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## A Note From Our President

Dear PTA Leaders,

What I consider to be one of the most exciting programs Alaska PTA has to offer is being held November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage. This will be our annual Legislative Issues Conference. This conference allows you, the local unit, to bring grass root legislative issues to the conference. These are the issues that we debate and prioritize into our legislative priorities for the next year. The final priorities are what we focus on and discuss with our legislators on behalf of our membership. So get with your boards, decide what issues you feel need to be discussed, and join us at the conference. We need your help so we can advocate on behalf of our children. More information to follow!!! The costs for the conference are minimal and are an acceptable expense for your PTA.

I would like to also introduce our new Office Manager, Sara Tuggle. She has been with us now for three weeks and is doing a great job of keeping the office up and running. Our new offices hours are from 10am to 2pm, Monday thru Friday. If you have any questions, please feel free to call. If Sara is not there, leave a message and she will get back to you.

Don't forget to get your insurance and membership dues into our office by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Al Tamagni Jr.*

Alaska PTA President

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with the Board of  
Managers? It's easy!!  
Simply click on the link  
listed below on the net  
or enter the online link  
into your computer and  
you will.... Contact Us**

Alaska PTA Home  
Page  
<http://www.alaskapta.org/>

**Alaska PTA Blog**  
*Look for updates, changes  
and announcements on the*

Alaska PTA Blog

**National PTA**  
<http://www.pta.org/>

## Programs Update:

Upcoming events for October:



**Bike/Walk to School Day** is Oct. 3 – If your school is not easily "walkable", consider choosing a safe meeting place and time close to the school for parents to drop their children. You can organize a short walk/bike trip from around the corner or down the street.



**Start the Art Week** is Oct. 8 - 13 – Give your Reflections Program a great beginning using the ideas and materials from National PTA for Start the Art Week

[http://www.pta.org/local\\_leadership\\_subprogram\\_1181754612156.html](http://www.pta.org/local_leadership_subprogram_1181754612156.html)



**Red Ribbon Week** is Oct. 23 -31 We encourage you to promote the importance of making safe, healthy choices and building strong character assets.

Did you know National PTA has created a customizable **Parent Calendar** for you to print and share? You can download this PDF file and add to it to make a powerful connection with the families in your school community. This could be a great "back page" for your PTA newsletters. Check it out!  
[http://www.pta.org/local\\_leadership\\_subprogram\\_1182971433468.html](http://www.pta.org/local_leadership_subprogram_1182971433468.html)

## Expanding Your Influence

This month AKPTA welcomes both Kirsten Dolan & Katie Thaggard our Reflections chairs. Please welcome as well our new office manager Sarah Tuggle. There is still room for others to join through the following means:

- AKPTA Board of Managers positions
- Serve on a committee with Board of Managers
- Offer your professional services to AKPTA; we are a 501c(3)
- Spend time to improve your leadership skills

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact:  
AKPTA@alaska.net

**LEADERSHIP  
SATURDAYS:**

**10 AM TO 2 PM**

Each leadership Saturday will have different focus points see details for times.

This will help us better meet your local levels training needs.

If you are interested in working with the Board of Managers, letters of interest and applications for nomination can be found on the Alaska PTA website:

[www.alaskapta.org](http://www.alaskapta.org)

Or by contacting the Alaska PTA Office.

The following Committees need you: With your help, we can do more for all of the children in Alaska.

Click on the links below to check each one out.

Nominations

Bylaws

Convention

Legislative

Advocacy

Lands Trust

Education

Environment Health and Safety

Grants

Membership

Parental Involvement

Reflections

Ways & Means

## Leadership Saturday

Save the Date: October 6th



When time is of the essence

### Training focus points and schedule:

- Problem solving your current issues 10:15a.m -11:30 a.m.
- Open House 11:30 a.m. – Noon
- On line membership inputting and recruiting 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Open House 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Location:

- AKPTA Office  
555 W. Northern Lights Blvd Suite 204 of the Valhalla Center

This is our fourth Leadership Saturday for this new board. We will continue to focus on pertinent training that will help you to get your local units off to a great start. We hope to see many of you on Saturday and look forward to getting to know you better. What training topics would you like to see next month? Contact: Mary Schrage at: [presidentelect@alaskapta.org](mailto:presidentelect@alaskapta.org)



## Annual Legislative Issues Conference

### Save the Dates:

November 9<sup>th</sup> evening session

November 10<sup>th</sup> all day

Location Anchorage

Units, grab your power. It is critical for our membership to make sure every region in our great state is well represented. It is an opportunity and should be a priority for every unit to send a member to represent their unit. If your unit cannot afford to bear the total cost, network with other local units and share the cost to send one person who can represent both units. When we join our voices together we will be heard both in Juneau and Washington D.C. Note: We have 157 units; we should have minumally157 participants. Included in this newsletter is a registration form for this event. We look forward to hearing from each and every unit that we have in this great state.

**H.U.G.S.  
Items to be sent to  
the Alaska PTA  
office to be a**

HEALTHY UNIT IN  
GOOD STANDING:

Current Officers List

Membership List

Membership Dues

Updated Bylaws  
(should be updated  
every 5 yrs)

Annual Audit for the  
2006-2007 school  
year

990EZ form filed note  
new IRS laws

Know and follow your  
bylaws. They are your  
guide your roadmap.



## Membership Counts

You, our members, are our voice and our strength. Today with the drive of technology, the fast pace of communication, and the quick decisions. People in power look at an organization's membership numbers, before deciding to what level they should listen to the leaders of the organization. In order to have a strong, significant voice, Alaska PTA is striving to increase our membership base. Every Student should have representation through his or her parents or significant adult as PTA members. Students at the middle & high school level can join, as well, as many schools have PTSAs.



## OMDR (Online Membership Dues Reporting)

Thank you to all of the Units who have submitted their 2007/2008 Officers' Information Sheets. It has helped us tremendously to know who is out there and active! Please note that while I only enter the President's information into OMDR, the list that you submit is inputted into our computer in the PTA office. Once I have entered the President's info into OMDR, I send an e-mail to him/her with the Unit number and a President number that will allow access to start inputting info into OMDR. If the Membership Chairperson is going to be doing all of the OMDR input, I would like to ask that the President get the e-mail information to that Membership person.

Additionally, units may begin submitting dues to the Alaska PTA at any time. The first deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>. When sending in your dues payment, either include a printout of member information with the dues submittal form or attach a note to the dues submittal form telling us that the member information is already inputted into OMDR.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail.

Amey Tamagni

AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
GIVE FROM THE  
BOUNTY WE HAVE  
RECEIVED

AKPTA is a 501(c)3  
nonprofit organization.  
If you would like to make  
a donation to the Alaska  
PTA online, you can go to

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(click here)

and send your donation of  
any amount to  
akpta@alaska.net. You  
will receive an emailed  
receipt for your gift from  
Paypal. Please keep that  
for your records. We  
thank you for supporting  
the work of Alaska PTA.

## Outreach Opportunity:

Every day within your child's school there are opportunities just waiting for you to help lighten a load. It may be for a teacher, principal, or school staff member.

Ideas:

- Give at least one hour of your time to your child's teacher
- Work with your child's principal to find funds for special programs. Does your employer offer matching donation funds? Or as an advocate for your child's school with the District administration to ensure your school's needs are being met.

As you share your time and talents with your child's school, you make a very big difference. Thank you for your commitment!

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# Legislative Issues Conference

## Registration Form

The conference will utilize the new format from last year; units are no longer required to send in priorities in advance. Please budget to attend and help determine Alaska PTA's statewide legislative priorities.

**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Friday 6-9/Saturday 8-5**  
**Being held in Anchorage**

### Legislative Issues Conference

- Establish Alaska PTA Legislative Priorities
- Network with other PTA Leaders
- Develop an advocacy plan

The following two delegates were (s) elected by (unit name) \_\_\_\_\_ PTA:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The following delegates will be attending as non-voting delegates. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Bird Registration: \$20.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> participant and \$10:00 for additional participants, must be postmarked by Friday, October 24th, 2007**

**Registration after October 24th: \$30.00 for first registered participant and \$15.00 for additional registered participants**

**Friday 6-9/Saturday 8-5**

**RSVP by mail/fax/phone/email**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed

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PTA President Signature

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PTA Secretary Signature

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