



Dear PTA Member,
Happy New Year from the Virginia PTA! We hope that you enjoyed your holiday and have arrived in 2010 ready to make a difference for our children. **PTA Day at the General Assembly** gives you chance to use your voice to advocate for our children. PTA Day will be held this year on Monday, Feb 1. [Learn more](#) about how you can participate in this annual event that means so much in the decision-making process on Capitol Hill.

This year we will also hold a special **Advocacy Training** free of charge on January 31st at the Sheraton Park South. [Download](#) the PTA Day registration form for more details.

How can we be of better service?

The Virginia PTA approved in a state membership dues increase at 2009 Convention. What services would you like to see Virginia PTA add or increase with the help of the additional funding? [Send us your input.](#)



NEW FEATURE: Membership Moments

is a new monthly feature that will cover membership campaign ideas, ways to encourage membership diversity and other helpful information for membership chairs.

[Read "Membership is no Laughing Matter".](#)

Family Fitness Grant

The Virginia PTA is pleased to announce the availability of six \$300.00 Family Fitness Grants for the 2009-2010 school year to any Virginia PTA local unit, council or district in good standing. [Learn more and apply today!](#) Applications due (postmarked) January 29.



It's Time to Form a Nominating Committee!

It's that time of year again.... For those units that have a spring election, this is the time to begin the planning. [Learn more](#) about how to elect a Nominating Committee.



Parental Involvement Corner

Make a New Year's Resolution that will make your child proud. [Check out the Parental Involvement Top Ten Resolutions for 2010.](#)

Increase PTA's Voice on Capitol Hill.

[Join the PTA Takes Action Network](#) today. To help child advocates speak up for the health and well-being of all children, [download](#) the National PTA Advocacy Toolkit.



It's not too late to remit your Membership Dues

December 1 was the deadline but if you missed it, it's not too late to [remit your membership dues payment](#) so that you don't miss out on PTA activities and programs.

Mark your Calendars...

Upcoming dates you don't want to miss!

[Family Fitness Grant](#)

Applications Due (postmarked) Jan 29

[Advocacy Training](#) Richmond, Sheraton Park South

Jan 31 2-4 pm

[PTA Day at the General Assembly](#) Richmond, Feb 1

[Citizenship Essay](#) Entries Due (post marked) Feb 1

VA PTA [Scholarship](#) Applications Due (postmarked) Mar 1

[Leadership Training Conference](#) Mechanicsville, July 16-17



Quick Links

Links to often-viewed vapta.org web pages

[Membership Dues Remittance](#)

[form](#)
[Bylaws library](#)

[PTA Forms](#)

[Take Action Virginia](#) - advocate for our children

[Contact Virginia PTA](#)

SAVE THE DATE...

On July 16-17, Virginia PTA's Leadership Training Conference (LTC) will be held at Atlee High School in Mechanicsville (east of Richmond). Hotel information will be provided in the coming weeks. Mark the date on your calendar and make plans for your whole board to attend this valuable training!

[Find out more about LTC.](#)

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