



North Carolina PTA to Mobilize Parents for Common Core Standards

Part of national effort to advocate for adoption of common core state standards

Working toward ensuring equity in education for all children, North Carolina PTA is part of a national three-year effort to mobilize parents to advance key education priorities, beginning with common core state standards—a voluntary, state-led, internationally benchmarked set of high academic standards in English language arts and mathematics. A \$1 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will help support the effort.

North Carolina PTA is one of four states selected by National PTA which is positioning itself as a key player in education reform beginning with this three-year effort.

“For years the education standards set for our students have been far lower than those of students from around the world. We need to nourish their potential to rise to a higher level of learning that will better prepare them to compete with their peers around the world,” said North Carolina PTA President Kyle Robertson. “That’s why North Carolina PTA is proud to be one of the first states to initiate this effort and educate parents about the common core states standards and take the first step in education reform.”

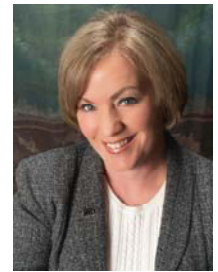
Beginning January 2010, National PTA will educate and train PTA members and parents about the common core state standards focusing early outreach in four states: Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, and North Carolina. National PTA plans to engage additional states as this work moves forward in mid-2010.

“Currently, there are disparities in the level of rigor because every state has a different set of standards. This reform effort will educate parents about the need for higher, clearer and fewer standards so that they know what their child should be learning in school and how they can support learning at home,” said Charles J. “Chuck” Saylor, National PTA President. “Parents should be able to rest assured that their child is up to par with their peers across the country and around the world no matter where they choose to raise their child.”

National PTA is committed to ensuring that all students are college and career ready. Earlier this year in June the association called for the creation of common core state standards and became an endorsing partner of the National Governors Association and Council of Chief State School Officers’ Common Core State Standards Initiative. In September, National PTA also offered its full support of the draft college-and-career readiness standards as a part of the Common Core State Standards Initiative. To date, 51 states and territories have joined the Common Core States Standards Initiative. The full K-12 standards are expected to be finalized in early 2010.

“National PTA believes that there should be a level playing field among states, school districts and schools that will give all students the opportunity to be ready for their college and career. This effort will bring us one step closer to real education reform. It will ensure equity in education nationwide and will improve the level of rigor that will ultimately make the U.S. more competitive with other leading countries,” said Byron V. Garrett, National PTA’s Chief Executive Officer.

A Message from the President . . . Kyle Robertson



Happy New Year

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a great new year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication on behalf of the children and youth of NC during 2009.

2010 offers us the opportunity to renew our dedication to work on behalf of **ALL** children....to be more welcoming to all families....to be more vocal advocates on behalf of our students, teachers and education.....to continue to work toward making every child's potential a reality.

During 2010 take advantage of the resources and benefits available to you at www.ncpta.org and www.pta.org. NCPTA and National PTA continually look to provide more resources and benefits for our members and families. Take advantage of training opportunities and conferences such as the Emerging Leaders conference in February, the Parent Education Conference in April, and the National PTA Convention in June. Take advantage of opportunities to share with others and to network. Take advantage of all opportunities to speak out on behalf of children. Speaking up for children and education is more important than ever as our county and state leaders make critical budget decisions during these tough economic times.

2010 offers us the opportunity to reach out to **EVERYONE** who cares about children and education and ask them to join our association and be a part of the voices that speak up for children. Membership in

PTA is more than just paying dues. Membership is being part of an association that has advocated for the education, health and success of **ALL** children for over 100 years and is still advocating for children at the local, state and national level. Membership is showing our children that their education is important and we will fight to make sure they receive a quality education. Membership is being part of a **TEAM** and sharing with others the concerns and issues facing our students, teachers, schools and families. Membership is being part of an association that is working to make sure that every child's potential becomes a reality.

Your NCPTA Board of Directors and staff look forward to working with you during the upcoming New Year. The New Year offers great challenges and opportunities to us as individuals, as advocates for children and education, and as an association. NCPTA will continually work to provide you with resources and information to meet the challenges ahead through our bulletin, website, conferences, emails, trainings, etc. We do need to hear from you. Let us know how we can better serve you and your school family. Share with us your success stories in making a difference in your schools and communities.

TEAM PTA will continue working to make a difference in the lives of our children and youth.

The Nicholas Adkins School Bus Safety Act

On December 1, 2009, the Nicholas Adkins School Bus Safety Act took effect in North Carolina.

This act, signed into law by Governor Beverly Perdue in June, increases the penalty for those who strike and kill a child when they pass a stopped school bus.

The new law is named for Nicholas Adkins, 16, of Stoneville, a student at McMichael High School in Mayodan.

Adkins was killed in January when a driver did not stop for a school bus that had stopped and extended its stop arm.

The Nicholas Adkins School Bus Safety Act adds two major provisions to existing law:

- School districts will be authorized to mount cameras on their stop arms. Pictures from the



cameras would be admissible as evidence in court.

Killing someone after running a school bus stop sign will now be a Class H felony, meaning that courts are more likely to assign jail time for such incidents.

The Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services , CUACS, at North Carolina State University (<http://www.cuacs.ncsu.edu/>), through a grant from United Parcel Services, has created posters and banners to educate the public on this new law. These posters and banners are an excellent tool for communicating the importance of obeying school bus stop indicators, and the potential consequences for failing to do so.

News from National PTA ...

Scholarships Available through AXA Foundation



The AXA Foundation, a Proud National Sponsor of PTA, offers a signature program, AXA Achievementsm, which provides resources that help make college possible through both access and advice.

Access: more than \$1.3 million a year in scholarships
Advice: a comprehensive resource for information to help students and parents plan for college.

Two scholarships are presently being offered through AXA Achievementsm:

- AXA Achievementsm Scholarship, in association with U.S. News & World Report
 - 42 \$10,000 scholarships – 10 \$25,000 scholarships
 - **Deadline is December 15, 2009**
- AXA Achievementsm Community Scholarship
 - 350 \$2,000 scholarships offered each year
 - **Deadline is February 15, 2010**

The winners, known as AXA Achievers, are ethnically and economically diverse, but share these qualities:

- Ambition and drive
- Determination to set and reach goals
- Respect for self, family and community
- Ability to succeed in college

More information and downloadable applications, which can be filled out online, are available at www.axa-achievement.com.

A key element of AXA's partnership with PTA is AXA's offer of free workshops to PTA units on topics such as planning for college and other financial issues facing families. Visit the AXA website designed exclusively for PTA members, www.axa-achievement.com/PTA, to learn about the workshops that are available, and speak with your local PTA leadership about having a workshop presented to your PTA unit.

Awards for Family-School Partnerships

National PTA's Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Awards recognize and celebrate PTAs that are working to achieve the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. There are three levels of recognition:

- The Outstanding Family-School Partnership Award is given to one local PTA for exemplary all-around achievement of the National Standards, and includes a monetary award of \$2,000.
- The Family-School Partnership Award of Excellence is given to six local PTAs, each representing the best in one of the six National Standards, and includes a monetary award of \$500.
- The Family-School Partnership Award of Merit is given to all local PTAs that apply to the awards program, in recognition of their commitment to building partnerships.

Applications will be accepted January 15 through March 1, 2010. To qualify, make sure your unit acts now! Develop goals for each National Standard—or for as many standards as your unit chooses—and implement activities, programs, and/or policies to address the stated goals. The application will ask you to share your goals, describe the activities, programs, and policies implemented; and describe the results.

Detailed questions and a sample narrative will be available online January 15, 2010. Learn more at www.PTA.org/Hearst.

Budget Now to Attend the 2010 NPTA Convention!

SAVE THE DATE
National PTA Convention
June 9-15, 2010
Memphis, Tennessee



NCPTA Receives \$65,130.00 Grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation

Grant will support the Parent Advocates of School Health (PASH) Program

North Carolina Parent Teacher Association (NCPTA) has received a \$65,130.00 grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) Foundation to support parent advocacy for school health and develop a manual for parent engagement for school health issues.

One third of North Carolina adolescents are overweight or obese, impacting both health and academic outcomes. NCPTA will pilot a parent advocacy program in Anson County, NC to mobilize parents to advocate for policy and environment change in the areas of physical activity and nutrition. The ultimate goal of this program is to increase the number of students that consume the recommended daily servings of fruits and vegetables and are physically active at least 60 minutes daily.

"While childhood obesity must be addressed in all community settings, schools have a unique opportunity to access most children in a community, and parent advocates can make a huge impact on a school administrations' adoption of policy and environmental change strategies," said Debra Horton, NCPTA Executive Director.

"We applaud the efforts of NCPTA and value this opportunity to continue to align our foundation with organizations, programs and people committed to improving the health and well-being of North Carolinians," said Kathy Higgins, president of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation.

The NCPTA is the largest statewide volunteer organization working exclusively for children and youth. The organization serves as an advocacy group for children, working to influence policy makers on issues affecting education, health and welfare of youth. NCPTA has 200,000 members across the state representing child advocates, school staff, and parents from all levels of economics, race and ethnicity.

Statewide, the BCBSNC Foundation invested more than \$726,000 in grants to 32 organizations as part of this most recent grant cycle. The BCBSNC Foundation focuses on three key areas: improving the health outcomes of vulnerable populations served by safety-net organizations, promoting healthy and physically active communities, and increasing the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations in the state. More information can be found at www.bcbsncfoundation.org.



Parent Involvement Grants Awarded

North Carolina PTA is pleased to announce the recipients the 2009-10 Parent Involvement Grants. Grants up to the amount of \$500 will be awarded to the following PTA units which have planned innovative parent involvement programs modeled after the national standards for parent/family involvement to encourage greater parent involvement within their school and directly with their school's individual children. Award checks will be sent out in December to the following recipients:

1. Brogden Middle PTA, Durham
2. David Cox Road Elementary PTA, Charlotte
3. Erwin Montessori Elementary PTA, Greensboro
4. Frazier Elementary PTA, Greensboro
5. Hefner Elementary PTA, Fayetteville
6. Lenoir Middle PTA, Lenoir
7. Millbrook Senior High PTSA, Raleigh
8. Wadesboro Elementary PTA, Wadesboro

Reflections Theme Search Results



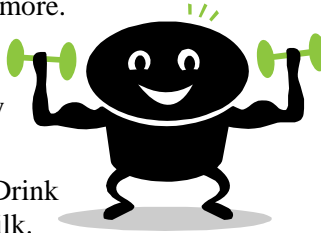
NCPTA is pleased to announce the following State winners of the Reflections Theme Search for 2011-2012:

- **" Inspiration is...."** – Graham Carter, Holly Ridge Elementary PTA, Holly Springs
- **"I Believe in Me...."** – Brooke Mitchell, E.P. Pearce Elementary PTA, Greensboro
- **"I am worthy because..."** – Keirry Hargis, Kitty Hawk Elementary PTA, Kitty Hawk
- **"I dream of"** – Abbey Graham, Lead Mine Elementary PTA, Raleigh
- **"Look through my eyes...."** – Bridgette Mitchell, Kernodle Middle PTA, Greensboro

The National winner will be selected in January 2010 and will receive \$100 from the National PTA office. NCPTA would like to thank all its talented students for participating in the 2011-2012 Reflections Theme Search Program.

10 Tips to Help Your Child and Teen Achieve a Healthy Weight

1. **Be a Role Model.** Eat smart and move more. Your children learn by watching you make healthy choices. Encourage healthy food choices without being overly restrictive.



2. **Limit sugar-sweetened beverages.** Drink water, sugar free beverages, or low fat milk. Sugar-sweetened drinks like soda, sweet tea, Kool-aid, energy and sports drinks provide little or no nutritional value and the extra calories can promote weight gain. Limit 100% fruit juices to less than 6 ounces for kids seven and under, and 12 ounces for older kids.

3. **Eat 5 servings of fruit and vegetables a day.** Aim to eat at least five fruits and vegetables a day. They are great sources of vitamins, minerals, and fiber and make great snacks. Try to include one at every meal and snack.

4. **Eat a healthy breakfast every day.** Eating breakfast has been shown to increase test scores, attendance, and class participation. Help your child be ready to learn by eating a healthy breakfast, not just on test days. Healthy choices include fruit, whole grain cereals and oatmeal, toast, yogurt, low fat milk.

5. **Limit eating out especially fast food.** Fast food is often high in fat, calories, and sodium. Eat family meals-goal of 5-6 times a week. Sit down to eat and turn off the TV while eating. Children and adults are more likely to eat vegetables when eating together at home.

6. **Limit portion sizes.** Be aware of large portions especially when eating out. When you order food, always choose the “kids meal,” or small or

regular-sized portions. Use the nutrition information about menu items to guide your choices. At home, start with a small portion and offer a second helping only if your child is still hungry and asks for it.

7. **Limit screen time to less than 2 hours a day and no TV in bedrooms.** When your child is watching TV or playing video games, he or she is not using up many calories and is often snacking. Encourage your child to do something active instead like riding a bike, playing basketball or soccer, or dancing.

8. **Engage in 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity daily.** Get active with you child-walk, bike, or play together. Encourage your child to get 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

9. **Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep.** Studies have shown that children who do not get enough sleep are more likely to be overweight. Experts recommend children 18months-3years get 12-14 hours, 3-5years 11-13 hours, 5-12 years 10-11 hours, and teens 9.25 hours per night.

10. **Reward your child with non-food items.** Give your child praise, a hug, buy a new book or toy, or just spend time together!



Sponsored by Pitt County Dieticians and Nutrition Educators

National PTA Announces Take Your Family to School Week Winners

For PTA Take Your Family to School Week 2010—the fourth year of the program and third year of the awards—PTA again offered 32 awards of \$1,897. The winning PTAs and schools planned a wide range of school and community events to connect parents to their children’s education and build family-school partnerships. PTA would like to extend its congratulations to all who participated, especially our award winners. North Carolina PTA is proud to announce the two winners from our state:

- James Martin Middle School PTA, Charlotte, NC
- Ashley Elementary PTA, Winston Salem, NC

Awards are funded by AXA Foundation, a Proud National Sponsor of PTA.

For more information, you can read about the PTA Take Your Family to School Awards online at http://www.pta.org/take_your_family_to_school_awards.asp.

Why PTA is the Premier Parent Group

Parent Teacher Associations – vs. – Other Parent Organizations

PTA	Other Parent Organizations
More than 5 million members networking and supporting all children	Local groups not focused on national issues affecting families
The Reflections Program engages more than half a million students in the arts each year	Limited local resources often can't support the arts
PTA Healthy Lifestyles awarded \$20,000 to local PTAs and helped more than 460,000 students eat right and exercise more	No national cash awards for health programs, or efforts to retain recess at school
Welcomes everyone, including grandparents, mentors, educators, neighbors, and community leaders	Usually only parents are invited to participate and support the school community
PTA Takes Action helps parents and citizens get involved in federal public policy	No voice in Washington or policy experts to educate members
Local and national discounts on retail and travel services and products	At the state and national level, no partnerships, sponsorships, or affiliations
Dedicated to building partnerships between families, schools, and communities	Primarily utilize parents as fundraisers for the school
Ever-growing list of free national, state, and local resources, programs and awards	No national or state awards, and all programs must be created locally or purchased
Training on-line and in-person through conventions, workshops, publications, e-learning, and websites	Online resources can be accessed at additional cost, no leadership training available

Not all parent groups are the same. People make the difference. People you can call and people who can visit your school.

If you are PTA, you are unique, but you are not alone. You have the support of local field volunteers, a state office, and a team of professional and volunteer leaders.

PTAs run units locally, to best suit their students – but over 100 years of parent involvement knowledge is never more than a phone call or e-mail away.

PTA members are advocates for all children – most importantly their own.

Together we will Energize all child Advocates to Make a difference.

Anson County Dropout Prevention News . . .



Collaboration with the Hampton B. Allen Library was a huge program success for the Dropout Prevention effort in Anson County. The students worked with the children's librarian (Donnie Lewis) and did a skit for the parents and their siblings as a kick off to the Reader's Theater. The students were excited and participation was great. The book was *Mushrooms Grow in the Rain*. Every parent and student signed up for library cards, went on a tour of the library and checked out books. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Dropout Team members Subrina Hough, Sandra Harrell, and Leon Gatewood were present. Regional Coordinator Kim Graham was present as well

Save the Date Parent Education Conference April 23-24, 2010 Winston-Salem

Two-day conference registration is \$125.00 per person. This includes registration for the entire conference, materials, and meals.

Cost for hotel – \$125.00 per night
(includes breakfast).

Budget funds to send representatives to this conference and look for updates at www.ncpta.org.

**Don't miss this opportunity to learn, share,
and have fun!**

Emerging Leaders Conference Saturday, February 6, 2010 Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC

NCPTA is committed to developing parent leaders who are equipped and effective in making the vision of "every child's potential a reality" come true.

This year's conference will engage and empower current and future leaders with information and resources necessary to be effective advocates for our children and youth for their health, safety, education and success.

Presenters include **Chuck Saylor**, President, National PTA. Mr. Saylor will present a workshop on male involvement as well as addressing all attendees during the general session.



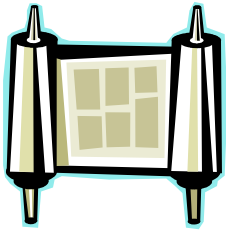
The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. with a cost of \$10.00 per person. Lunch will be provided.

Beginning January 4, 2010, you may register and pay by credit card online at www.ncpta.org or download the Registration Form and mail with payment by January 29, 2010 to the State PTA Office.

We hope each of you will save the date and encourage everyone to attend.

If overnight accommodation are needed, two hotels convenient to the conference are the Holiday Inn Express, 511 N. Judd Parkway NE, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526, (919) 557-2009 or the Comfort Inn, 7616 Purfoy Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526, (919) 557-9000.

Please register early since space is limited for this well-attended and exciting conference.



2009-10 Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following local units for reporting by November 15th
a membership enrollment as large as or larger than total membership last year.

District 1

Chowan County

Chowan Middle School PTA
White Oak Elementary School PTA

Currituck County

Moyock Elementary School PTA

Dare County

First Flight High School PSTA
Manteo High School PSTA
Nags Head Elementary PTA

Gates County

Buckland Elementary School PTA
Central Middle School PTA

Martin County

Roanoke Middle School PTA
Williamston Middle School PTA

Pasquotank County

Elizabeth City Middle School PTA

Pitt County

Ayden Middle School PTA
Bethel Elementary School PTA
Chicod Elementary School PTA
D.H. Conley High School PSTA
Creekside Elementary School PTA
South Greenville Elem. PTA
G. R. Whitfield Elem. School PTA

District 2

Brunswick County

Jessie Mae Monroe Elem. PTA
Southport Elementary School PTA

New Hanover County

John J. Blair Elem. School PTA
Bradley Creek Elem. School PTA
Hubert A. Eaton Elem. School PTA
Isaac Bear Early College High
School PSTA
Emsley Laney High School PSTA
Murray Middle School PSTA
Murrayville Elementary PTA
NHCS Pre-K Center PTA
M.C.S. Noble Middle School PTA
Pine Valley Elementary PTA
Sunset Park Elementary PTA
Mary C. Williams Elementary PTA
Winter Park Model Elem. PTA

Sampson County

Midway Middle School PTA

Wayne County

Brogden Primary School PTA

Eastern Wayne Elem. School PTA
Meadow Lane Elementary PTA
Northeast Wayne Elem. PTA

Durham County

Bethesda Elementary School PTA
Brogden Middle School PTA
City of Medicine Academy PSTA
Josephine Dobbs Clement Early
College High PSTA
Club Blvd. Humanities Mgmt PTA
Creekside Elementary School PTA
Forest View Elementary PTA
Hillside New Tech High PSTA
Charles E. Jordan High I PSTA
W. G. Pearson Magnet Mdl. PTA
Pearsontown Elementary PTA
Spring Valley Elementary PTA

District 3

Franklin County

Bunn Middle School PSTA
Franklinton Elementary PTA

Halifax County

Weldon Stem High School PSTA

Johnston County

Cooper Elementary School PTA
McGee's Crossroads Middle PTA
Micro-Pine Level Elem. PTA
River Dell Elementary School PTA
West Clayton Elementary PTA

Vance County

Carver Elementary School PTA
E. O. Young Elem. School PTA

Wake County

Herbert Akins Road Elem. PTA
Baileywick Elementary PTA
Banks Road Elementary PTA
Brassfield Road Elem. School PTA
Brier Creek Year-Round
Elementary PTA
Charles Bugg Elem. School PTA
Carroll Middle School PTA
Carver Elementary School PTA
Dillard Drive Middle School PTA
Douglas Creative Arts/Sci.
Magnet PTA
East Cary Middle School PTA
East Garner Elementary PTA
East Garner Magnet Middle PSTA
East Millbrook Magnet Mdl. PSTA

East Wake High School of
Engineering PSTA
East Wake Sch. of Integrated
Technology PSTA

Forestville Road Elementary PTA
Fox Road Elementary School PTA
Fuquay-Varina High School PSTA
Fuquay-Varina Middle PSTA
Green Hope Elementary PTA
Heritage Middle School PTA
Highcroft Drive Elementary PTA
Holly Springs Elem. School PTA
Jones Dairy Elementary PTA
Lake Myra Elementary PTA
Laurel Park Elementary PTA
Lockhart Elementary School PTA
Lynn Road Elementary PTA
Middle Creek High School PSTA
Millbrook Elementary School PTA
Mills Park Elementary PTA
Morrisville Year Rd. Elem. PTA
Pleasant Union Elementary PTA
Lewis H. Powell GT Elem. PTA
River Bend Elementary PTA
Aldert Root Elem. School PTA
Salem Elementary School PTA
Fred A. Smith Elem. School PTA
Helen Stough Elem. School PTA
Wakelon Elementary School PTA
Washington GT Elem. School PTA
Wendell Middle School PTA
West Millbrook Middle PTA
Vena Wilburn Elem. School PTA

Warren County

Warren County Middle PSTA

District 4

Bladen County

Clarkton Sch. of Discovery PSTA

Cumberland County

C. Wayne Collier Elem. PTA
Cumberland Road Elem. PTA
Howard Hall Elem. School PTA
Hope Mills Middle School PSTA
Raleigh Road Elem. School PTA
J.W. Seabrook Elem. School PTA
Sunnyside Elementary School PTA
VanStory Hills Elem. School PTA

Moore County

Academy Heights Elem. PTA

Robeson County

East Robeson Primary School PTA
 Lumberton Senior High PTA
 Red Springs High School PTA
 Rex Rennert Elem. School PTA
 Rowland Norment Elem. PTA
 Shining Stars School PTA

District 5**Caswell County**

South Elementary School PTA

Chatham County

Perry Harrison Elementary PTA
 Horton Middle School PTA
 Jordan Matthews High I PTA
 Moncure Elementary School PTA
 The Woods Charter School PTA

Forsyth County

Atkins High School PSTA
 Carter Vocational High PTA
 Flat Rock Middle PSTA
 Glenn High School PSTA
 Hall-Woodward Elem. School PTA
 Hanes Magnet School PSTA
 Konnoak Elementary School PTA
 Moore Magnet School PTA
 Northwest Middle School PTA
 Reagan High School PSTA
 The Special Children's School PTA
 Walkertown Middle School PSTA

Guilford County

Alamance Elementary School PTA
 T Wingate Andrews High PSTA
 Colfax Elementary School PTA
 Early College at Guilford PSTA
 Falkener Elementary School PTA
 Gillespie Park Elementary PTA
 Nathanael Greene Elem. PTA
 High Point Central High PSTA
 David D. Jones School PTA
 James Y. Joyner Elem. School PTA
 Northern Elementary School PTA
 Northern Guilford Middle PSTA
 Northwood Elementary PTA
 Penn-Griffin Sch. for the Arts PTA
 Pleasant Garden Elem. PTA
 SE Guilford Sr High School PSTA
 Sedalia Elementary School PTA
 Jesse Wharton Elem. School PTA

Orange County

Carrboro Elementary School PTA
 Carrboro High School PSTA
 Central Elementary School PTA
 Ephesus Road Elementary PTA
 Rashkis Elementary School PTA

Person County

Bethel Hill Charter School PTA

Rockingham County

Lincoln Elementary School PTA
 Wentworth Elem. School PTA

Stokes County

Sandy Ridge Elementary PTA

District 6**Gaston County**

Chapel Grove Elem. School PTA
 Ida Rankin Elementary PTA

Lincoln County

Union Elementary School PTA

Mecklenburg County

Ballantyne Elementary PTA
 Berewick Elementary School PTA
 Clear Creek Elem. School PTA
 Collinswood Elementary PTA
 Druid Hills Elementary PTA
 Elon Park Elementary School PTA
 Highland Mill Montessori PTA
 Ardrey Kell High School PTA
 Long Creek Elementary PTA
 Mallard Creek Elem. School PTA
 Mountain Island Elem. PTA
 New Technology High at Garinger
 PSTA
 Performance Learning
 Center PSTA
 Piedmont Open Middle PSTA
 Pineville Elementary School PTA
 Quail Hollow Middle School PSTA
 Randolph Middle School PSTA
 Reid Park Elementary School PTA
 River Oaks Academy PTA
 Selwyn Elementary School PTA
 Sharon Elementary School PTA
 Smith Academy of International
 Languages PSTA
 South Charlotte Middle PTA
 Southwest Middle School PSTA
 Tuckaseegee Elementary PTA

Stanly County

New London Choice Middle PTA

Union County

Marvin Elementary School PTA
 New Town Elementary PTA
 Rea View Elementary PTA
 Sandy Ridge Elementary PTA
 Wesley Chapel Elem. School PTA

District 7**Caldwell County**

Granite Falls Middle School PTA

Catawba County

W.M. Jenkins Elem. School PTA
 Southwest Elementary PTA

Davie County

Davie High School PSTA

Rowan County

China Grove Elementary PTA
 Hurley Elem. School PTA
 Knox Middle School PTA
 Rockwell Elementary School PTA

Surry County

Elkin Elementary School PTA

Watauga County

Hardin Park Elementary PTA

Yadkin County

Courtney Elementary School PTA

District 8**Buncombe County**

Candler Elementary School PTA
 Enka Middle School PTA
 W.W. Estes Elementary PTA
 Haw Creek Elementary PTA

Cherokee County

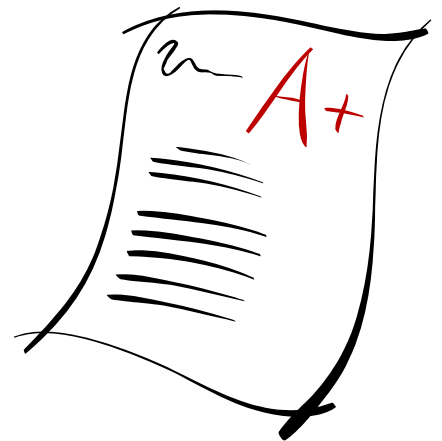
Andrews Elementary School PTA
 Hiwassee Dam School PTA
 Murphy Elementary School PTA

Jackson County

Cullowhee Valley School PTA

Jackson County

Fairview Elementary School PTA



Public Hearing Scheduled on Exceptional Children Policies

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Exceptional Children Division will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 5:30-7 p.m., in Room 150 of the Education Building, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Raleigh. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment on proposed amendments to sections of "Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities" pursuant to Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA).

For more information, including how to participate, please visit the NCDPI Web site at www.ncpublicschools.org and click on the appropriate link under "News."



The NCPTA Board of Directors and staff wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season. The State Office will be closed beginning December 24, 2009 and will reopen January 4, 2010.

Information is available 24/7 at www.ncpta.org.

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WOW!!!! LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

December

- Prepare Reflections entries for District competition
- Review plans and goals for the new year
- 11 — Hanukkah begins
- 25 — Christmas Day
- 26 — Kwanzaa begins
- Enjoy the holidays and rejuvenate yourself for the remainder of the school year

January

- 15th — Gold Key Membership award deadline
- 18 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed
- Elect Nominating Committee for local unit *check your Bylaws)
- 15th — Remit Membership Dues to the State Office, Honor Roll Deadline
- Review NCPTA Awards at www.ncpta.org and nominate outstanding individuals for recognition