to continue the success that each local unit has achieved this year. It is vital that the Nominating Committee be formed at this time, so that a slate of officers can be nominated and elected in a timely manner this spring. The most successful PTAs use the summer months to plan for the upcoming school year.

The Nominating Committee must be **elected** by the General Membership. Each local unit's **bylaws** will define when the Nominating Committee must (i) be elected, and (ii) announce the slate of officers, all in relation to when the actual election of officers occur.

Representatives from several Henrico County PTAs joined PTA leaders from across Virginia for **PTA Day at the General Assembly** on Monday, February 4. We heard from several different legislators in the morning session and reviewed the Virginia PTA positions on current legislative items. Governor Timothy M. Kaine and Superintendent of Public Instruction Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., spoke at a joint rally of the Virginia PTA and the Virginia Education Association. Of current interest to the Virginia PTA are:

- anti child exploitation bills (support HB 1189 and SB 37),
- parental leave for school involvement (support HB 792),
- requirements for teacher salaries be not less than the annual national average (support HB 92)
- mandates that require 65% of local school division budgets be spent on instructional spending (oppose HB 60 because it reduces the authority of local school boards).

Please go to <http://legis.state.va.us/> to determine who your legislators are so that you can contact them to ask them to support the PTA positions. Advocating for our children is fundamental to the mission of the PTA. Please do your part to support this mission.

Claire Pollock
County Council President

Virginia PTA Scholarships—Deadline March 1

Reprinted from Virginia PTA Voice

Virginia PTA scholarships are open to high school seniors who are residents of Virginia and who attend a Virginia high school that has a local PTA/PTSA that is in good standing. Applications are available on the Local Unit Resource Guide CD mailed to local and council PTA presidents last summer, school guidance departments and on the **Virginia PTA** web site. **Scholarship entries must be on the official application form and sent to the Virginia PTA state office, postmarked by March 1. Faxes will not be accepted.**



Questions? Contact Virginia PTA Vice President, Debi Abadie at vp@vapta.org or the state office at info@vapta.org.

County Council Annual Banquet and Meeting

Submitted by Banquet Chairperson, Sandy L'Esperance

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.** for the Henrico County Council of PTA's Annual Banquet and Meeting to be held at Hermitage High School. We will recognize our Volunteers of the Year from our schools and recognize outstanding PTA units. Moody Scholarship recipients will be honored. There will be a short general membership meeting to elect and install officers of the Henrico County Council. It is a great time of fellowship with all our schools and their PTA units, so please plan on attending. Information and registration forms will be sent to the PTA presidents by school mail pony before the end of February. **Please make note that the deadline for returning reservations and Volunteer of the Year recognitions will be April 10.**



Maude Trevvett PTA Receives Family Fitness Grant

Reprinted from Virginia PTA Voice

Maude Trevvett Elementary PTA was one of ten PTAs statewide selected to receive a \$300 minigrant as part of the 2007-08 Virginia PTA Family Fitness Grant program. Virginia PTA partners with the Virginia Association of Physical Education, Health, Recreation and Dance, which provides funding for the minigrants.

Grants are being awarded for such projects as an enormous event with 40 local units participating in a health fair, ongoing fitness activities for kids and parents (including walking before and after school), and a creative "Book in a Bag" project that encourages families to integrate reading and healthy physical activities in a home environment.

All of the grantees had extensive community involvement as well as that of physical education teachers, nurses, cafeteria managers and classroom teachers.

Sherri Wright
Health & Safety Committee chairman



Plan for Achievement Award

Reprinted from Virginia PTA Voice

Local PTAs may apply for the 2007-08 PTA Unit Achievement Award. There's no fee to participate. To apply, fill out an application form and mail or fax it to the PTA national office.

To qualify, a PTA must meet all four of the following requirements:

- Achieved a 5-percent net increase in membership or a minimum of one member per student in the unit's school(s).
- Conducted at least one program or project that provided an opportunity for parents to be involved in the school.
- Conducted at least one program or project that increased awareness among parents about issues that affect student achievement or school success.
- Participated in the state PTA's convention or another state-sponsored event.

Download the application from the members-only section of National PTA's web site at http://www.pta.org/local_leader/UnitRecogFlyer.pdf. Questions? Call the PTA national office at (800) 307-4PTA (4782) or email to info@pta.org.

HCCPTA *Reflections*

Submitted by *Reflections* co-chairs: Wendy Logan and Kelly Powell

The HCCPTA Reflections program at Pocahontas Middle School this past January was a success. Over 400 students, family members, principals and Reflection chairs attended the program. All the student's entries were on display. A special thank you to Pocahontas MS PTA for helping to host this event.

Forty six schools participated in the Reflections program this year. We received 242 entries from the schools. All the schools combined received 2,247 entries. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!

The Outstanding Interpretation winners at the County level for 2007-2008 are:

Dance Choreography:

Primary:	Britton Wilson	Springfield Park ES
Intermediate:	Jessica Besnier	Springfield Park ES
Middle:	Grace Flemer	Pocahontas MS
High School:	Olivia Yoch	Freeman HS

Film/Video Production:

Primary:	Davis West	Pinchbeck ES
Intermediate:	Arielle Eisen	Shady Grove ES
Middle:	Leigh Anne Pastore	Pocahontas MS
High School:	Katie Matthews	Deep Run HS

Literature:

Primary:	Jocelyn Marencik	Echo Lake ES
Intermediate:	Henley Moseley	Pinchbeck ES
Middle:	Amber Baker	Hungary Creek MS
High School:	Vonshea Wimberley	Henrico HS

Musical Composition:

Primary:	Devon Esleck	Short Pump ES
Intermediate:	Peter Brodzik	Three Chopt ES
Middle:	Brandon Buncher	Moody MS
High School:	Serena Tang	Freeman HS

Photography:

Primary:	Joe O'Connor	Tuckahoe ES
Intermediate:	Olivia Jinghua Yang	Three Chopt ES
Middle:	Anna Beth Hart	Byrd MS
High School:	David J. Wu	Henrico HS

Visual Arts:

Primary:	Cameron Lynch	Twin Hickory ES
Intermediate:	Emma Alli	Pemberton ES
Middle:	Leigh Taylor Flynn	Hungary Creek MS
High School:	Viilla Chheang	Tucker HS

All entries that did not move on to the District level have been returned to the schools via pony mail to the attention of the *Reflections* Chair.

The County Outstanding Interpretation winners have moved onto the District level. The Richmond District will have an Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 9th at 3 p.m. at Atlee High School in Hanover. The winners at the district level will be announced at the ceremony, but not beforehand.

The *Reflections* theme for next year is "WOW!" Start thinking about your program for next year. We encourage all chairs get this information to the students and teachers by May of this year. We will be sending each local unit a packet of ideas, fliers and information in March/April.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Wendy Logan at wplogan@verizon.net or Kelly Powell at keltpow@aol.com.

R.E.B. Awards for Teaching Excellence

PURPOSE

The awards serve to identify, recognize, and promote excellence in classroom teaching in area public schools. Established in 1988, the program represents an important private sector initiative to strengthen the quality of public education by focusing on the teacher.

The program is based on the belief that a child's educational experience at the elementary, middle, and high school levels should develop basic skills and form life-long positive habits toward learning and discipline. Further, the foundation is committed to improving public education so as to benefit a broad segment of our community.

Grants to individual teachers will be awarded to support professional development and enrichment activities and to share educational ideas and experiences with teacher colleagues. Grants support projects of the teachers' own designs, including grants that support advanced degrees and world travel.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations for the *R.E.B. Awards for Teaching Excellence* are invited from parents, students, educators, and the community at-large. Eligibility is limited to full-time classroom teachers employed by the public school divisions of the City of Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico Counties, as well as the Departments of Correctional Education in these localities.

SIZE OF AWARDS

Competitive proposals will be invited from final candidates selected by the *R.E.B Awards Steering Committee* from among all teacher nominations. The size of individual grant awards will range from \$4,000 to \$12,000.

NOMINATION FORMS

The first phase of the nomination process requires completion of both the nomination form and a separate letter of support from a second individual. Please note that while these forms are available online at <http://tcfichmond.org/page34147.cfm>, hard copies must be returned to The Community Foundation. For further consideration, all forms **must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2008.** Faxes and e-mailed forms will not be accepted.

NOMINEE RELEASE AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION FORMS

All nominated teachers, along with their principals, will be informed of their nomination. The second phase of the nomination process requires completion of both the nominee release form and principal evaluation forms. These forms will be available online the first week in March.

County Council Nominations

The County Council Nominating Committee was elected at the County Council General Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the HCPS Budget presentation on Tuesday, February 5. County Council Bylaws require that the Nominating Committee be made up of five individuals, one from each magisterial district, with two representing the Executive Board and three representing the General Membership. The following individuals were elected:

Brookland District:	Beverly Cocke	BevLCocke@aol.com	262-3280
Fairfield District:	Operadella Williams	Operadella@aol.com	314-3503
Three Chopt District:	Wendy Logan	wplogan@verizon.net	360-5915
Tuckahoe District:	Cathy Carter	kandhcarter@yahoo.com	285-4280
Varina District:	Lisa Creeden	ldcreeden@verizon.net	737-4695

Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving on the County Council Board for 2008-2009. The Nominating Committee will announce its slate of officers at least 30 days prior to the election, which will occur at the County Council Annual Banquet on Tuesday, May 6 at Hermitage High School.

Save the Date

March 1: Virginia PTA Scholarship application deadline

March 19: State Board of Education meets, 9 a.m., Richmond

May 1: Outstanding Newsletter Recognition Program application deadline

June 21-23: National PTA Convention, San Diego

July 11-12: Virginia PTA Leadership Training Conference, Deep Run High School, Glen Allen



SAVE THE DATE

Leadership Training Conference

JULY 11- 12, 2008

**Deep Run High School
Glen Allen, Virginia
(Richmond Area)**

We heard your “Voice” and made some changes:

- We have shortened it to 1 ½ days
- We have planned workshops, round tables, and other opportunities to network and receive program ideas, guides, membership cards, and other valuable resources
- We have given you time to visit an extensive exhibit hall and to network with PTA leaders from around the state
- A wide variety of workshops will be offered for both new and veteran PTA leaders
- We are currently working on reducing the cost of attendance as well

This “**new and improved**” one and a half day Leadership Training Conference (LTC) is the most important training offered by Virginia PTA and is a must for all officers and many committee chairs!

Proposed Schedule:

Friday: 1-5 p.m.

Saturday: 9-5 p.m.

Keep connected:

- Talk to your current board members.
- Find out who is interested in attending.
- Review your budget to ensure there is a line item for training.

Look for the registration information, which will be posted very soon!

Mark your calendars and begin making plans now to attend the Annual Leadership Training Conference July 11 & 12, 2008. This highly charged and exciting event has every PTA leader in mind. We look forward to seeing you there in July!

***Ensure the success of your PTA and motivate your members –
Plan to attend LTC now!***



**Moody Scholarship Talent Showcase
To Benefit the Henrico County Council Scholarship Fund**

**Saturday, March 15, 2008
5 to 8 p.m.
Wilder Middle School**

The Henrico County Council of PTA's is planning its 2008 event to support our Scholarship Fund. Our Scholarship Fund was established several years ago in honor of George H. Moody. This fundraiser supplements donations from local unit PTAs, and enables the County Council to give out an average of 12 scholarships a year (at an average of \$1,200) to Henrico County seniors.

This year, we're having a Talent Showcase with choruses from our Elementary Schools and Step and/or Dance Teams from our Middle and High Schools. Elementary School choruses can be a grade-level chorus, or group selected by the music teacher, or just a group of willing students—its up to you! Trophies will be awarded to all participating choruses, step teams and dance teams.

Elementary Schools will perform during the first part of the program, and Middle and High Schools will perform following a brief intermission, where food will be offered at reasonable prices.

Plan on an evening with lots of entertainment from our local schools, along with radio and news stations. COME JOIN THE FUN as we watch performances by students from all over Henrico County—Together as One!!

Registration packets have been sent to music teachers and activity directors at all schools, but any group can participate using the attached registration form.

Tickets will be sold at the door the evening of the performance. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$4 for students and adults with PTA membership cards. Food will be sold separately.

Your group can invest in the future of our Henrico County Students! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Scholarship Committee
Scholarship@hccpta.com

Our Scholarship Fund is in honor of George H. Moody

Dr. George H. Moody was former teacher, principal and Superintendent of Schools, who retired in 1969 after 38 years of service. George H. Moody's integrity and dedication to improving the quality and standards of education within the county have been well documented. He left an indelible mark on Henrico County Public Schools during his 13 years as Superintendent. The Henrico County Council supports Dr. Moody's level of drive and enthusiasm in supporting our graduates as they follow their educational goals.



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Please return this form with your \$10.00 registration fee to Kim Jones at Wilder Middle School. Checks should be payable to HCC PTA. Please register no later than March 3. Register early, as space is limited!

"Team" Name:	Number of Participants:
School:	Group Type (Chorus, Dance, Step or Both):
Group Contact Name:	Group Contact Number or email address:

Total enclosed: \$_____