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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 25: NJ PIRC (Parent Information Center) Event

Greetings!

This is the NJPTA E-NJPT that goes out every other week on Monday night throughout the year. Please feel free to pass this on to your PTA contacts!



We are looking to highlight Local PTAs across the state that are excelling at membership, projects, or just have a great idea to share! We also hope this keeps you up to date on deadlines and events for New Jersey PTA.

Judy Hyde Acerra
NJPTA President
NJPTA Magazine

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Editor,
NJPTA Magazine

2010 - 2011 The Official PTA Kit



Registration for the 2010-2011 Official PTA Kit is now open!

All local, council, district, and region PTAs must register to receive their Official PTA® Kit. The incoming 2010-2011 PTA president or other authorized PTA leader must fill out the registration form to select the preferred shipping address and date for the kit.

The order form will be available through September 17, and kits have begun shipping weekly.

The Official PTA Kit is available exclusively to PTAs in good standing.

Register Now for your [Official PTA Kit!](#)

Reminders for Local PTA Officers!

A FEW REMINDERS FOR ALL NJPTA LOCAL OFFICERS TO ENSURE EACH PTA RECEIVES THEIR LOCAL UNIT PACKET THIS SUMMER!

NJ PTA Membership Awards and Achievement Awards

July 31, 2010 is the deadline to submit Membership Award and Achievement Award applications for your PTA. Share your great ideas with us! **ONLY FIVE DAYS UNTIL THE DEADLINES!**

[Click here for all 2009-2010 Membership Awards.](#) [Click here for all 2009-2010 Achievement Awards.](#)

The following were due to the NJPTA Office June 1st for your PTA to be considered in Good Standing:

- Dues for 2009-2010
- 2010-2011 Local PTA Officer's Form [Click here for the printable Officer's form.](#)
- 2009-2010 Membership Breakdown Form [Click here for the Membership Breakdown Form.](#)

Also, your Bylaws must be current (they must be resubmitted every 3 years); and audits for all years up through 2008-2009 must be submitted for your PTA to be considered in Good Standing.

Contact your County President or the NJPTA Office today if you have any questions.

NJPTA Local PTA Kits

For All Local PTA Presidents that received their Local PTA Packet in the Mail.

Please remember to count your Membership Cards and send back the Verification Form to NJPTA!

Did you get your local unit packet?

If not why not?

Did you send your 2010-2011 officers form in?

Did you return all your membership cards and pay all your dues?

Are your bylaws current?

Do we have your 08-09 audit?

Need help? Call your County President or Contact.

Urge Senator Lautenberg & Menendez to Act on the Child Nutrition Bill



TAKE ACTION ON S. 3307 NOW!!!

On March 24th, the Senate Agriculture Committee unanimously passed S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, moving it to be taken up by the full Senate. However, this bill has yet to be adopted, and time is rapidly running out to pass this important piece of legislation before the programs expire in September. This bipartisan bill updates and improves a number of critical child nutrition programs, including school breakfasts and lunches.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act takes many critical steps toward alleviating child hunger and supporting the health and wellness of our nation's children. This bill contains common-sense measures that will increase access to critical nutrition programs, increase the quality of foods served in schools, and provide the resources, tools, and training necessary to accomplish these goals. If the Senate does not make this issue a priority and act on this legislation soon, then all these improvements will be lost.

[Click here to Take Action and Send a Letter or E-Mail to Senators Lautenberg and Menendez.](#)

Achieving Excellence and Innovation in Family, School, and Community Engagement

WEBINAR SERIES

The U.S. Department of Education and its partners United Way Worldwide, National PTA, SEDL, and Harvard Family Research Project invite you to participate in the following webinar.

Webinar 3: Data Driven: Making Student and School Data Accessible and Meaningful to Families

The U. S. Department of Education has adopted using data for school improvement as one of its major education reform priorities. In the past decade, the Department, school districts, and states have spent more than a billion dollars to build data systems to foster continuous improvement. We are now in a position to transform this data into information that can promote student success by tracking academic progress and by guiding the daily actions of families, schools, communities, and the students themselves.

August 10, 2010, 3:30-5:00 p.m. (EDT)

REGISTER ONLINE: [Click Here!](#)

Measuring student progress-in areas such as grades, attendance, and positive behaviors-presents a tremendous opportunity to involve parents in their children's education and to provide a platform for strong parent-teacher partnerships. Making this data accessible and presenting it in a meaningful way can increase student success by empowering families to monitor their children's academic progress from early childhood to college and beyond. Schools and districts in cities across the country are leading the effort to make student data accessible and useful for families. This third webinar-Data Driven: Making Student and School Data Accessible and Meaningful to Families- will take a look at practical examples of how districts and schools are using data to engage families in their children's education. The webinar will also introduce tools that enable practitioners, districts, and schools to incorporate data into their own family engagement strategies.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain an understanding of what is needed to engage families through

the use of student data, discuss some of the challenges in building capacity, and highlight strategies to overcome them.

Presenters include:

- Kevin Jennings, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, U.S. Department of Education
- Anna Hinton, Director, Parental Options and Information, Office of Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education
- Zena Rudo, Project Director, SEDL
- Jennifer Salzstein, Program Director, ARIS Parent Link, New York City Department of Education
- Barbara Taveras, Director, Community Engagement, New Visions for Public Schools
- D'Lisa Crain, Grant Administrator, Nevada State PIRC, Education Alliance of Washoe County

Transforming Lives



**NJPTA Diversity Committee Presents an
Emerging Minority Leaders Event:**

"TRANSFORMING LIVES"

Saturday, August 14th, 2010
Trenton Marriott at Lafayette Yard
West Lafayette Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

9:00 am to 3:00 pm (registration begins at 9:00 AM)

Topics Include

- Common Core State Standards - workshops to include: How to work with the Media and Meeting with Decision Makers.
- Presentation by PIRC (Parent Information Resource Center)
- The "P" in PTA (Parents role as advocates)

For questions, contact Lynette Howard, Diversity Chair lhoward@njpta.org or 856-429-2148.

To register: E-Mail- diversity_emlevents@njpta.org

Back-to-School Central for Parents

PTA has resources to help parents prepare their kids for a new school year.

Check out [Back-to-School Central](#) for articles on:

- Back-to-school preparation
- Nutrition
- Homework help and study skills
- Parent involvement and communication

A Message from Teachers' Insurance Plan



Dear NJPTA Leaders and Members,

Thanks to our new partnership with Teachers' Insurance Plan of NJ, NJPTA leaders and members are now eligible for special auto insurance rates and services, offered only to the educational community. In addition,

Teachers' Insurance provides an exclusive fundraising program called Quotes for Cash, designed to help take PTA development goals to a new level of success. We are pleased to join forces with

Teachers' Insurance because of all the excellent new benefits this partnership will bring to the State Association, local PTA chapters and each of our individual members.

Teachers' Insurance can save you an average of over \$800 per year* on auto insurance, and includes special benefits for NJPTA members that you can't get anywhere else.

Free First Class Roadside Assistance: Free towing, lock-out, battery and tire service, fluid delivery and more.

School Zone Zero Deductibles: Your comprehensive and collision deductible is waived for incidents that happen at school, plus coverage for school property stolen from or damaged in your car.

Get Home Safe Benefit: All customers are eligible for a free one-way cab service to use as a safer option to driving their own car.

More Protection: Insurance solutions for your home, motorcycle, boat, classic car and more!

Raise Funds for Your NJPTA with Quotes for Cash!

Quotes for Cash is easy, and all chapters are already signed up! For every member who calls for a free auto insurance quote, Teachers' Insurance will donate \$20 to the NJPTA - no purchase necessary! Half will go to the State Association, and half will go to your local chapter to be used in whatever way your chapter sees fit. Then, when you join Teachers' Insurance, they will welcome you with a \$25 gift card to keep, or to use as an additional donation to your local chapter's fund.

Call 800-516-4972 for a free quote today!

Want more information?

Contact Chris Sappington at csappington@nj-teachers.com or 732-978-6052 to learn more about the Quotes for Cash program.

Visit Teachers' Insurance at www.nj-teachers.com for more information about their special auto insurance just for the New Jersey educational community.

Barnes and Noble Reading Initiative



Did you know that your child could Earn a FREE BOOK this summer when they read 8 books!

Go to <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/> and download a passport for your child.

There are also many activities for parents, educators, and children alike!

Turn Your Kids Onto Reading This Summer!

Are you worried that your son or daughter will lose valuable reading skills during the summer? Are you curious about which books kids like to read?

Click [HERE](#) for a list organizations that have published reading lists for children and teens, which may help you and your children choose some books for summertime reading.

SAVE THE DATES- 2010 NJPTA Convention



Friday & Saturday,
November 19 & 20

Bally's Atlantic City

Town Hall Meeting with National Representative
Idea Sharing/Networking Luncheon
Friday Night Special Event with Exhibitors
Awards Luncheon
Workshops and Conferences

National PTA is moving this August! Please update your address book with the following contact info:

National PTA Headquarters
1250 N. Pitt Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: (800) 307-4PTA (4782)
Fax: TBA
E-mail: info@pta.org

On Wednesday July 27th at 5:00 pm the National PTA server will be taken off line to be relocated to our new home in Alexandria. All email and website services will be down. Phone services will be limited.

The current plan is to have the system back in service by Monday August 2nd.

New Jersey PTA has a new mailing address!

If you wish to contact us by e-mail, fax, phone or letter please contact us at:

NJPTA
P.O. Box 8668
Trenton, NJ 08650
(609) 393-6709
(609) 393-8471 - fax
njptaoffice@njpta.org

Our office is still located at
900 Berkeley Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618

LOCAL PTA SPOTLIGHT



Charles H. Bullock
School PTA,
Montclair, NJ

The Charles H. Bullock School PTA in Montclair, NJ has been the Rand Family School PTA for 20 years. This September, our entire school community is moving to a brand new building. Teachers, students, staff, etc. will be in a state of the art 'GREEN' building about 1.5 miles from our current location. We will become the Charles H. Bullock School. The effort to move is complicated and time consuming but parents and staff having been working together to ensure a successful move. The PTA will be funding several new initiatives as well hosting community building events. They will launch a new website, change their name with the banks etc. The school will work to continue to work for the children of Montclair through this moving process.

NOTE:

How do I get my school featured in a future issue of New Jersey PTA E-NJP-T? If you have a great story that you would like us to use, contact us directly at editor@njpta.org or let your County President/Advisor know and we will highlight your PTA in one of our weekly emails!

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