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President's Message

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! PTA leaders throughout Henrico County have been hard at work all summer, but now that children are back to school and classes have begun, its time to bring the rest of the parents "into the fold" and welcome them as partners in their children's education. Part of the mission of the PTA is to encourage parent involvement in our schools. PTAs in Henrico County have a long tradition of supporting this mission, by planning programs for parents, encouraging volunteerism, and opening communication between the school and the parent.

During this fall's membership drive, the County Council encourages local unit leaders to reach out to **every** parent, grandparent or guardian at school to make them feel like an important part of your organization. Every study says that children do better in school when their parents are involved, and every parent deserves to feel that he or she can be part of that successful equation.

We are reading and hearing about the increased diversity within Henrico County schools. Local unit leaders should keep in mind that adults who have come to Virginia may not understand what a PTA is. Many PTA materials are available in Spanish and some copies were sent to PTA Presidents in August. These materials are also available on the National PTA website at www.pta.org. If additional translations are required in your school, please contact your ESL department for assistance.

Together, we can continue to work toward the PTA's goal of a quality education and nurturing environment for every child.

Claire Pollock
HCCPTA 2007-2008 President

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**Back to School Night
and
General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

**Wilder Middle School
6900 Wilkinson Road**

**6:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Meet and Greet
7:00 p.m. – General Membership Meeting
followed by**

**Featured Speaker: Superintendent Fred S. Morton
and**

Additional Presentations on Local, State and National PTA News

All PTA members from all Henrico County local units are invited to attend.

PTA Presidents, County Council Delegates and Principals are voting members of the County Council.

Need more information? Contact Claire Pollock by e-mail at President@hccpta.com

FOR SALE

TV Wall-Mounting Kits
Model JMW2650
(Jumbo 2000 double-arm, black)

These kits were purchased by the Dumbarton PTA but have never been used and are ideal for commercial/educational/residential applications.

More specific information about the kits is available at www.peerlessindustries.com.

\$75/kit
(approximately 60 % off retail price)

To purchase kits, contact:

Barry Hewett
Dumbarton Elementary PTA
barry@hewettproperties.com

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

50th Anniversary Carnival
Maude Trevvett Elementary School
2300 Trevvett Drive

Saturday, September 15
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to staff games and/or concession stands. Trevvett alumni and other students seeking community service or volunteer hours are invited to help a worthy cause. For further details, students and their parents should contact Trevvett's 50th Anniversary Coordinator, Wayne Marshall, at 814-5062 or awmarshall@gmail.com.

REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

Theme 2007-2008: *I can make a difference by...*

Reflections is a National PTA program which promotes students in pre-K through 12th grade to use their creative and artistic talents. We encourage each local unit to sponsor a Reflections program. The six categories this year are: **Literature, Photography, Visual Arts, Musical Composition, Film/Video Production & Dance Choreography.** The suggested deadline for locals units is October 19, 2007. The deadline to have the winning entries to the county level is November 9, 2007. Location and time for the county level drop off will be in the next newsletter.

Forms, including the Reflections Handbook, are available on the Virginia State PTA website: www.vapta.org, by clicking on the "members only" login. You may also visit the Henrico Council of PTAs website: www.hccpta.com, and click on Cultural Arts.

To participate in the Reflections program your local unit must be in good standing.

1. The local PTA must have paid dues to the State office by June 30, 2007; and
2. Have their Bylaws current as of December 1, 2007. (Bylaws must be revised every 5 years. If the last revision date is December 1, 2002 or earlier, your Bylaws must be revised by December 1, 2007.)

Future Theme Search: Each local unit may submit three entries for the theme for 2009-2010. The entry forms are due to the state PTA by **October 31, 2007**. Forms are available on the state website.

Calendar for September:

- Publicize your Reflections Program in your school and/or PTA newsletter or website
- Give a brief presentation on the Reflections Program at Back to School Night
- Send information home to parent and students
- Line up judges for October

If you have any questions, please contact HCCPTA Reflections Co-Chairs, Wendy Logan and Kelly Powell.

Wendy Logan Kelly Powell
360-5915 270-2453
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PRESIDENT'S CHECKLIST

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.

OCTOBER

- Choose delegates to attend Virginia PTA's Convention and send in the registration.
- Hold a Legislation Meeting to have your general membership vote on Virginia PTA's Proposed Legislation Program and send the tally sheet to your District Director.
- Attend Virginia PTA's Convention on October 26 & 27 in Portsmouth.

NOVEMBER

- Remind your Treasurer that all dues must be sent to the State Office by December 1 so your Local Unit remains in "Good Standing".

HCC PTA CALENDAR

Date	Program	Location
Tuesday, September 11 7 p.m.	General Membership Mtg. Back to School Night	Wilder Middle School 6900 Wilkinson Road
Tuesday, October 2 7 p.m.	General Membership Mtg. Leadership Training	Moody Middle School 7800 Woodman Road
Monday, October 22 7 p.m.	General Membership Mtg. Candidates Forum	Godwin High School 2101 Pump Road
Tuesday, November 27 5 p.m.	PTA Presidents w/Fred Morton	Central Office 3820 Nine Mile Road
Tuesday, January 15 7 p.m.	General Membership Mtg. Reflections	Pocahontas Middle School 12000 Three Chopt Road
Tuesday, February 5 7 p.m.	General Membership Mtg. Budget	Elko Middle School 5901 Elko Road
Tuesday, March 11 5 p.m.	PTA Presidents w/Fred Morton	Central Office 3820 Nine Mile Road
Tuesday, May 6 6 p.m.	Annual Meeting and Banquet	Hermitage High School 8301 Hungary Spring Road
Tuesday, May 27 7 p.m.	Incoming Presidents	Colonial Trail Elementary School 12101 Bacova Drive

DISTRICT NEWS

THREE CHOPT DISTRICT

A BIG WELCOME TO THREE CHOPT! It's that time again, back to a new school year and PTA business. Let me start with a quick introduction – I am Mirinda Lawrence, your Area VP for the Three Chopt District. I have been a PTA leader at the local and Council levels. I have served as a past President at Chamberlayne ES PTA, Hungary Creek MS PTA, and as Vice President at Chamberlayne ES PTA, Wilder MS PTA and Hungary Creek MS PTA. I have two children, one of whom attends Short Pump Middle School. I hope to be able to help you with all of your PTA questions. Throughout the year you'll receive e-mails concerning reminders and task related items. If at anytime you have any questions, please contact me.

REMINDERS

Review the President's checklist included in this newsletter to ensure your PTA is compliant.

Attend HCC Back to School Night with Fred Morton on at 7 p.m. on September 11th at Wilder Middle School.

Look for your HCC Directory. It's filled with important and useful information (i.e. meeting dates, email addresses, etc.). If you don't receive a copy, please email me and let me know.

SHOUTOUTS

Thank you to the following schools, within our district, that were represented at the Longwood Leadership Training Conference: **Colonial Trail ES, Crestview ES, Short Pump ES, and Rivers Edge ES.**

Congratulations to our newest PTA, Colonial Trail ES

Please e-mail me news for the newsletter to share your achievements and highlights.

Mirinda Lawrence, Vice-President

Three Chopt District

ThreeChopt@hccpta.com or 364-4155

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

The position of Fairfield District Vice President on the Henrico County Council Board is currently vacant. Please e-mail President@HCCPTA.com if you are interested in serving on the County Council Board in this capacity, or if you would like more information about the position.

Local unit NEWS

Tuckahoe Elementary School Wins Top State PTA Newsletter Award

Publishing a PTA or PTSA newsletter is an excellent way to publicize PTA involvement in your school and community. In recognition of this important communication function, local units judged to have outstanding newsletters were presented Outstanding PTA Newsletter Awards at the Virginia PTA Leadership Training Conference at Longwood University in July.

Virginia PTA received nearly 60 submissions for the 2006-2007 program and nine were chosen as award winners. However, the **PLATINUM AWARD**, which recognizes the top PTA newsletters in the state, was given to **Tuckahoe Elementary School PTA**, which sends home its *Signals* newsletter monthly. Margaret Sitison was the *Signals* editor for 2006-2007 and Val Pate was the PTA President for 2006-2007. Congratulations!

**Henrico County Council of PTAs
HCC 2007-2008 Proposed Budget**

	Year	2006-2007	Proposed
	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
			<u>Budget</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Dues	2,439	2,400	2400
Scholarship Donations	10,575	14,500	11000
Walkathon Contributions	2,204	4,000	2000
Council Banquet (@ \$18/meal)	4,800	5,000	5400
Interest	2	0	0
<u>Miscellaneous income</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL INCOME	20,084	25,900	20800
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
County Council Banquet	4,363	5,000	5400
<u>Local Unit Support</u>			
Membership Meetings & Programs	0	700	250
Leadership Workshop	0	250	100
Cultural Arts/Reflections/Awards/Reception	536	250	500
End of Year Awards(LU Awards/VOY/Attendance)	346	300	400
New Unit Expenses	16	100	100
Hospitality	0	150	150
Newsletter Printing	<u>373</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>500</u>
Subtotal, Local Unit Support	1,271	2,800	2000
<u>Administration and Development</u>			
Leadership Development/Transition Meeting	305	550	240
State PTA Conference	370	300	370
District PTA Annual Meeting (4@\$30)	150	100	120
Insurance	145	145	145
Office expense/Scholarship meeting	137	150	150
Technology/Website	117	0	120
Miscellaneous expense	<u>688</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>250</u>
Subtotal, Admin & Development	1,912	1,445	1245
<u>HCC Scholarship</u>			
Outstanding Scholarship 2005(to be paid)	1,350	1,350	0
Outstanding Scholarship 2006 (to be paid)	5,800	10,150	4350
Outstanding Scholarship 2007 (to be paid)	8,225	18,850	5875
HCC Scholarship 2008	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13000</u>
Subtotal, Scholarships	15,375	30,350	23225
<u>TOTAL, EXPENSES CATEGORIES</u>	<u>22,921</u>	<u>39,595</u>	31870
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-2,837	-13,695	-11070
BEGINNING BALANCE CHECKING	13,171	13,171	10332
BEGINNING BALANCE SAVINGS	<u>738</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>740</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>11,072</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>2</u>