

Virginia PTA VOICE

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Dear Carla,



National PTA hosts the **GREAT IDEA BANK** - a social network for sharing successful ideas used by some of our 23,000 local units and 5.3 million members.

[Explore the Great Idea Bank today](#) and submit your PTA success story.

Get Help Selecting and Funding an Arts Program for Your School.



The Virginia Commission for the Arts provides grants for a large number of Arts programs that you can host at your school. [Learn more.](#)

Immediate Past-President nominated for National Post

Congratulations to Melissa Nehrbass on her recent nomination to the National PTA Board of Directors. The election takes place at National Convention in June.



New OMDRplus Feature Released

Connect with your membership using the new OMDRplus Notices and Reminders service. [Learn more.](#)



PTA Day was canceled but you can still learn about Potential Legislation that will Affect our Children
[Download the list now.](#)



Potentially Devastating Budget Cuts

are being considered by the General Assembly. **Take Action** now by sending a pre-written letter to your elected

officials to express your concern and support for public education. [Take Action now!](#)



Get Recognized!

Is your PTA:
Recognizing success?
Welcoming all families?

Collaborating with the community?
Speaking up for every child? Communicate effectively? Get recognized! Apply for a Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Awards. [Learn more.](#)



Super Teacher Awards are back from the Virginia Lottery

Each year, the Virginia Lottery recognizes Virginia's teachers.

[Nominate a Super Teacher today!](#) Deadline for entries is March 6.

Submit Scholarship Applications Today!

The VA PTA Scholarship Application Deadline is around the corner. All applications must be postmarked by March 1.

[Learn about the Scholarship Program.](#)



Learn how to be a Green School...

Make an impact on student health, test scores, teacher retention, school operational costs and the environment.

[Learn more.](#)



Look for information about your **District Annual Meeting** COMING SOON in the mail and on www.vapta.org.

Mark your Calendars...

Upcoming dates you don't want to miss!

State Bylaws Amendments due

Mar 1

[Hearst Award](#) Applications

Due Mar 1

VA PTA [Scholarship](#)

Applications Due

(postmarked) Mar 1

Super Teacher Award nominations Mar 6

National PTA Convention, Memphis, TN

Jun 10 - 15

[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](#)

[Submit Officer Contact Information online](#)

[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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