

## Virginia PTA VOICE

April 19, 2010



Dear PTA Member,

Now is the time of year where we sit back and celebrate the fruits of our labor. PTAs across Virginia will honor their volunteers and school staff in the coming weeks. Consider awarding a special volunteer or school staff member with a **Virginia PTA Honorary Life Membership**. The \$40 fee funds our Scholarship Program which are awarded to students entering child-service oriented degree programs. [Download the form.](#)

### Investigate After-School Programs

Children who are unsupervised after school are at higher risk of getting poor grades, abusing drugs or alcohol, engaging in sexual activity, and becoming the victims of crime. [Learn more](#) about programs that support efforts to offer quality options for these at-risk students.



### LTC: Same Low Registration - \$35\*

The VA PTA Leadership Training Conference will be held at Atlee High School in Mechanicsville (just northeast of Richmond) on July 16-17. New workshops and fun networking events will make this years conference a great training value. [Learn more.](#) \*Early Bird Rate.

### Family Involvement is at the Heart of Three4Me

Three for Me is a National PTA program designed to effectively involve parents and families in the support of children and their education. [Learn how](#) to implement Three for Me in your school.



### Alcohol Awareness Month

The #1 health issue for youth today is alcohol. Help educate your students, parents and school staff on this health and safety topic. [Read more](#) about the issue and explore related links.

### Attend National PTA Convention in Memphis



Join leaders from across the country to enhance your skills, connections and success. [Find out the benefits of attending National Convention](#) and

[register today.](#)



### Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Help provide guidance to your community and membership about this troubling teen issue. [Learn about available resources.](#)

### Recognize your Teachers and Volunteers

for their efforts over the past year.



### Is your Unit a Great Communicator?

Consider entering the Virginia PTA Outstanding Communications Program.



Each year Virginia PTA recognizes great communicators at the local unit (elementary and secondary divisions), council and district levels. Entries must be received by May 1. [Download the entry](#)

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3 - 7. [Get ideas](#) that will make them smile and know you care!



### Quick Links

Links to often-viewed vapta.org web pages

[Membership Dues Remittance form](#)  
[Bylaws library](#)  
[PTA Forms](#)  
[Submit Officer Contact Information online](#)  
[Take Action Virginia](#) - advocate for our children  
[Contact Virginia PTA](#)

[form and information packet.](#)

### Mark your Calendars...

Upcoming dates you don't want to miss!

[Outstanding School Nurse Nominations](#) Due Apr 30  
[Outstanding Communications Program](#) Entries due May 1  
Mary Lou Anderson Arts [Grants Applications](#) Due May 1



[Town Hall with US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan](#), May 3  
[Roanoke District Training](#), June 2  
[Peninsula District Training](#), June 3  
[National PTA Convention](#), Memphis, TN Jun 10-15  
[Diversity Grant](#) Applications due Jun 15  
[Leadership Training Conference \(LTC\)](#), Mechanicsville, July 16-17

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