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President's Message

As the newly elected President of the Henrico County Council of PTAs, I am very excited about the opportunities for the upcoming year. I feel fortunate to be leading a Board comprised of individuals dedicated to the core mission of the National PTA: To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school and community.

The HCCPTA Executive Committee for 2008-2009 is the following:

President:	Wendy Logan
Area Vice President: Brookland	Helena Lythgoe
Area Vice President: Fairfield	Wanda Anderson
Area Vice President: Three Chopt	Cheryl Rilee
Area Vice President: Tuckahoe	Amy Farina
Area Vice President : Varina	Monica Cox
Secretary:	Mary Robinson
Treasurer:	Andrea Beck

The contact information for the board members is available on the website: www.hccpta.com.

I am looking forward to meeting the new local unit presidents. Our first General Membership Meeting will be in early September. Communications will continue to come from the County Council throughout the summer. I would encourage each local unit to attend the Virginia State PTA training this year at Deep Run High School. The cost is \$35.00. The training you will receive is invaluable. The deadline to sign up is June 15th. Visit the VA State PTA website for additional information: www.vapta.org.

Please welcome the newest PTA local unit to HCCPTA, Harvie Elementary School PTA.

Please feel free to contact me at President@HCCPTA.com.

Wendy Logan
HCCPTA President



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Welcome 2008-2009 Richmond District PTA Director and 1st Assistant

Jennifer Young was elected District Director and Tichi Pinkney-Eppes Assistant District Director at the recent annual meeting of the Richmond District PTA. A District Director is a PTA member who is elected to serve as the liaison between the VAPTA and the local units and councils located in the geographical areas designated as Districts. The District Directors are members of the VAPTA Board of Managers.

Richmond District Director
Jennifer Young
E-mail: richmondDD@vapta.org

Richmond 1st Assistant
Tichi Pinkney-Epps
E-mail: richmondDD_asst@vapa.org

Upcoming School Board Meetings:

May 30, 2008 - Elko Middle School	4:00 p.m. Personnel Hearing
June 12, 2008 - Glen Echo Building	1:00 p.m. Work Session
June 26, 2008 - Glen Echo Building	9:00 a.m. Planning Session 4:00 p.m. Work Session 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting
July 10, 2008 - Glen Echo Building Tentative Times:	9:00 a.m. Planning Session 4:00 p.m. Work Session 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting
August 14, 2008 - Glen Echo Building	Times to be Announced

Work Session times may be adjusted, if needed.

For more information, go to
henrico.k12.va.us/schoolboards/schoolboards.html

Henrico County School Board



Diana Winston
 Chairwoman
 Three Chopt District



John Montgomery
 Vice-Chairman
 Varina District



Lisa Marshall
 Tuckahoe District



Linda McBride
 Brookland District



Lanmont Bagby
 Fairfield District

Save the Date and Deadline Reminders:

June 15	Local unit forms to state office—Local Unit/Council Officers & Bulletin Subscription form Unit of Excellence Application deadline Deadline to register for the Leadership Training Conference. Information at www.vapta.org .
June 20	Deadline to update OMDR for local units. Information at www.pta.org/omdr
June 21-23	National PTA Convention, San Diego
June 30	Final 2007-08 dues deadline with Local Unit Remittance Statement (enclosed)
July 11-12	Virginia PTA Leadership Training Conference, Deep Run High School, Glen Allen
September 8	Deadline for proposed resolutions for Convention 2008
November 7-9	Convention 2008, Hotel Roanoke



PTA President's Calendar/Checklist

JUNE

- Have transitional board meeting with old and new members.
- Assume duties at time prescribed in your bylaws.
- Send all forms including the new officers names/addresses to the State Office. EIN (tax ID) number must also be on file with the state PTA office.
- 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.
- Send names/addresses of officers to your School Board to receive mailings.
- 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.

JULY

- Attend Virginia PTA's Leadership Training Conference and Virginia PTA's Legislation/Education Conference.
- Budget Committee meets to develop next year's budget and prepares to present it to the Executive Board before going before the General Membership for final approval.
- Confirm with the principal when PTA information needs to be available for the school's Welcome Back Packets.

AUGUST

- Hold a meeting of the Executive Committee to go over the plans of work and schedule for next year. Hold a meeting of the Executive Board to go over all action items and approve the budget that will be presented to the General Membership.
- Look for membership cards from Virginia PTA to be mailed to you, based on last year's membership.
- Look for and share mailings from National, State, District, and Council with your board.
- Prepare and article for your newsletter and Welcome Back Packet.

SEPTEMBER

- Make sure the Membership Committee has all the information and cards needed for a successful membership campaign.
- Make sure the Reflections Chair has all the information for a successful Reflections Program.
- Hold first General Membership meeting and vote on the proposed PTA Budget, adopt the fiscal year-end audit and send copy of audit to state PTA office. If required to file 990 with IRS, a copy of 990 form must also be forwarded to state PTA office.
- Have board members attend Council, District, or Region Leadership Training Workshops.



Mark Your Calendar!

DISTRICT NEWS

2008-2009 Area Vice Presidents

Your Area Vice President is available to help you with any questions.

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Brookland District News

Moody Middle School Spring Fling

Submitted by Beverly Cocke, Moody Middle School PTA President

Moody Middle School PTA held their first Spring Fling for Moody students, families, and the community on Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The idea of our day was not to make money, but to make friends with our community. Since two-thirds of Moody's student population comes from across our county, we wanted to build some local ties and showcase our great school. We had well over 600 kids and many more parents and friends attend the event. The Moody Beginning Concert and Jazz bands performed, as well as the Drama Club and the Dance Team. We had Digifest, a student technology fair, inside the school and lots of games (for all ages), artisan vendors and plenty of food outside! I think the longest lines were for our dunking booth where some dear teachers sat. Lucky for our teachers it was a beautiful, warm day to get wet! It was a successful and fun day. Go Raiders!



PTA Program Ideas—Offered and Requested

Submitted by Helena Lythgoe, Brookland District Vice-President

The J.R. Tucker PTSA is offering a “Financial Responsibility” Workshop to its seniors. The program is the nuts and bolts of money basics from how to manage a checkbook, the best way to start saving, avoiding credit mishaps, buying your first car, and insuring your financial future. It’s a 90 minute hands-on program and was offered during Academic Extension. It’s provided at no charge to the PTA/PTSA and the students are sent home with a “start up” kit. If you’d like additional information on offering this program at your high school, either this year or next, please contact **Helena Lythgoe** at Lythgoes4@verizon.net.

Help needed....

Some of the elementary schools in the Brookland district need ideas:

1. The school is in an area with mostly working parents or single family households. We were unable to have a room parents program this year and we don't have any parents coming in to help in the classrooms. Any ideas?
2. We currently only attach PTA programs to school evening events such as grade level performances and reading nights. Does anyone have another idea that does not cost a lot?

Please share news of workshops and other programs at your school with others by submitting them to newsletter@hccpta.com for inclusion in the County Council newsletter or e-mails.

Three Chopt District News

Message from Three Chopt District Vice-President

Submitted by Mirinda Lawrence, Three Chopt District Vice-President

Wow how times flies, as I reflect it seems as if January was just last month. In this last edition before summer, I would like to take the opportunity to express how much I've loved representing this district on the HCC Board for the past two years. I've met so many wonderful students, parents and teachers. It's been a pleasure serving such a wonderful, committed district. Have a wonderful summer break.

Varina District News

Donahoe Elementary's Susan Thomas Named Principal of the Year

Submitted by LaShawn Payne, Donahoe PTA President

The Visiting International Faculty program, the nation's largest cultural exchange program, recently named Henrico County Public Schools as school district of the year. Susan Thomas, principal of Donahoe Elementary, and Elena Miranda, Spanish instructor at Henrico High School, were named Virginia principal of the year and Virginia outstanding cultural educator.

Photo of the Week—Donahoe Field Day

Submitted by LaShawn Payne, Donahoe PTA President

Music teacher Jason Peace and physical education teacher Tammy Render dressed up as fruits and veggies for Donahoe Elementary's cornucopia-themed field day. Both are teachers at Donahoe ES and Seven Pines ES.



Donahoe Elementary's April PTA Night

Submitted by LaShawn Payne, Donahoe PTA President

We had a great PTA Night on Tuesday, April 22nd – Earth Day. The meeting began with a welcome from our very own School Board Representative John Montgomery. Nominations of our new board members for next school year and a Kindergarten performance followed. We also kicked off our last fundraiser of the year with a taste testing of Gianni's pizza and desserts, and a presentation of I-Beam Projectors which will be purchased with the profit.



Fairfield District News

Fairfield Middle School Music Department Takes Top Honors

Submitted by Operadella Williams, Fairfield Middle School PTA President

On Friday, May 9th, our orchestra traveled to Williamsburg and Busch Gardens as a combined orchestra with John Rolfe M.S. Ms. Alston has worked very hard with both of our schools, and on Friday, received first place in the stringed orchestra category, as well as a trophy for being the top group overall for that day. Congratulations to our Fairfield orchestra students for a job well done!

On Saturday, the Chorus and Band went to a competition in Largo, Maryland and Six Flags. There were about 7 other middle and high schools competing from Pennsylvania, DC, and Maryland. Our children received many comments on how great they looked and how well-behaved our Fairfield students were during the entire trip. We were extremely proud of our students and how they represented Fairfield and Henrico County.

Mr. Cornish led his male chorus and treble chorus to seats in first place in their categories! The mixed chorus received third place for the weekend. This was quite an accomplishment because the competition was tough... We would also like to recognize Elijah Williams, a 6th grade student, who received honors for the best soloist of the day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please congratulate my 7th and 8th grade band students for receiving first place in the advanced band category. The 7th and 8th grade band members also received the highest amount of points out of all bands (high school included) and received a trophy for the best band of the weekend!

All of our morning rehearsals and long nights in the music building paid off! Thank you all for of your support of our music department.

THE MUSICAL DREAM TEAM

Kimberly D. Storrs

Band Director

County Council Education Committee

The County Council Board voted at its May 20 meeting to establish an Education Committee. The purpose of the Education Committee is similar to that at the Virginia PTA level, and mirrors the objectives for Education Committees at the local unit level, which is to:

- Monitor and report on local school board meetings;
- Foster an ongoing dialogue with school administration officials, both at the school site and division-wide;
- Coordinate local unit activities and position statements with the County Council;
- Promote and foster parental involvement in the education of children and youth.

Specifically, the Education Committee will represent the County Council on several local committee and advisory boards, such as the Too Smart to Start Coalition, the Community Alliance for Drug Resistance Education, the School Health Advisory Board, and the Community Safety Coalition.

The County Council Board elected **Claire Pollock** to serve as the **Education Committee Chair** for 2008-2009. Questions can be addressed to Claire at Education@HCCPTA.com.

Parent Workshop Ideas

At the incoming president's meeting, speaker Sue Striano presented ideas for different workshops for parents. There is no charge for her to come to your school. Many schools have been very pleased with these workshops. Below are some of the ideas she presented:

- **STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting)**
- **Living Apart/Parenting Together**
- **Helping Your Child with Tough Choices**
- **Helping Your Teen Succeed in High School (and Beyond!)**
- **Staying Connected to Your Teen**
- **Navigating the Teen Years**
- **Guiding Good Choices**
- **Parenting to Prevent Bullying**
- **Resolving Family Conflict**
- **Instilling Positive Family Values**
- **Navigating the Middle School Years**

If you are interested in these workshops or would like more information on them, **contact Sue Striano at smstriano@henrico.k12.va.us or 553-4345**. She will be out of the office over the summer, but will be checking her email.

2008 Scholarship Recipients

Submitted by Denise Russell, Scholarship Committee

The Henrico County Council of PTAs, with the support of our local units is privileged to award nine scholarships to our Henrico County High School seniors.

This is a diverse group with diverse goals and accomplishments. Please help us to congratulate the following recipients:

- Asha Avon Berkley** (Hermitage High School)
- Steven Ben Copeland** (Deep Run High School)
- Michael Donaldson, Jr.** (Highland Springs High School)
- Madison Hope Ericson** (Mills E. Godwin High School)
- Gregory Ova'a** (Virginia Randolph Community High School)
- Purvi Patel** (J. R. Tucker High School)
- Kimberly Price** (Varina High School)
- Aeisha Daniele Sandiford** (Henrico High School)
- Peter Arthur Smith** (Douglas S. Freeman High School)

This scholarship has been awarded annually for over 20 years to graduating Henrico County seniors. The scholarship was established in honor of George H. Moody, former HCPS Superintendent.

Virginia PTA Website—BIG NEWS!

All Virginia PTA Board of Managers voted early in May to end the Members-Only password! Members can now click to open documents and forms without being twisted in knots over oft-changing passwords.

Passwords used to protect PTA members from pirates of proprietary (special, restricted) information that had been developed and supported by their dues. But the Board of Managers now reluctantly agrees that technology has made such plagiarism, though unethical, too easy and beyond Virginia PTA's ability to control. Meanwhile, our passwords were honking off people who need information most: PTA leaders and members. Ending web site passwords is great. But it is just part of an initiative that, in the coming months, will put Virginia PTA communications on its ear! These changes will respect members' and subscribers' time, the Virginia PTA's wallet and deliver the high-quality service everyone has come to expect.

Some highlights:

An all-new Virginia PTA web site with an astonishing number of bells, whistles and functionality that users have come to expect in the 21st Century. Details from Carla Rogers and the Technology Committee will be forthcoming. **(One teaser: SEARCH function!)** Rollout is expected before summer's end. If all goes as expected, users will log on to www.vapta.org one day and voila! the new one will appear! PTA looks forward to your comments and suggestions.

PTA leaders and subscribers get the choice to receive PTA's once paper-only publications online or by email. New local and council PTA officers should check the May 15 mailing - and the web site! - for a streamlined form that allows those choices as early as June 15. Friends of PTA who have subscribed to the Bulletin and other paper publications will get information soon offering the same options.

Several "meaty" media and communications workshops at Leadership Training Conference July 11-12 in Glen Allen. Learn to build a web site from scratch - or tweak an existing feature. Develop ways to reaching audiences using more than the newsletter in the backpack. And more.

The Virginia PTA Board of Managers joins its Communications Committee looks forward to finding new, useful and effective ways to get the word out about PTA.

Denise Bowman-Scott
Editor, Virginia PTA *Voices* newsletter

Henrico County School Board: BoardDocs

Reprinted from HCPS website

The Henrico County School Board is leveraging the Internet to enhance governance and provide a basis for better communication with the public. The new eGovernance initiative will replace the old method of compiling, printing, binding and distributing a limited number of paper meeting documents with electronic distribution. By making meeting agendas and supporting documents available on the Internet, we will be able to distribute documents associated with a meeting more quickly and efficiently.

Through our web site, the public can view the agenda and the supporting documents associated with the meeting. This will allow interested parties to review and print the information prior to the meeting. After the meeting, the individuals can review the agenda items and see what action was taken by the board complete with voting. All documents associated with the meeting are automatically archived and can be accessed by meeting date or by using the comprehensive search feature. We will also use the same technology to publish the policies and procedures of the district on-line.

The new eGovernance features can be accessed via the district's web site at <http://henrico.k12.va.us/schoolboards/schoolboards.html>.

For questions regarding the new eGovernance initiatives, contact Teresa P. Robins, Clerk of the School Board, at tprobins@henrico.k12.va.us.

The screenshot shows the BoardDocs website for Henrico County Public Schools. The page features a navigation menu on the left with links to various meeting sessions: 06/10/2008 Work Session, 05/20/2008 Work Session, 05/13/2008 Board Meeting, 05/06/2008 Board Meeting, 04/29/2008 Board Meeting, 04/22/2008 Board Meeting, 04/15/2008 Board Meeting, 04/08/2008 Board Meeting, 03/21/2008 Board Meeting, 03/14/2008 Board Meeting, 03/07/2008 Board Meeting, 02/28/2008 Board Meeting, 02/21/2008 Board Meeting, 02/14/2008 Board Meeting, 02/07/2008 Board Meeting, 01/31/2008 Board Meeting, 01/24/2008 Board Meeting, 01/17/2008 Board Meeting, 01/10/2008 Board Meeting, 01/03/2008 Board Meeting, 12/27/2007 Board Meeting, 12/20/2007 Board Meeting, 12/13/2007 Board Meeting, 12/06/2007 Board Meeting, 11/29/2007 Board Meeting, 11/22/2007 Board Meeting, 11/15/2007 Board Meeting, 11/08/2007 Board Meeting, 11/01/2007 Board Meeting, 10/25/2007 Board Meeting, 10/18/2007 Board Meeting, 10/11/2007 Board Meeting, 10/04/2007 Board Meeting, 09/27/2007 Board Meeting, 09/20/2007 Board Meeting, 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Plan Now to Attend Summer Leadership Training Conference

Does speaking in front of a group leave you with sweaty palms and cotton mouth? Do you feel flushed and worry that you sound like Mickey Mouse? At the Virginia PTA 2008 Leadership Training Conference July 11-12 at Deep Run High School in Glen Allen, you'll learn that you don't have to be Daniel Webster to be an effective, comfortable speaker.



An extended General Session will be offered on Friday, July 11, that every PTA leader can attend to learn the keys to successful public speaking. With the tips you'll get and some practice, you can be a relaxed, effective speaker.

The general meetings for all attendees are in addition to the dozens of specialized workshops that give PTA officers and committee chairs the vital tools they need to serve their schools.

The theme for the 2008 LTC is **Vision In Training And Leadership**. It is designed for both incoming and returning officers, committee chairs, principals and their PTA members. Consider benefits of attending: History proves that attendees gain training and confidence in their new positions, become more knowledgeable about program and membership ideas, participate in many networking opportunities, and, of course, return to their PTA with enthusiasm and excitement for the upcoming year.

Amend your PTA's budget, if you haven't set aside training funds already, and plan to have at least one member of your PTA attend LTC. You will pick up your membership cards and Local Unit Resource Guide; visit exhibits; and receive the latest information regarding PTA programs such as Membership, Reflections, Parent Involvement and Grants. A special session on the Keys to Successful Public Speaking and a special "track" on Legislation & Advocacy and Middle/High School PTA/PTSAs are also planned.



"Scoop" up some new ideas at the 2008 Leadership Training Conference and take part in the "Great Idea Exchange" ice cream social on Friday night, July 11. Cost is \$10 per person. Local PTA units may submit their best ideas to display at LTC. One PTA or PTSA from each of the 8 regions in Virginia will be selected for the best idea and will be awarded registration fees for up to two of their board members to attend LTC 2008.

Website page: <http://vapta.org/Events/LTC/ltc.htm>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: POSTMARKED BY JUNE 20, 2008

- **ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$35.00** – Admission to all chosen workshops, (Friday & Saturday), lunch on Saturday. Deadline June 20, 2008 (postmark).
- **LATE REGISTRATION: \$50.00** – Admission to all chosen workshops, (Friday & Saturday), lunch on Saturday. Registrations received after June 20, 2008 (postmark).
- **AT THE DOOR REGISTRATION: \$65.00** – Admission to space available workshops (Friday & Saturday).
- **GREAT IDEAS EXCHANGE \$10.00** – Admission to the Friday night (July 11) event with dinner.

Registration questions, email 2008LTC@vapta.org or info@vapta.org

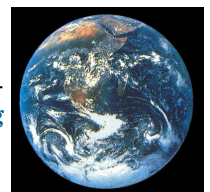
Circle the dates and make plans to attend! Watch for the Registration Packet to appear on the State PTA website at www.vapta.org soon!

Anne Carson

2008 Leadership Training Conference chairman

2008-2009 Citizenship Essay Project

The theme for the 2008-09 Citizenship Essay Project is "**Our Earth - Our Future.**" The essay project, sponsored by Virginia PTA, is open to middle and high school students. See the www.vapta.org web site for details.



Virginia PTA 2009 Convention Heads to the 'Burg...

...Fredericksburg, that is.

For the first time in its history, the Virginia PTA will hold its annual convention in Fredericksburg in 2009.

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the Virginia Congress's annual business meeting November 13-15, 2009, at the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center.

Based on feedback from the membership, PTA will be changing the venue for hosting Convention. Members said it was important to move away from large hotel/conference facilities and into a more user-friendly convention center, avoiding costly mandatory expenses associated with hotel room-night and food-minimum requirements.

This year's Convention is at the Hotel Roanoke, November 7-9.

In Fredericksburg the following year, all general sessions, workshops, and exhibits will be conducted in the 90,000-square-foot conference facility in the heart of Fredericksburg's Central Park. Three hotels (Homewood Suites, Hampton Inn and Hilton Garden Inn) next to the conference center's parking lot, are among the choices 2009 delegates can make for lodging.

In addition to planning for convention events, the 2009 Convention Committee plans to provide opportunities for attendees to take advantage of opportunities for shopping and dining in Central Park, as well as the greater Fredericksburg area. There are many opportunities for family members of attendees to enjoy the local history and charm of Fredericksburg.

Make plans now to attend 2008 Convention at the Hotel Roanoke this November 7-9. Then, see you in the 'Burg in 2009.

Dan Phillips
Convention 2009 Chairman

Treasure Your Back-to-School Kit?

Now You Can Purchase Extras. National PTA is pleased to offer PTA leaders the opportunity to buy the 2008 PTA Back-to-School Kit. As of June 15, local presidents, state presidents and select council leaders who have registered in the Online Membership Data Reporting (OMDR) system will automatically receive a kit. Order extras so you don't have to give up your kit!

National PTA is using OMDR to mail out the popular Back-to-School kits. If you have not entered or updated your PTA president's information into this system, please email the following information to omdr@vapta.org: unit name, local unit id# (if known), complete mailing address, phone number and email address. Back-to-School kits start mailing out in mid-June! Order kits at www.pta.org/buyakit at a special discount of \$24.95 plus shipping (\$6.05) for a total cost of \$31. Our Price: \$ 31

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Online Membership and Data Reporting (OMDR) Project

For years, PTAs have wanted a way to quickly and cost-effectively collect dues, communicate with members, track demographics and offer more member benefits. Finally, technology has caught up with that desire. National PTA's Online Membership and Data Reporting (OMDR) project is designed to give PTA units a direct pipeline to enter data into a system that pledges to deliver on its promise. This unprecedented access is helping all levels of the association be more efficient with funds and be better responders to member needs -- and it will point to areas where PTA can expand service.

Currently, OMDR provides:

- Better dues and member information
- Solid technology hosted by National PTA, at no cost to you
- Automatic upgrades
- Quicker servicing
- Security
- Remote access
- Ability to print membership cards
- Integration
- Control



After many ideas and suggestions from users all across the country, National PTA is upgrading the OMDR system to incorporate many of these ideas. Several Virginia PTA membership chairs emailed great ideas that we proudly passed on to National PTA. Among them are easier access, integrating a volunteer database and the ability to attach files when using the email feature.

So get Ready. . .Set . . . and Go OMDR!

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Deadline Reminder: Unit of Excellence Applications Due June 15

Local PTAs have until June 15 to apply for recognition as a 2008 PTA Unit of Excellence award winner. The award recognizes local PTAs who demonstrate that they provide outstanding programs, membership, leadership and partnership in all areas of their work.

One unit at the elementary, middle and high school level will be selected from the entries and recognized at Convention 200 in Roanoke. Winners will also be recognized in their local areas by state PTA officers.

Applications must be postmarked by June 15. Further information is available at the web site at

http://www.vapta.org/Members/LURG/SECTION_VII__Special_Awards_Grants_Programs_07_08.pdf.

