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From Our Director

The start of 2012 marks the halfway point of most of our PTA activities - for the school year anyway. How is your PTA looking as far as reaching its goals for this term? If you haven't already done so, look at the goals the executive committee set for this year's PTA. Reflect on what has been done, what still needs to be accomplished and what you want to accomplish before this term ends.

I am certain that many of our PTAs have done some outstanding work this year. We've already even had a few featured in the Illinois PTA *Bulletin*. It's time to share the great things you have done and are still planning on doing by filling out the awards applications that can be found at www.illinoispta.org as well as on the CD you received in August. The deadline for all Illinois PTA award applications is February 17, 2012. The awards will be announced at convention so that everyone hears the great things we do.

Be sure your nominating committee has been elected and has begun searching for next year's officers. We have had a successful workshop on this process in January. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the great discussion. Be proactive and make sure your PTA is ready for this most important committee next year and send people to the workshop being held during convention and hear from other PTA experiences beyond our own area.

Whether your student participated in the Reflections program or not, please join us on February 29 as we

celebrate the creativity of our artists. I encourage representatives from the PTAs especially if yours does not currently participate to see what a great program this is to offer your children.

Finally, please plan on sending delegates to the Illinois PTA convention. We will be holding our Region Caucus in our hospitality suite as we did at last year's convention. Everyone is encouraged to attend. An optional lunch will be made available for those attending. Please watch for more information on the cost of lunch and the menu. This is a time to get all your questions answered and see some of the other PTA leaders from our area.

Nicole

Nicole Fentem
Illinois PTA District 37 Director

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 17, 2012 – Illinois PTA Awards due
February 29, 2012 – D37 Reflections Reception
7PM Lincoln School, PAL
March 8, 2012 – PTA Presidents Course 6:30 PM
Chicago Marriott, SCH
March 9-10, 2011 – Illinois PTA Convention
Chicago Marriott, SCH
March 10, 2011 – NWC Region/D37 Caucus
Chicago Marriott, SCH

MEMBERSHIP – Lori Filby



We are all on pins and needles here in the Northwest Suburban Cook Region and District 37 offices! We're awaiting the announcement of the first ever PTA Rocks! Grammy winners. As you'll recall these local units are the three in our district who, as of December 31, 2011, have had the greatest increases in their member numbers over last year. As with the actual Grammys there are so many units who deserve to be recognized, but only the top three are going to receive the award: one complimentary registration for the upcoming Illinois PTA Convention, which will be held this March in Schaumburg.

And the Grammys go to . . .

**Plum Grove PTSA
from Northwest Suburban Council**

**Hoover PTA
from Schaumburg Township Council**

Fairview PTA of Mount Prospect

Congratulations to these units! Collectively these three units have increased their membership by a total of 317 members. That's more than the total increase of all the other units combined! Needless to say these three units are also on Double Platinum membership track and they will be enshrined in the District 37 Membership Hall of Fame!

If your unit didn't win a Grammy, don't worry. Our campaign does not end here. Your unit can still make its mark by achieving record membership levels before the end of our current year. Remember that your unit can still achieve gold, platinum or double platinum membership records by increasing your membership by 5, 10 or 15 members over last year's totals. And don't forget that any unit that increases its membership by 37 members over its 2010-2011 total will be inducted into the District 37 Membership Hall of Fame.

Keep rockin' PTA! ***

Do you have a terrific idea for recruiting members that you are just dying to share? I'd love to spread the word to all of our units so that District 37 can meet its own goals of matching last year's member numbers. Drop me an email (lori@filby.net) and tell me what you did and how it worked out. I'll share these with all the unit presidents through email in the coming months.

NEWSLETTER– Michele Sheppard

With the number of e-newsletters increasing annually, this is a good time to consider some tips on how to publish an effective newsletter.

1. Subject line. What you write in the subject area can make a huge difference to your e-newsletter. A phrase that teases the reader could at least get them to open up the e-newsletter.
2. When to send the newsletter? Research shows that e-newsletters that are received after 5 pm on Friday and over the weekend have a low open rate. Also avoid school holidays as people may be away from their computer and the message will get lost or deleted.
3. Know your audience. The age and education level of your readers should be considered when determining the writing style for your newsletter.
4. Tips on content.
 - a. Start with a thank you and a teaser of the content of the rest of the newsletter. This will help to get people to read on.
 - b. Have a table of contents and important dates to generate interest in content.

Sources:

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ILLINOIS PTA AWARD DEADLINES

The magic date for the submission of all award applications is



FEBRUARY 17, 2012

If you haven't already begun working on your applications and events, there's no time like the present!

The following award applications must be postmarked no later than February 17, 2012:

- Outstanding Council Award
- Environmental Concerns Award
- Membership Awards
- Council Membership Increase Award
- Healthy Students Award
- Juvenile Protection & Safety Award
- Legislative Partnership Award
- Newsletter Award
- Website Award

Each of these applications can be found on the 2011 Local Unit Packet CD that each unit received in August. The applications are also available to download online at: www.illinoispta.org under the Programs tab in the Award Packet section.

Be sure to fill out each application completely and then mail/email it to the address listed on the application.

You are Cordially Invited to the Convention Gathering Room

It is with great gratitude that Northwest Cook Region thanks our Councils for coordinating a hospitality suite for all our delegates to mingle and relax throughout the convention weekend.

More details are included later in this newsletter. See you at the Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, March 9 and 10, 2012!

TREASURER – Barb Quinn

MID-YEAR BUDGET CHECK-UP

For most of the PTAs in our area, the mid-year point is nearly upon us, and it is a perfect time to look at the budget your membership adopted to see where you are in relation to where you want to be! In preparing for a budget review, remember to look at both the anticipated income and anticipated expenditure side of the budget. What percentage of fund-raising activities have been completed? Are they "on-target" with the anticipated results? If you have exceeded your expectations what options could/should you consider? Here are a couple of suggestions: eliminate any unnecessary fund-raising activities by making them "member benefits" --FREE to members; if you have a signed contract with a vendor, how will additional funds impact your adopted budget--where will the funds go? Will unanticipated income require you to amend the budget for the membership to approve?



Have you provided for attendance at the annual PTA Convention in your budget? This year, the convention will be geared towards meeting the needs of local units by providing in-depth training in areas that the membership has indicated is vital to their needs. You have an advantage--convention is right around the corner at the Schaumburg Marriott March 9 - 10. Each PTA is entitled to be represented at the convention by the president and delegates as determined by the number of members in the local unit. This is YOUR opportunity to make your voice heard, as the convention is where the business of the Illinois PTA is conducted. Much like the operation of a local unit, the state has bylaws, a budget and elections that voted on by YOU the members. If you are not in attendance, your voice cannot be heard.

Finally, check to be sure that any informational documents required by governmental agencies have been filed in accordance with the established regulations.

Need more information? Have some questions or comments? Please let us hear from you.

HEALTH/SAFETY – Joyce Stenzel

Happy 2012 with 20 Healthy New Year's Resolutions for Kids

Now that it is a brand new year, it is good to start 2012 with some resolutions. Thanks to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and their web-site, www.healthychildren.org, here are some New Year tips to help you help your preschoolers, 5 to 12 year old children and those older teens to have a safe and healthy year.



Preschoolers

- I will **clean up** my toys and put them where they belong.
- I will brush my **teeth** twice a day, and wash my hands after going to the **bathroom** and before **eating**.
- I won't tease dogs or other pets – even friendly ones. I will **avoid being bitten** by keeping my fingers and face away from their mouths.

Kids, 5- to 12-years-old

- I will drink reduced-fat milk and water **every day**, and drink soda and fruit drinks only on special occasions.
- I will apply **sunscreen** before I go outdoors on bright sunny days. I will try to stay in the shade whenever possible and wear a hat and sunglasses, especially when I'm playing sports.
- I will try to **find a sport** (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will always wear a helmet when bicycling.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a **booster seat** until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I'll be nice to other kids. I'll be **friendly** to kids who need friends – like someone who is shy, or is new to my school.

- I'll never give out personal information such as my name, home address, school name or telephone number **on the Internet**. Also, I'll never send a picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer without my parent's permission.

Kids, 13-years-old and up

- I will try to eat two servings of fruit and two servings of vegetables **every day**, and I will drink sodas only on special occasions.
- I will take care of my body through **physical activity** and nutrition.
- I will choose non-violent television shows and video games, and I will spend only one to two hours each day – at the most – on these activities.
- I will help out in my community – through volunteering, working with community groups or by joining a group that helps people in need.
- When I feel angry or **stressed out**, I will take a break and find constructive ways to deal with the stress, such as exercising, reading, writing in a journal or discussing my problem with a parent or friend.
- When faced with a difficult decision, I will talk about my choices with an adult whom I can trust.
- When I notice my friends are struggling or engaging in risky behaviors, I will talk with a trusted adult and attempt to find a way that I can help them.
- I will be careful about whom I choose to **date**, and always treat the other person with respect and without coercion or violence. I will expect the same good behavior in return.
- I will **resist peer pressure** to try drugs and alcohol.
- I agree not to use a cell phone or text message while **driving** and to always use a seat belt.



REFLECTIONS – Joan Scovic



Congratulations to the following students who had an entry advance to the state level of judging!

Musical Composition

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>PTA</i>	<i>Council</i>
Abigail Cox	2	Together we can stop the fight	Nathan Hale PTA	STC
James Preucil	4	The Diversity of Music	Collins PTA	STC
Abigail Garcia	4	To Be Your Own Person	Lakeview PTA	STC
Cate Gudaitis	5	etc.	Patton PTA	AHC
Krislyn Cardoza	6	Diversity Means. . . Embracing Your Cultures	Herbert Hoover PTA	STC
Rebecca Duran	8	Despaired to Hope	Walter R. Sundling PTA	NWSC
Ryan Jannak-Huang	8	Etude: A Journey Through World Music History	Walter R. Sundling PTA	NWSC

Dance Choreography

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>PTA</i>	<i>Council</i>
Zen Wang	1	My Super Golden Dragon Dance!	Pleasant Hill PTA	NWSC
Alyssa Moreno	2	Just Keep the Camera	Campanelli PTA	STC
Taylor Kalata	4	Diverse City	Patton PTA	AHC
Justin Hartman	5	Diversity In Dance	Lincoln Prairie PTSA	STC
Anna Selleck	5	Black and White	Virginia Lake PTA	NWSC
Molly Ward	6	Diversity Through Dance	Campanelli PTA	STC

Literature

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>PTA</i>	<i>Council</i>
Julia Morse	PreK	Superwoman Flies Super High	Frederick Nerge PTA	STC
Sean Forman	K	Diversity For My Taste Buds	Virginia Lake PTA	NWSC
Mitra Mahadevan	K	The Fairy and Her Friend	Adolph Link PTA	STC
Kevin Forman	2	Train to Everywhere	Virginia Lake PTA	NWSC
Dario Perkins	3	You Are Special - A Story About Albinism	Anne Fox PTA	STC
Emma Forman	4	Vegetable Visions	Winston Campus Elem. PTA	NWSC
Joey Runde	5	Musical Instruments	Kimball Hill PTA	NWSC
Anna Wilkins	5	Diversity Is All Around	Windsor PTA	AHC
Madeline Borkowski	5	Diverse World	Windsor PTA	AHC
Ankit Patel	5	We Are All Different	Fairview PTA (HE)	STC
Saima Iqbal	8	The Colors of Diversity	Lincoln Prairie PTSA	STC
Sruthi Guruder	8	Diversity Means Poem	Helen Keller PTA	STC

Film Production

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>PTA</i>	<i>Council</i>
Owen Puryear	K	The Birthdays	Lincoln Prairie PTSA	STC
Christine Rollinson	K	Chrissie's Diversity Show	Virginia Lake PTA	NWSC
Elizabeth Einig	7	Change the World with Diversity of Thought	Helen Keller PTA	STC
Kirsten Juskiewicz	7	Originality	Walter R. Sundling PTA	NWSC
Braden Kobeski	8	Diversity Goes to the Dogs	Walter R. Sundling PTA	NWSC

REFLECTIONS cont'd – Joan Scovic



Congratulations to the following students who had a entry advance to the state level of judging!

Visual Arts

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>PTA</i>	<i>Council</i>
Rhett Allord	K	Diversity Means. . . Colorful handprints	Pleasant Hill PTA	NWSC
Michael Choi	1	Olympic	Patton PTA	AHC
Charles Choi	3	A Festival	Patton PTA	AHC
Emma Milligan	3	So Many Snowflakes	Hunting Ridge PTA	NWSC
Danielle Sauerland	4	Unity of Color	Winston Campus Elem. PTA	NWSC
Christiana Kirchner	4	A Basketful of Choices	Sanborn PTA	NWSC
Sindy Sariev	6	Diversity is Everwhere. . . Face It!	Campanelli PTA	STC
Lauren Greene	6	People of Many Colors	Adolph Link PTA	STC
Chris Schmit	6	Tiki Masks	Pleasant Hill PTA	NWSC
Jennifer Sobkowiak	7	Life in the Ocean is a Reflection of Life on Earth	Walter R. Sundling PTA	NWSC
Simona Stalev	8	Flying Together Forever	Robert Frost PTA	STC
Sebastian Madej	8	Everyone Is Different, Including Me	Mead PTA	STC

Photography

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>PTA</i>	<i>Council</i>
Edward Nieman	2	Pumpkin Power	Sanborn PTA	NWSC
John Johnson	2	Diversity Means. . .Being Yourself	Herbert Hoover PTA	STC
Lily Fell	2	Colorful (Diversity Means Colorful)	Paddock PTA	NWSC
Samantha Nieman	3	The Bird Bath	Sanborn PTA	NWSC
Allyson Sheehan	4	Wild Flowers	Hunting Ridge PTA	NWSC
Luke Sparreo	4	Colorful Markers	Windsor PTA	AHC
Alex Collier	4	Diversity Means. . .Teamwork	Herbert Hoover PTA	STC
		Diversity Means the World is Made up of		
Katherine Moran	5	Different Colors	Frederick Nerge PTA	STC
Maggie Scovic	6	Diverse Converse	Winston Campus Elem. PTA	NWSC
Amy Rodriguez	6	Apples	Fairview PTA (HE)	STC
Aidan Busch	7	Looking at the Familiar with a Different Perspective	Walter R. Sundling PTA	NWSC
Erin Crain	8	Diversity is Love	South PTA	AHC

The District 37 Reflections reception will be held on Wednesday, February 29th at 7:00 PM at Lincoln School located at 1021 N Ridgewood Lane, Palatine, IL 60067. Students with projects advancing to Illinois PTA will be individually recognized at the reception with a media presentation of student artwork and distribution of District 37 Reflections Certificates. Students are encouraged to attend this event and will receive invitations sent to their homes.



LEGISLATION – Matthew Rodriguez

Hello All,

In this article I want to discuss what has been going on with the NCLB Act of 2001. Currently it is subject to the restrictions and conditions in Section 9401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110), the Secretary of Education may waive statutory or regulatory requirements of the ESEA that are applicable to State Educational Agencies, local educational agencies, Indian tribes, or schools.

What the buzz is about?

In order to make "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) under the law, schools must satisfy ever-increasing performance targets set by states. AYP [measures the percentage of students making certain target scores](#) on standardized tests in reading and math and graduation rates -- regardless of students' growth. For example, if a student grows two grade levels during a school year but is still below the NCLB-set bar, his scores count against the school's AYP rating.

Under NCLB, schools that fail to make AYP for two years in a row in the same category, such as graduation rate, are deemed "Needs Improvement." These schools face consequences, such as requiring supplemental education or giving students the option to transfer into another AYP-making public school or charter school. Schools that fail to make AYP for longer periods of time can face restructuring interventions that involve staff turnover.

Built into NCLB is the requirement that all students be proficient across subjects by 2014, a goal that has universally been called utopian. Because Congress has failed to address the law since it came up for reauthorization in 2007, its mandated targets have continued to increase, creating a slow-moving time bomb for schools. Duncan projected that [82 percent of schools would be deemed as failing](#) by next year.

If the bar keeps increasing, more and more schools will not make AYP and face "a significant financial impact."

Definitely need to do something and cannot let our schools and children fail. Thankfully the schools in our district are monitoring our children's progress closely and we are staying abreast of the situation. Our state legislative advocacy director Barb Quinn is also watching the progress regarding this matter closely. We will keep you informed.

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SECRETARY – Michele Sheppard

A frequently asked question is what is the correct procedure for approving the minutes?



The following is taken from the Illinois PTA Answer Book, Secretary Section.

Minutes of the previous meeting are read at the opening of each meeting. If individual copies of the minutes have been provided to the members ahead of time or are lengthy, it is appropriate to allow an opportunity for the members to read them privately and dispense with the public reading. Corrections should be noted in red and initialed by the secretary. The use of "Respectfully submitted" is not necessary. "Approved" or "approved as corrected" and the date of the approval, should be written at the end of the minutes of each meeting. The minutes are signed by the secretary or secretary pro tem.

If a long period of time will elapse before the next meeting, or if there is a change in the body (such as at the end of the year), it is appropriate for the president to appoint an audit committee for the minutes. The secretary should not serve on this committee. The committee audits the minutes for accuracy and notes changes on the minutes. In addition to the secretary's signature, the audit committee would also sign the minutes.

SCHOLARSHIP – Jeanne Hamilton

The Illinois PTA Lillian Glover Scholarship applications are available at area high schools and must be postmarked to the state scholarship chair before or on February 17, 2011. Students are eligible for one 1st place scholarship for \$2500 and one 2nd place scholarship for \$1000. Please encourage any graduating high school senior students seeking education degrees or education related degrees to apply for this scholarship. Many high schools have the scholarship information on their websites and in their college planning offices. If you need further information, please see the Illinois PTA state website: www.illinoispta.org and look for the **Scholarship** information under the **Program** icon. An application icon is also available on the Illinois PTA homepage.

Council Scholarship chairs will need to provide one council judge (usually the chair) and one administrator from their school district for judging.

Don't forget that each school can support this wonderful scholarship program through memorial gifts, direct donations or by purchasing any of the following recognitions through Illinois State PTA:

- Illinois PTA Life Membership
- Book of Recognition
- Distinguished Service Scroll
- Certificate of Recognition
- Local Unit Educator of the Year
- Scholarship Gift Cards
- PTA Note Cards
- In Memoriam Cards
- Scholarship Charms & Jewelry
- Past District Director's Pin
- Convention Promotional Items
- Gifts of T.H.A.N.K.S

These awards are wonderful ways to recognize your community, volunteers, and staff. Why not give a gift that gives twice? If each unit purchased/donated \$75 for these recognitions each year, the annual Scholarship Award program would be fully funded. Please do your part in District 37. More information on the awards is also available on the Illinois PTA website under the Scholarship icon.

DISTRICT 37 COUNCIL CORNER

Arlington Heights Council of PTAs

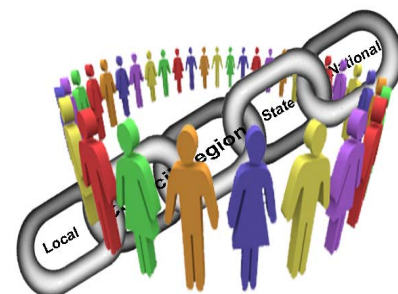
The Village of Arlington Heights celebrates its 125th Anniversary this year, that's its Quasquicentennial. Have fun saying that word the first few times – we did. We are exploring ways for our children to celebrate, to learn about our village and community then and now, and to inspire them to imagine possibilities for their future.

What is our future? Our role as a council includes supporting our PTAs today. It also involves imagining the future possibilities and taking action for our nine PTAs to continue to come together, be supported, and build ways to improve that no single PTA unit can do as easily on its own.

Using technology now available, this year we provided training to our PTA leaders on using free Internet software to create sign-up forms and other communications that directly reach more people faster by email, create spreadsheets of data, share this information and update it instantaneously. Currently, we are working on putting in place online membership registration for all nine PTAs and, jointly with ABC/25 Foundation, a new district-wide 5k race and fun run. PTA proceeds from the event will fund PTA college scholarships for local seniors who attended our District 25 schools helping to fulfill the promise to be there from cradle to college.

The future does not take care of itself. Working together as a council we can build stronger PTAs for our future and our children's future.

*Shannon Silverman and Jody Stautzenbach
AHC Co-presidents*



DISTRICT 37 COUNCIL CORNER, continued

Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs *Beach Party – Friday, March 16, 2012*

The beginning of the New Year means the Schaumburg Township Council is planning two of our favorite programs – our Scholarship Programs and our annual Auction to benefit the scholarship fund. Applications for the STCs High School Scholarship are available right now at our website and at the College and Career Centers throughout School District 211. Eligible students must be graduating seniors that attended a School District 54 Elementary school for one year and a School District 54 junior high for two years. The Scholarship committee will award ten \$2,000 scholarships. Applications for the STC High School scholarship can be found at <http://pta.sd54.org/high-school-scholarship/> and are due February 2nd.

STC also has an Elementary Summer Scholarship Program. For this program, School District 54 students must be in grades 4-7 to apply, and one parent must be a PTA member by November 1, 2011. Scholarships pay for half (up to \$200) of a summer camp, program or activity. Applications for that program will be available soon.

To raise money for both of these worthwhile programs, STC holds an Auction with all proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund. This year's, Beach Party, will have a casual beach theme – something we all need at the end winter. We'll be auctioning off sports tickets, hotel stays, services, gift baskets, handmade gifts and opportunities to shadow officials from the school district. It should be a great night benefiting kids through PTA. We are hoping to make a **BIG SPLASH** for the students of District 54!

*Lisa Guagenti
STC President*



Northwest Suburban Council of PTAs

Northwest Suburban Council PTA/PTSA will hold its winter general membership meeting and Reflections Showcase on Monday, January 30 at Carl Sandburg Junior High in Rolling Meadows. Students' Reflections entries will be on display for families to view. We'll have a short business meeting to elect our nominating committee, and then District 15 Superintendent Scott Thompson will address the young artists and their families. The program concludes with the recognition of Reflections winners whose works moved on to District 37 judging. NWSC PTA appreciates the hard work of our Reflections Chair Nancy Mau and her counterparts at the local units for putting this evening together.

On January 23, NWSC's SPARK committee (Special education Parents Accessing Resources and Knowledge) presents the program "Dwell on the Possibilities". Nancy Brown, an inclusion specialist with the Illinois State Board of Education, and her daughter Bridget, a national public speaker and advocate who has Down Syndrome, share their experience and will address planning and accommodations for inclusive education. SPARK offers monthly programming on various topics pertaining to special education.

For our local units this month, we are encouraging them to plan for the upcoming Illinois PTA Convention. The workshops and general sessions are fabulous resources for not only running a PTA but also parenting and personal development. Sometimes members need a little "push" from a local PTA leader to realize that they should attend and see what PTA has to offer. We're also urging the local units to apply for the awards in as many categories as possible; what may seem like a routine activity at one PTA may in fact be an award-winning idea that other local units could learn about and adopt for their use! We hope to see many NWSC members as well as PTAers from the rest of the Northwest Cook Region at the Hospitality Suite and around the Marriott during Convention!

*Tracey Coleman
NWSC President*

**SAVE THE DATE for the 116th Annual
National PTA Convention and Exhibition**

**June 21–24, 2012
San Jose McEnery Convention
Center
San Jose, California**

Join hundreds of PTA leaders at
the [National PTA Convention](#)
where you can:



- Attend dozens of workshops led by dynamic presenters to enhance your confidence and leadership skills;
- Gain practical ideas and best-practices on how to run your state, regional, or local unit PTA;
- Receive advocacy, education, and program updates about how you can make a difference in government and family engagement;
- Network with hundreds of peers and exhibitors from around the country, and;
- Check out the great attractions and activities San Jose has to offer by visiting the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau website, [SanJose.org](#).

Registration is currently open!

More information about registration fees, hotels, travel arrangements, and the workshop schedule are available on [PTA.org](#).



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Northwest Cook Region

Coming to Convention?

**Arlington Heights Council, Northwest Suburban Council
and Schaumburg Township Council**

invite you to visit the

Northwest Cook Hospitality Suite in room 1211!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hang up your coat• Meet other PTA members from our area | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stash your freebies• Relax for a while between events |
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Schedule:

Friday, March 9

- 6:00-7:00pm Join us for drinks and light appetizers
- After 9:00pm Relax for a while after the Program Awards

Saturday, March 10

- 8am—12:45pm Snacks and drinks available
- 12:45-2:15pm Northwest Cook Region caucus in the suite. Includes lunch for those who RSVP to Kelly Hemphill, gillie94@aol.com.
- After 9:30pm Kick back and continue the post-"Race to Nowhere" discussion



110th Annual Illinois PTA Convention at a Glance

March 8 – 11, 2012



Thursday, March 8, 2012 **Pre-Convention Warm Up**

Registration 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Session A 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

PTA Money Matters 101
PTA Road to Success
Making a Difference for Kids: Advocacy 101

Session B 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Presidents Course/Chit Chat with the Chief
PTA Road to Success (Spanish)
Money Matters 201

Friday, March 9, 2012 **Game 1 - Let's hit the field!**

Registration 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

Welcome First Timers 8:30 am – 8:50 am

Exhibits 9:00 am – 11:00 am
12:30 pm – 6:00 pm

First Quarter 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Art & Education Exchange Initiative
Best Practices in Bullying Prevention (CPDU 1.5)
Nominations and Elections
PTA and the Working Parent (CPDU 1.5)
How to Supercharge your PTA with Social Media
PTA and Support for Military Families
Introduction to Money Matters (PTA University)

Second Quarter 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Bylaws Workshop
Character in the Classroom (CPDU 1.5)
Diversity, Inclusion and Multiculturalism
Let's Move in School Initiative (CPDU 1.5)
Cybertraps for the Young (CPDU 1.5)
Making Membership Matter
Grant Writing 101

Half Time: Lunch Event 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Viewing of "How to Lobby the PTA Way"

Third Quarter 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Effective Leadership
Give your Child the Gift of Communication
Involving Men in PTA
Grassroots Advocacy Training: Part 1 (CPDU 1.5)
PTA Publicity from A to Z
Creating a PTA Community
Resolutions – What they are/why they are important

Friday, March 9, 2012 - Game 1 continues

Exhibit Hall Reception 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Dinner (on your own) 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Best of the Best in PTA Programs
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 10, 2012 **Game 2 - Let's hit the court!**

Registration 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Welcome First Timers 8:30 am – 8:50 am

Exhibits 8:00 am – 11:00 am

First Half 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Inspiring Character and Confidence in Our Children:
Part 1 (CPDU) – Teachers Only
How to Work Well with Your School Board
Making the Case for PTA Membership
Myth Busters: Schools and Family Engaged
Grassroots Advocacy Training: Part 2 (CPDU 1.5)
The Springfield Scene
How Can I Grow in PTA?

Second Half 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Inspiring Character and Confidence in Our Children:
Part 2 (CPDU) – Teachers Only
Cultural Competency (CPDU 1.5)
It's on the Way! Common Core Standards (CPDU)
Best Practices for Boosting Parent Participation
Dangerous Behavior Trends with kids! (CPDU 1.5)
Fantastic Fundraising
No Child Left Inside
Reflection Program Recap

Region Caucus 12:45 am – 2:15 pm

General Session 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Election Polls Open 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Race to Nowhere Screening 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Includes dinner, keynote, movie viewing and discussion

Sunday, March 11, 2012 **All-Star Game**

Student Reflections Awards 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Enjoy the Reflections throughout Convention!

Note: All workshop offerings are subject to change prior to actual event.

Pre-Registration Deadline is February 21, 2012

Illinois PTA Hotel Reservation Rate (\$107.00/night plus tax) Deadline is February 14, 2012

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Friday, March 9 through Saturday, March 10, 2012

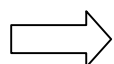
Please complete and return the bottom portion of this form no later than Monday, February 20, to assure yourself a place on the **Illinois PTA Volunteer Team!**

Looking forward to connecting with you in Schaumburg!

Sincerely,
Michele Sheppard
General Arrangements Coordinator

I can't wait to achieve more from my convention experience by volunteering in the following area(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Host/Hostess |



To be a Workshop Host/Hostess, please indicate your Workshop Preference:

NAME _____ PTA REGION _____

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LOCAL PTA OR COUNCIL UNIT _____

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