

NCPTA CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Join the celebration at the 2010 Parent Education Conference

April 23 – 24 Embassy Suites, Winston-Salem, NC



NCPTA is proud to be celebrating 90 years of serving children and families in North Carolina at this year's Parent Education Conference. The conference will be a great time to celebrate our past, present and future.

Visit Winston-Salem:

Take time on Friday afternoon to enjoy the sites of Winston-Salem and the surrounding area. Visit Tanglewood Park, Old Salem, The Children's Museum or enjoy the shopping area and restaurants of downtown Winston-Salem. In nearby Greensboro visit the new International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

Keynote Speakers:

Friday evening: Janet Cowell, State Treasurer of North Carolina and a representative from the Hunt Institute.



Saturday evening: Anna Weselak: National PTA President for 2005-2007

Education Panel Discussion

Saturday morning features an Education Panel discussion. Topics will include the National Common Core Standards and education funding. Members of the panel will be Donald Barringer, Office of the Governor, Teacher Advisor; Dr. Ed

Dunlap, Executive Director, NC Schools Boards Association; Sherri Strickland, President, NC Association of Educators; Gerry Hancock and Ashley Perkinson, NCPTA Legal Counsel; and a representative of the Hunt Institute.

Workshops:

Saturday is filled with workshops to help you be better leaders and advocates and information to help you as a parent/caregiver. Workshops include: Advocacy; Informed Effective Parents; Insurance – What's Your Backup Plan?; Building a Strong School-Home Learning Partnership, Male Involvement; Conflict Management in PTA; and Gang Awareness. A complete list with times is available on our website under Conference information.

There will also be a professional development workshop on Saturday for educators. The workshop is titled *Creating Strong Family-School-Community Partnerships*. Participants will examine attitudes, actions, and behaviors regarding community involvement, receive strategies for implementing partnerships within the community or enhancing existing partnerships. NCPTA thanks our partner NCAE for providing this workshop.

Detailed information on the conference can be found on our website, www.ncpta.org. Join us for two days of fun, learning, sharing, networking, and celebrating!!!

A Message from Governor Beverly Perdue. . .

Summer to-do list: Make time to read to your kids

Dear Parents,

As the traditional school year nears its end, it's time for families to make summer plans. There are outdoor activities, vacations, summer camps, maybe a trip to the beach to think about. While you are discussing your options I hope you will add one more thing to your summer to-do lists – take the time to read to your children every day.

When I was a teacher, I could always tell which children had positive reading experiences at home. Those kids smiled when it was time to open a new book, and I could see their joy when a story transported their minds into a new world where anything was possible.

It was also no coincidence that those children, who enjoyed reading, enjoyed other types of learning. Books help develop language skills that are the building blocks of learning. Books also unlock new and exciting possibilities about our world. They develop curiosity, create big dreams and produce ambitious students.

For your older children in middle and high school, reading is still an important everyday activity. As you may know, the goal of my education agenda, Career and College – Ready, Set, Go!, is to prepare every student to graduate from high school ready for a career, college or technical training. Reading promotes the type of self-learning and motivation necessary for life after high school.

While reading to your children will certainly help them in the classroom, I cannot emphasize enough how important reading is to families as well. Reading is a time to eliminate distractions and bring families together. Reading to my two boys as I tucked them in at night are some of my most cherished memories as a mother.

I hope you take the time this summer to make reading with your children a priority. If it's not part of your everyday routine, then give it a try. I promise it will be worth it, for your family, and to make a difference for your child in the classroom next year.



Scenes from the 2010 National PTA Legislative Conference



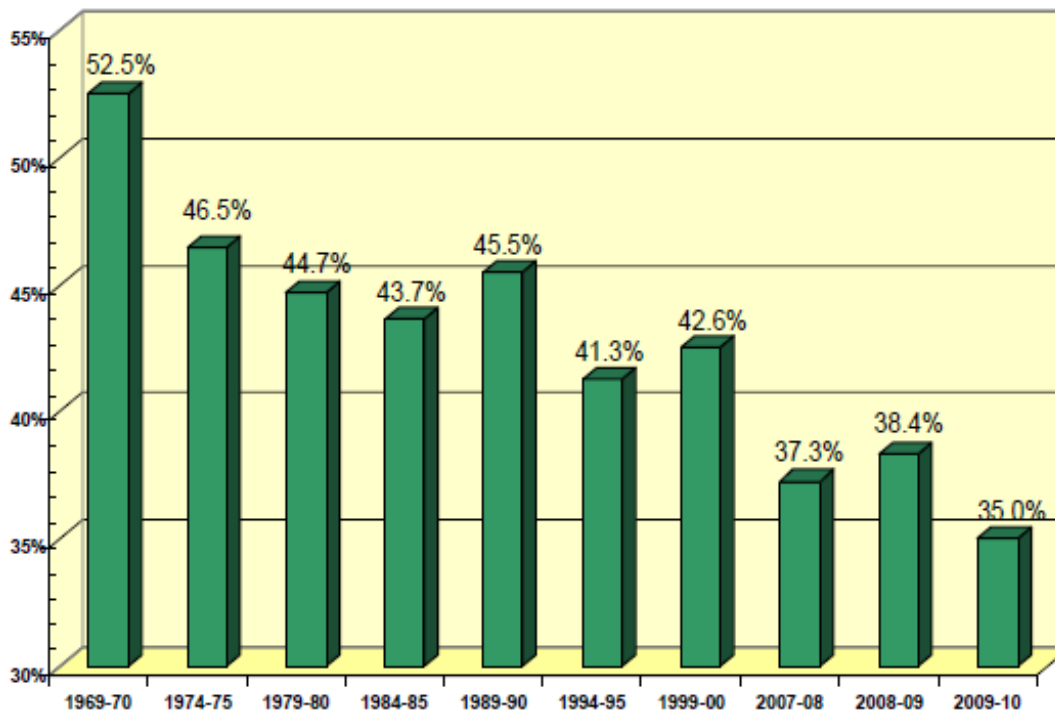
NCPTA was represented at the March 2010 National PTA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC by Kyle Robertson, President; Donald Dunn, Vice President for Legislative Activity; and Debra Horton, Executive Director. Your delegation visited with legislators to encourage the funding of public education for all children.



PARENTS ON ALERT AS BUDGET CUTS TO SCHOOLS LIKELY TO CONTINUE

It is no surprise to families across North Carolina that the state of the economy has hit home in many ways. Families have faced the loss of jobs, tightening of personal budgets, and even the loss of homes. Today, families are also facing the possibility of continued cuts to one of our most valuable resources, public schools across North Carolina. These proposed cuts will continue the trend, as reflected in the chart below, of the decreasing percentage of the state's budget dedicated to K-12 education. The chart below shows the percentage of the state budget dedicated to K-12 education since 1970. **As the chart shows, in 1970, 52.5% of the state budget was dedicated to K-12 education. Last year, only 35% of the budget was dedicated to K-12 education.** If the trend continues, K-12 education will become a smaller and smaller part of the state's budget, and our children will suffer the consequences. We cannot allow that to happen. We have the obligation as parents and caregivers to raise our voices and say enough is enough, we must **fund schools first!**

**Percent of the General Fund
Public Schools Appropriations**



This document is found on NCDPI's website at:
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/fbs/resources/data/highlights/2010highlights.pdf>

In 2009, the General Assembly cut K-12 education by \$409 million. A large part of these cuts, \$225 million, were in the form of what is called discretionary cuts. These cuts required that the 115 local school districts across North Carolina review their budgets and return \$225 million to the state's General Fund.

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These so-called “discretionary cuts” caused the loss of 5,401 K-12 jobs in the 2009-2010 academic year. More specifically, the cuts resulted in the loss of:

- 3,000 classroom teachers
- 34 principals
- 69 assistant principals
- 167 central office staff
- 1,552 teacher assistances
- 219 instructional support personnel (including counselors, media specialists, and nurses)
- 283 non-certified staff (including bus drivers, cafeteria workers, schools and school secretaries)

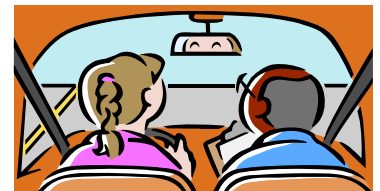
With fewer teachers and teacher assistants in the classroom, our children face larger classes with diminishing one-on-one time with the teacher. If budget cuts continue, more teachers will lose their jobs and classroom size will inevitably increase.

At this point, you may be asking how you can help. On May 12, 2010, the General Assembly will convene for the 2010 short session. Legislators are already meeting to discuss proposed additional cuts to the K-12 budget. NCPTA is partnering with the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) and other key education stakeholders to say we must fund schools first and make K-12 education the top priority for our state. We understand the budgetary difficulties faced by the state, but in times of trial, we must muster the courage and strength to think of bold and creative initiatives that will return North Carolina schools to the top of our priorities.

On April 14th at 1 p.m., NCPTA and NCAE, along with other education groups, will hold a press conference to draw the public’s attention to the education crisis we face in North Carolina.

You can make your voice heard on May 15th by joining NCPTA and NCAE at a rally on the grounds of the Legislature in Raleigh to tell our representatives and senators that we must fund schools first. Please mark your calendar to join us at this important rally. Time is of the essence. Your support is needed now more than ever to support all children today and tomorrow.

Driver's Education May Be Coming to a Stop



In addition to classroom personnel cuts, the state's budget problems may also result in the loss of driver's education classes for North Carolina teens in public schools. Currently, there is no money included in the state budget for next year to pay for driver's education classes. These classes cost the state around \$33 million annually. We will continue to monitor this issue when the General Assembly convenes in May.

News from National PTA ...

By Chuck Saylor, National PTA President



The end of the school year means many different things to different people. For our children, it's time to ditch the school bus for afternoon bike rides. For parents, it's time to keep our kids focused until that last school bell rings. And for teachers, it's time to reflect on and be proud of the great strides the kids have made in the classroom during this year.

For the last several months – while parents have been packing lunches, helping with homework, attending PTA meetings, volunteering in the classroom and attending conferences – our teachers have been pouring every ounce of their energy into educating our children and building their confidence with passion, enthusiasm and heart. As the school year winds down, it's the perfect time to honor these dedicated folks with PTA's Teacher Appreciation Week.

(http://www.pta.org/teacher_appreciation.asp)

I encourage your PTA to participate this year (May 2-9) and show our teachers just how much we appreciate their tremendous efforts. Our website has tons of activity ideas, downloads and other resources to get you started – use it! And let our teachers know what they mean to us.

Of course, just because the school year is winding down doesn't mean our efforts are. In just a few short months, on June 10-13, we'll travel to beautiful, charming Memphis for our 2010 National PTA Convention and Exhibition (<http://www.pta.org/2042.asp>). We'll have more than 50 workshops, 200 exhibits, hundreds of resources and countless opportunities for you to voice your opinions among a mobilized group of advocates. Each year, it promises to be a powerful event, and this year, we're kicking things up a notch by incorporating our Emerging Minority Leaders Conference (http://www.pta.org/emerging_minority_leaders.asp), PTA MORE (Men Organized to Raise Engagement, http://www.pta.org/pta_more.asp) initiative, and Youth Summit, along with our partnership with PIRC (Parental Information and Resource Centers).. It will be an event like no other.

Whether or not you will be attending the National Convention, I encourage you to use your summer as an opportunity for recharging and continuing your valuable PTA efforts. Because, before we know it, back-to-school season will be upon us! I have no doubts that you will have successful summer leadership conferences and help carry your local PTA members through these next few months with conviction, grace and dedication.

So, thank you for all that you do and may your summer be one of stamina, solidarity, sunshine and success!

El fin del año escolar significa muchas cosas diferentes para diferentes personas. Para nuestros hijos, es el momento de
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abandonar el autobús escolar para dar paseos vespertinos en bicicleta. Para los padres, es el momento de mantener a nuestros hijos enfocados hasta que suene el último timbre de la escuela. Y para los maestros, es el momento de reflexionar sobre los grandes progresos que los niños han hecho en el aula durante el año y sentirnos orgullosos por ello.

Durante varios de los últimos meses –mientras los padres han estado preparando almuerzos, ayudando con las tareas escolares, asistiendo a las reuniones de PTA, participando como voluntarios en el aula y asistiendo a conferencias– nuestros maestros han estado vertiendo cada gramo de energía en educar a nuestros hijos y en generar su confianza con pasión, entusiasmo y corazón. A medida que el año escolar va llegando a su fin, es el momento perfecto para honrar a estas personas dedicadas con la [Semana de Reconocimiento a los Maestros](#).

Invito a su PTA a participar este año (del 2 al 9 de mayo) y mostrarles a nuestros maestros simplemente cuánto reconocemos sus tremendos esfuerzos. [Nuestro sitio web](#) tiene cientos de ideas para actividades, descargas y otros recursos para que comience, ¡úselos! Y hágales saber a nuestros maestros lo que significan para nosotros.

Por supuesto, solo porque el año escolar esté llegando al final no quiere decir que nuestros esfuerzos también. En unos pocos meses, del 10 al 13 de junio, viajaremos a la encantadora y bella Memphis para la [2010 National PTA Convention and Exhibition](#) (Convención y Exhibición de PTA Nacional 2010). Allí habrá más de 50 talleres, 200 exposiciones, cientos de recursos e innumerables oportunidades para expresar sus opiniones entre un grupo movilizado de defensores. Cada año, prometo ser un acontecimiento muy eficaz y este año, vamos a hacer esto más intenso mediante la incorporación de nuestra [Emerging Minority Leaders Conference](#) (Conferencia de Líderes de Minorías Emergentes), la iniciativa PTA MORE ([Men Organized to Raise Engagement](#) [Hombres Organizados para Aumentar la Participación]) y la Youth Summit (Cumbre de Jóvenes), junto con nuestra asociación con PIRC (Parental Information and Resource Centers [Centros de Información y Recursos para Padres]). Será un acontecimiento diferente a todos los demás.

Ya sea que asista o no a la Convención Nacional, lo invito a que use el verano como una oportunidad para recargar y continuar sus valiosos esfuerzos de PTA. Ya que, antes de que acordemos, ¡la temporada de regreso a clases estará encima nuestro! No tengo dudas de que tendrá conferencias de liderazgo de verano exitosas y de que ayudará a llevar a sus miembros de PTA locales a través de estos próximos meses con convicción, gracia y dedicación.

Por ello, gracias por todo lo que hace ¡y que tenga un verano lleno de energía, solidaridad, sol y éxito!

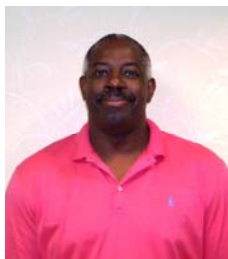
2010 NCPTA Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee for the NCPTA Board of Directors is proud to present the following slate of officer to the delegates of the 2010 NCPTA State Convention on Friday, April 23, 2010.

Vice President for Legislative Activity: Donald Dunn, Lewisville

Donald Dunn has been nominated for the position of Vice President of Legislative Activity. Donald has been an outstanding parent leader for many years to NCPTA. He is completing his first term as Vice President for Legislative Activity in which he oversees the work with our lobbyist, updates the advocacy priorities, and provides historical research on NCPTA resolutions. Donald networks with other state PTA legislative leaders and National PTA to keep NCPTA parents and members in the forefront of current legislative efforts.

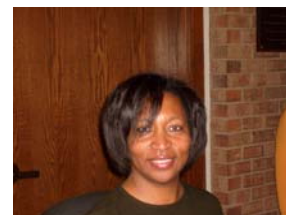
Donald is employed as the Director of Wherry, Inc. He and his wife Ann have one daughter.



Treasurer: Pepper Hines, Durham

Pepper has been nominated to serve a second term in the office of Treasurer. She has been an active PTA member for over 15 years. She began her service to NCPTA as District Director and has also served as a member of the Health and Welfare Commission. Her PTA involvement includes serving as past president, secretary, and treasurer of the Durham Council of PTAs, president, past president, secretary, and treasurer of her local PTA unit and various other leadership roles.

Pepper is employed as the Assistant to the Director/Office Manager of the NC High School Athletic Association and is the mother of two sons.



Award Recipients Announced

The following individuals and PTAs will be recognized on Saturday evening, April 24, 2010 during the Awards Celebration Dinner at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Winston-Salem during the annual Parent Education Conference.

Oak Leaf – Individual	Teresa Dodson, Colfax Elementary PTA, Colfax
Oak Leaf – Organizations	Murrayville Elementary PTA, Wilmington
Gwin G. Hughes Healthful Living	Northwest Guilford Middle PTSA, Greensboro
Outstanding Unit	Emsley Laney High School PTSA, Wilmington
Outstanding PTA Council	New Hanover County Council of PTAs
Outstanding Educator	Paul Smith, Early College at Guilford PTSA, Greensboro

NCPTA will also recognize the thirty winners of the Communications Award during this dinner. Congratulations to our winners and to all the outstanding nominees for our awards program.

Membership Award Recipients



Congratulations to the 2009-10 Membership Award winners! These PTAs will be recognized on Friday evening, April 23, 2010 during the Membership Celebration Dinner at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Winston-Salem.

President's Membership Bowl: Granite Falls Middle School PTA, Caldwell County

Gold Acorn:
Early College at Guilford High PTSA, Guilford County
Hubert A. Eaton Elementary PTA, New Hanover County

Ruby Acorn
Edwin Alderman Elementary PTA
Edwin A. Anderson Elementary PTA, New Hanover County
Bailey Middle PTA, Mecklenburg County
John J. Blair Elementary PTA, New Hanover County
Easley Elementary PTA, Durham County
John T. Hoggard High PTSA, New Hanover County
David D. Jones Elementary PTA, Guilford County
James Y. Joyner Elementary PTA, Guilford County
Murrayville Elementary PTA, New Hanover County
New Hanover High PTSA, New Hanover County
Northern Elementary PTA, Guilford County
Parsley Elementary PTA, New Hanover County
Pine Valley Elementary PTA, New Hanover County
Wrightsville Beach Elementary PTA, New Hanover County



2009-10 District Membership Winners

District 1

South Greenville Elementary PTA, Pitt County
Roanoke Middle PTA, Martin County
First Flight High PTSA, Dare County

District 2

John J. Blair Elementary PTA, New Hanover County
Greenwood Middle PTA, Wayne County
Emsley Laney High PTSA, New Hanover County

District 3

Creekside Elementary PTA, Durham County
East Cary Middle PTA, Wake County
Middle Creek High PTSA, Wake County

District 4

Shining Stars PTA, Robeson County
Hope Mills Middle PTSA, Cumberland County

District 5

Moncure Elementary PTA, Chatham County
Northwest Middle PTA, Forsyth County
Carter Vocational High, Forsyth County

District 6

Windsor Park Elementary PTA, Mecklenburg County
Piedmont Open Middle PTSA, Mecklenburg County
Bio-Tech @ Olympic High PTSA, Mecklenburg County

District 7

Rockwell Elementary PTA, Rowan County
Granite Falls Middle PTA, Caldwell County
West Rowan High PTSA, Rowan County

District 8

Candler Elementary PTA, Buncombe County
Enka Middle PTA, Buncombe County

Recognition of Bronze Acorn and 7% Increase recipients

NCPTA is proud to announce the
2009/10 Reflections State Recipients:



"Beauty is..."

Dance:

Primary:

1. Karsen A.L. Gresham, Mountain Island Elementary, Charlotte
2. Adison A. May, Heritage Elementary, Wake Forest
3. Rizvan Sneed, Carrboro Elementary, Carrboro

Intermediate

1. Chloe F. O'Briant, Parsley Elementary, Wilmington
2. Sydney S. Weaver, Jenkins Elementary, Hickory
3. Natalie A. Pyne, Holly Ridge Elementary, Holly Springs

Middle/Junior:

1. Alexandra K. Fung, South Charlotte Middle, Charlotte

Senior:

1. Chelsea D. Townsend, Hillside High, Durham
2. Kirsti M. Riehle, Reynolds High, Winston-Salem
3. Amelia C. Jones, Green Hope High, Cary

Film/Video Production:

Intermediate

1. Chloe J. Wood, Salem Elementary, Apex
2. Lauren J. Hale, Vienna Elementary, Pfafftown
3. Hayden A. Melchor, Woodleaf Elementary, Woodleaf

Middle/Junior:

1. Austin M. Bruckner, Bailey Middle, Charlotte
2. Madison M. Bickford, Fuquay-Varina Middle, Fuquay-Varina

Literature:

Primary:

1. Brooks Dixon, Glendale Acres C&FL Academy, Fayetteville
2. Abdul K. Stevens, Glendale Acres C&FL Academy, Fayetteville
3. Drishti Devani, Davis Drive Elementary, Cary

Intermediate:

1. Mackenzie L. Brown, Monticello-Brown Summit, Brown-Summit
2. Noah J. Tobias, Barringer Academic Center, Charlotte
3. Malia Garber, Nags Head Elementary, Nags Head

Middle/Junior:

1. Inrique D. Mendea, Myrtle Grove Middle, Wilmington
2. Anne C. Schmitt, Alexander Graham Middle, Charlotte
3. William L. Mincey, Northview Middle, Hickory

Senior:

1. Allyson Wolf, Ardrey Kell High, Charlotte
2. Rachel M. Krauzza, Panther Creek High, Cary
3. Rachel M. DeLauder, Hillside High, Durham

Music Composition:

Primary:

1. Baron P. Wright, Faith Elementary, Faith
2. William S. Aarons, Hunter Elementary, Raleigh
3. Maddy Buff, Rea View Elementary, Waxhaw

Intermediate:

1. Jacob L. Burgess, Norris Childers Elementary, Lincolnton
2. Lorenzo A. Nigrelli, Oakwood Elementary PTA, Hickory
3. Cole E. Boggio, Eaton Elementary, Wilmington

Middle/Junior:

1. Anna E. Osment, Alexander Graham Middle, Charlotte
2. James C. Maxson, Northview Middle, Hickory
3. Cameron E. Joplin, Roland-Grise Middle, Wilmington

Senior:

1. Kevin L. Hollander, Mt. Tabor High, Winston-Salem
2. Toby Ng, Page High, Greensboro

Photography:

Primary:

1. Austin E. Pugh, Wrightsville Beach, Wrightsville Beach
2. Carmen T. Sowers, Croft Community, Charlotte
3. Olivia K. Bowlin, Kitty Hawk Elementary, Southern Shores

Intermediate:

1. Mina E. Samei, Rashkis Elementary, Chapel Hill
2. Maddie G. Stohl, Aldreman Elementary, Wilmington
3. Faires M. Stutts, Claxton Elementary, Greensboro

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Middle/Junior:

1. Matthew T. Klinedinst, Myrtle Grove Middle, Wilmington
2. Luke A. Miller, North Rowan Middle, Spencer
3. Shelby M. Kennedy, Central Middle, Gatesville

Senior:

1. Liza M. Chase, John T. Hoggard High, Wilmington
2. Jillian L. Clark, Durham School of the Arts, Durham
3. Kelly A. Kruger, Ardrey Kell High, Charlotte

Visual Arts:

Primary:

1. Ewan J. Ross, West Lake Elementary, Apex
2. Hallie M. Davis, Marvin Ward Elementary, Winston-Salem
3. Jana O. Albustami, Chicod School, Greenville

Intermediate:

1. Zoë M. Neijna, Hunter Elementary, Raleigh
2. Emma C. Stott, Moore Magnet Elementary, Winston-Salem
3. Shelby A. Shafer, Weddington Elementary, Matthews

Middle/Junior:

1. Reece W. Jones, Roland-Grise Middle, Wilmington
2. Joanne M. Garmon, Roland-Grise Middle, Wilmington
3. Lahari S. Pullakhandam, Ligon GT Middle, Raleigh

Senior:

1. Molly F. Scanga, Carrboro High, Carrboro
2. Hannah Chong, Ragsdale High, Jamestown
3. Emma J. Norris, New Hanover High, Wilmington

Each of these talented students will be recognized at the NCPTA Awards Celebration on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at the NC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude by 12:00 noon.

NCPTA extends special thanks to all those who participated in the Reflections program and shared their special talents with us.



Win \$1,000 for Your PTA!

Apply for an Arts Enhancement Grant by May 3

What could your PTA do with \$1,000 to support arts education? Each year, National PTA offers a limited number of matching grants of up to \$1,000 to help local units establish or enhance student-centered arts education programs. Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grants.

(http://www.pta.org/mary_lou_anderson_reflections_arts_enhancement_grants.asp)

PTAs must match the grant dollar for dollar with PTA or other donated funds and/or in-kind resources. Applications are due by **Monday, 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 3, 2010.**

Special consideration is given to applicants that reach large numbers of at-risk students. "At risk" encompasses a wide range of factors that may make it more difficult for a student or a segment of the student population to succeed in learning. Some factors that make students at risk are financial, familial, health, behavioral, social, and environmental or other community conditions.

Learn more and apply at www.pta.org/ArtsGrants.

State Superintendent Presents Career-Ready Commission Report

State Superintendent June Atkinson, along with members of her Career-Ready Commission, recently presented the Commission's final report, "A Crisis of Relevance: How N.C. Must Innovate to Graduate All Students Career- and College-Ready," to members of the State Board of Education. The Commission proposed six guiding policy goals and an additional number of corresponding and specific action recommendations in its final report. In presenting the report, Atkinson said, "This report does not contain the silver bullet solution to the problems facing public schools today, but it is a collection of proven education reforms and innovative strategies that can help us better prepare all students for a future in the 21st century." The full press release and report are available online at www.ncpublicschools.org by clicking on the appropriate link under "News."

Ten Years of Newborn Hearing Screening in North Carolina

In the past 10 years, more than one million infants born in North Carolina have been screened for hearing loss before they left the hospital. This is the result of a law passed in 2000 requiring all medical facilities that provide birthing or inpatient neonatal services to provide hearing screening as part of their routine care for infants.

Screening newborns for hearing loss is now the standard of care within all hospitals in the United States, and North Carolina is no exception. Modern technology has created procedures that are painless, simple, fast and easy, especially when a baby is sleeping. Currently, the 87 birthing facilities in the state screen infants for hearing loss prior to the child going home, resulting in a screening rate of more than 98% of all babies born in the state.

Everyday 33 babies (about 12,000 each year) are born in the U.S. with permanent hearing loss. In 2008, 210 babies born in North Carolina were identified with hearing loss through the Newborn Hearing Screening program, which is administered by individual hospitals and overseen by the Children and Youth Branch in the Division of Public Health. Federal funding for the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program is provided by grants from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Hearing loss is the most frequently occurring congenital condition, but may also be acquired later during childhood. When left undetected, hearing loss in infants can negatively impact speech and language acquisition, academic achievement, and social and emotional development. If detected, however, these negative impacts can be diminished and even eliminated through early intervention.

For most babies, the initial screen in the hospital is the end of the process. However, some babies may need further follow-up. If so, the parents are asked to bring the baby back to the hospital or to a doctor's office for further testing. Some babies will require a diagnostic evaluation. Most babies younger than three months old will sleep through the process. The longer a parent waits to schedule the evaluation, the more likely their infant will need to be sedated for this procedure.

National Goals for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention include the following:

- That infants complete screening by **one** month of age;
- That infants needing a diagnostic test have it by **three** months of age; and
- That infants with hearing loss begin intervention by **six** months of age.



Research supports that when these goals are met, children with hearing loss have positive speech, language, and listening outcomes regardless of the communication method of the child (i.e. speech, sign language, etc.).

Even when a child passes the newborn hearing screening, it is important for parents to be aware of normal speech and hearing development. Progressive and late-onset hearing losses occur as frequently as congenital hearing loss. Any hearing loss needs to be identified and receive intervention as soon as possible in order to maximize a child's development. Parents should talk to their doctor or primary care provider about any concerns they have about their child's hearing or speech and language development.

For more information, contact Kathleen Watts, Program Manager for the NC Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program at 919-707-5632 or go to the Program website, www.ncnewbornhearing.org.



Thanks so much for all you are doing for families! We are proud to partner with the National PTA to bring you the All Pro Dad's Day fathers and kids breakfast program. All Pro Dad's Day is an excellent way to reach out to your school fathers that includes good food, fun and meaningful conversation. Best of all, everything is provided at no cost! Simply log on to <http://www.allprodad.com/teamcaptain/> and sign your school up. When prompted to pay, simply enter the promo code "PTA" and we'll waive the costs. We are really looking forward to working with you! Please forward this on to the members you work with.

Also, we have a program for mothers and their children called iMOM Morning. Again, everything is provided at no cost. Check it out at: <http://www.imom.com/morning/>

NCPTA Teacher Scholarship

NC PTA is please to continue its Teacher Scholarship Program. A grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to a teacher seeking a Masters degree in Education.

To be eligible for the North Carolina PTA Teacher Scholarship, a teacher must:

- Be currently teaching in North Carolina public schools with a PTA in good standing (Dues paid, Bylaws up-to-date, Financial Review submitted for 2008-09, and members entered into the NCPTA database);
- Be an instructional classroom teacher (not a media specialist, guidance counselor, etc.);
- Have a minimum of three years' teaching experience;
- Work towards a Masters Degree in a subject or grade level area, not administration;
- Continue/return to teaching in a public school classroom; and
- Be a current member of the local PTA.

The application deadline is **April 30, 2010**. NCPTA will only accept online applications, so please go to www.ncpta.org and click the "PTA Information" and then click on the Awards/Grants link to apply.



Every year millions of teens work in part-time or summer jobs. Early work experiences can be rewarding for young workers – providing great opportunities to learn important job skills. The U. S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, have produced a new self assessment tool to allow employers in non-agricultural industries to assess its compliance with the youth employment provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

This tool is available from the Youth Rules website at <http://youthrules.dol.gov/index.htm>. Please visit this site for complete information and to view the Federal youth safety guidelines.

**Budget Now
to Attend the
2010 NPTA Convention!**



**SAVE THE DATE
National PTA Convention
June 11-13, 2010
Memphis, Tennessee**

NCPTA Receives the NCAE Friend of Education Award



The North Carolina Association of Educators (NCEA) recognized the work of NCPTA on March 20, 2010 during the NCAE Annual State Convention in Winston-Salem. NCPTA was presented the **2010 NCAE Friend of Education Award** by Sherri Strickland, NCAE President. This honor was bestowed on NCPTA “in recognition of its outstanding support of public education and Advocacy for the success of all children by promoting collaboration between families and educators.”

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WOW!!!! LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL & MAY

April

- Alcohol Awareness Month
<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/govpubs/RPO991/>
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
(<http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>)
- 12 – Drop Everything and Read Day
(<http://www.dropeverythingandread.com/>)
- 18-24 – National Volunteer Week
(<http://www.pointsoflight.org/>)
- 18-24 – National Education Week
(<http://www.eeweek.org/>)
- **23-24 — NCPTA Parent Education Conference, Winston-Salem, NC**
- April 26 – May 4 —National Safe Kids Week <http://www.usa.safekids.org/>

May

- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
<http://www.fitness.gov/>
- National Bike Month
<http://www.bikeleague.org/>
- 2-8 — Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 — National Teacher Day
- 25 — National Missing Children’s Day
http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servelet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=1992
- Register to attend the National PTA Convention – www.pta.org