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<http://www.nfcpta.com/>

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Each month, we will feature a VP in the E*News. These volunteers are an invaluable resource to your local units! Call on them.

**Debbie Roth NFCPTA
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See Debbie's article in this E*News!

NFCPTA Directory

I am in the process of preparing the 2008-2009 NFCPTA Handbook and Directory. If you have any updates to be included, please send them to me at r-kanner@comcast.net by August 15th. Our goal is to distribute the directory by the middle of September. Thank you.

Robyn Kanner
Directory Chairperson

NFCPTA SAYS IT ALL!!

Funny how on May 23 the summer just stretches before you. Long, lazy days with a pile of good books at your side. Then, POOF! It's August 1, Tax Free weekend has blown by and you're staring down your kids in an effort to get everything done in these last waning hours of summer. Somehow, a cheery "welcome back!" just doesn't ring true.

Welcome back, anyway! This year the NFCPTA E*News offers local units the opportunity to publicize events in our monthly newsletter! Take advantage of the expanded audience to "toot your horn" about your PTA successes! Just email your news, and/or pictures to Kathleen Sable, Newsletter Editor at newsletter@nfcpta.com by the 28th of the month.

And, speaking of PR! The NFCPTA is in need of a Publicity Chair to publicize the Council and PTA events in our area! If you or someone you know has a PR or Marketing Background and would be interested in joining our fun gang at Council,

Welcome back to school and PTA. We hope you are as excited about this upcoming year as we are. It was great seeing some of you at the combined State Convention and Leadership Training Conference this summer. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy summer holidays to attend. I hope you found the experience to be a positive one. There is always something new to learn or people to meet at council, district, and state events.

The mission of North Fulton council is a simple one. We are here to answer your questions and serve as a resource and advisor on all things PTA. If we don't have an answer, we'll get one for you. Our team is only a phone call or e-mail away. Not sure who to contact? The first step is to visit our website: <http://www.nfcpta.com/>. You will find a contact list of officers and committee chairs. If you are still unsure, contact either Carolyn Briner or Barbara Thomas. We'll steer you in the right direction.

What does it mean to be a member of North Fulton Council? In order to meet the needs of its membership, Georgia PTA is divided into 13 districts. The districts are based on geography and follow county lines. Fulton county falls into District 10. Due to the large population within District 10, we are further broken down into three councils: North Fulton, South Fulton, and Atlanta. We are the North Fulton Council.

North Fulton Council consists of 52 local units. Each unit is considered autonomous. You are able to make your own decisions regarding membership levels, programs, and fundraising utilizing PTA guidelines. However, it is important to remember that you are still part of a larger organization. As such, there are responsibilities. One such responsibility is participation in North Fulton Council events.

Article XIV: Council Membership in your local unit by-laws states: "This local PTA/PTSA shall be represented in meetings of the North Fulton Council of PTAs by the president, or their alternate, the principal, or their alternate, and by two (2) delegates or their alternates.

You no doubt are wondering why I bring this up. Quite simply, attendance at council sponsored events has been dropping off over the past few years. Maybe you figure you don't need to attend because you already attended LTC or you've been involved in PTA for a while and don't "need" training or you have a conflict that day. NFCPTA spends a significant amount of time preparing for these events. It is a requirement under your by-laws that each local unit send representation and report back to the local unit.

School of Information - August 27th
You may be finding that now is when you have questions about things such as membership dues or how to run a successful Reflections program. This is also a big election year - what are the do's and don'ts for PTA leaders during an election year. We have the answers. On Wednesday, August 27th, the NFCPTA will be holding its Fall School of Information at the Teaching Museum North. Sheila Cornelius, President Elect of the Georgia PTA, will be addressing the President's Forum.

Inside this newsletter you will find information about other key dates and events coming over the next few months. Please plan on attending as many of these events as possible. The more involved you are, the more you and your school will get from PTA.

As always, thank you for your time and commitment to our children and have a fantastic year,

Carolyn Briner
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TENTATIVE NFCPTA CALENDAR 2008-2009
8/12/2008 11:30 AM NFCPTA Board Meeting Teaching Museum
8/27/2008 9:30 AM School of Information Teaching Museum
9/8/2008 6:30 PM NFCPTA Board Meeting TBD
9/27/08 District 10 Fall Conference TBD
10/7/2008 10:00 AM Legislative Forum Milton Center
10/13/2008 11:30 AM NFCPTA Board Meeting Teaching Museum
11/7/2008 11:30 AM Principal's Luncheon TBD
11/10/2008 6:30 PM NFCPTA Board Meeting TBD
12/8/2008 11:30 AM NFCPTA Board Meeting Teaching Museum
1/12/09 6:30 PM NFCPTA Board Meeting TBC
1/28/2009 10:00 AM School of Information/ Parent Involvement Milton Center
1/29/09 6:30 PM NFCPTA Reflections Reception Northview HS
2/9/2009 11:30 AM NFCPTA Board Meeting Teaching Museum
3/9/2009 6:30 PM NFCPTA Board Meeting TBD
4/13/2009 11:30 AM NFCPTA Board Meeting Teaching Museum
4/22/2009 10:00 AM School of Information Milton Center
5/6/2009 11:30 AM President's Luncheon TBD

A Letter from President of Georgia PTA

Dear PTA Family,

procedures, committees making reports, studies being initiated and carried out, speakers being introduced, and potential problem situations being handled thoughtfully and effectively. Leadership development programs conducted by councils enhance PTA activities by providing well-informed, dedicated, and confident leaders.

Councils provide the following services:

- Promote the basic policies of Georgia PTA.
- Coordinate local unit efforts within the area.
- Identify schools that desire to be a PTA. Assist in organization of the PTA according to state bylaws.
- Inform people of the need for group action through the united effort of local PTAs.
- Promote the use of state and National PTA publications, programs, and projects.
- Assist the local units in understanding and carrying out action requested by resolutions adopted at state and National PTA conventions.
- Build local unit and public support for local, state, and National PTA legislative action.
- Provide opportunities for PTAs to address legislative issues.
- Provide leadership development and training.
- Coordinate community projects.
- Enhance communication among local units, the council, and the state.
- Represent the interests of PTA before school districts within their geographic area and other appropriate organizations or advocacy groups.
- Provide a forum for public information and debate on issues affecting children and youth, for candidates for public office, and for legislative and public policy matters.
- Develop a cooperative relationship with the school district administration.
- Work in cooperation with Georgia PTA to develop procedures for assisting local units when school district structure is changed (merging PTAs).

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Have a great year and thank you for volunteering with PTA!

Dotti Lackey
VP Communications

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Dear PTA Family,

As we prepare for a new PTA year, let us remember that we have a golden opportunity to set the standard and vision for Georgia PTA. There will be many issues facing us during the new school year. It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure factual and correct information reach all of our members. I appreciate all of your efforts to keep members informed even though at times it is difficult when issues are personal and emotional. Thanks to all of our members and leaders that made our inaugural combined Convention/Leadership Training event a success.

We must continue to raise awareness regarding funding parity for all schoolchildren. We must ensure that parent, teacher and community partnerships flourish. A child who is well-prepared and ready to begin his/her education has a better chance to reach his/her graduation and post secondary possibilities. When every child's success is assured, it guarantees continued democracy in our nation.

There are many levels of participation within PTA and I hope you will take the opportunity to volunteer your time, skills and expertise for your local school. Environment, science and math are critical areas to our national competitiveness and our children's financial security.

We must mobilize all our efforts to speak for all children at every opportunity. We will continue to speak with community and political leaders to compel legislation that assures basic health care by funding school nurses for all schools. PTA leaders will mobilize for every issue that has the potential to affect children, education, community and society. The following quote from the book *When Children Come First* sums up the secret of the continuing endurance of PTA:

"Wherever two or three are gathered together in a PTA, there is the National Congress. Because these- two, three, thirty, or a hundred-speak of problems that are theirs, the sum total of all voices is the voice of America's responsible parenthood and teacherhood. In the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and in all its state branches and local units is a movement that is continuing to be what it has always been and that is yet growing with each new year. And herein lays the secret of its enduring youth and increasing maturity. This is not a movement directed toward a grand climax where accomplishment is to be triumphantly final. Rather it is one in which every achievement merely reveals new things still to accomplish."

Become a voice for every child and join Georgia PTA.

Regards,

Leslie Cushman
President, Georgia PTA 2007-2009

MEMBERSHIP -- It Is That Time!!!

Well, it's almost time for school to start. Hopefully everyone has had a nice relaxing summer and your membership chairpersons have begun preparing for this year's membership drive. All local units should have received their PTA membership cards. Don't forget to use the template on the Georgia PTA website to assist you in printing your membership cards. Georgia PTA has a statewide goal of increasing membership and we hope this will be one of your goals as well. Whether you achieved Target membership last year or not, one of your goals should be to increase membership even a small percentage. Set a goal for your local unit and do everything within your power to reach that goal.

The 2008-2009 membership awards and deadlines are listed on the Georgia PTA website at www.georgiapta.org. Membership chairpersons are required to remit dues by the last business day of each month. You may download the dues transmittal forms from the Georgia PTA website. When you achieve Target membership, there is a separate Target membership form that must be filled out in addition to the monthly dues transmittal form.

All membership chairpersons are asked to submit a "Plan of Work" for your membership committee as well as a copy of your local unit membership form

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to the North Fulton Council PTA by October 1, 2008. A copy of the Plan of Work is on the Georgia PTA website. NFC PTA will once again be offering the Connect with Membership award this year. The following are the requirements for this award:

- Submit a Membership committee plan of work
- Submit a copy of the local unit membership application
- Earn the GA PTA platinum or gold membership certificate
- Earn the GA PTA Oak Tree certificate
- Earn the GA PTA Partner certificate
- Submit a GA PTA Membership priority report

The Georgia PTA website has a wealth of information for membership chairpersons to assist you with your membership drive, and we at the North Fulton Council PTA are always happy to answer any questions you may have as well. Let's make this a great membership year in PTA! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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