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2008-2009 Annual Report



**Alaska PTA
Board of Managers**

Executive Committee

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Region I (Northern Alaska)	Vacant
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Region V (Kenai Peninsula)	Tonya Halliday
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Committees

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Immediate Past President	Dee Parsons
Grants Administrator	Paula Pawlowski,
Office Manager	Sarah Tuggle

**Alaska PTA 2009
Reflection State Finalists
“WOW...”**

Literature

Primary	Abree Day	Nikiski Northstar PTA
Intermediate	Noelle Coniglio	Rogers Park PTA
Middle/Junior	Jackie Richard	Randy Smith PTSA
Senior	K'hala Carpenter	Ketchikan High PTSA

Music

Primary	Layna Debenham	Rogers Park PTA
Intermediate	Jade Ikahihifo-Bender	Rogers Park PTA
Middle/Junior	Sydney Thomas	Ann Wien PTA

Photography

Primary	Chloe Cotterman	Eagle River PTA
Intermediate	Jack Carroll	Rogers Park PTA
Middle/Junior	Corey Johnson	Randy Smith PTSA
Senior	Blake Carter	West Valley PTSA

Visual Arts

Primary	Nicole Embree	Fawn Mtn PTA
Intermediate	Alexis Friesen	Finger Lake PTA
Middle/Junior	Laura Souders	Bowman PTA
Senior	Shawna Zusi-Cobb	West Valley PTSA

Dance

Primary	Aubre Day	Nikiski Northstar PTA
Intermediate	Mackenzie Hewes	Bowman PTA
Middle/Junior	Dynnea Bezona	Ann Wien PTA

Film/Video

Primary	Jack Green	Rogers Park PTA
Intermediate	Talon Stanley	Rabbit Creek PTA



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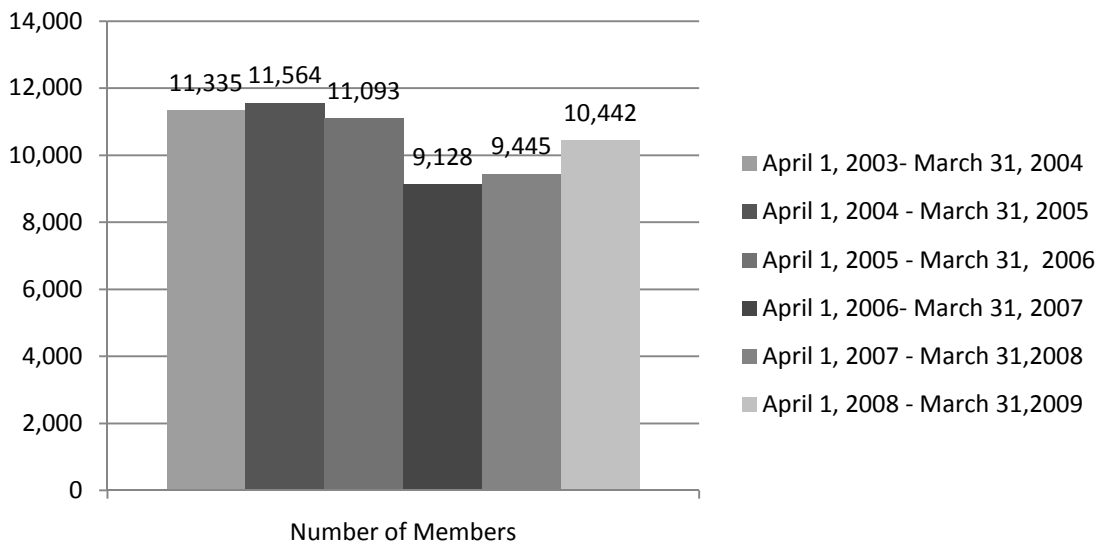
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**2009-2010
Reflections Program
Theme
"Beauty is . . ."**

Membership

Alaska PTA is a membership-based organization. Our programs are funded through our membership dues. The chart below demonstrates our membership rolls for the past five years. The past two years we have halted a membership decline by achieving a 14% increase.

Alaska PTA Membership 2003-2009



As demonstrated by the graph above, our membership has risen and fallen over the last 5 years. Even with the reduction in membership, we have implemented changes on how we reach out to our units. In areas where we have a Region Vice President, their goal has been to communicate and assist the units as needed.

We have provided training using Power Point to deal with specific time related issues during the year. The feedback we have received on these Power Points has been far more positive than we anticipated. This practice will continue by updating and sending them out during the same time frames each year.

We conducted regional leadership trainings in all of our active regions; during those trainings we were able to train approximately 100 PTA leaders from around the state. Additionally we have conducted countless one on one training with units to help them with concerns dealing with issues such as financial, bylaws and leadership.

Alaska PTA at work!

Alaska PTA is an all volunteer board. Our office manager is our only paid employee. The list below represents what we do in addition to our regular jobs and in our spare time. As you can see, with our small organization, we are able to accomplish a lot. These achievements are due to the continued dedication and commitment of your Alaska PTA.

Alaska PTA out working on your behalf.

Some of the places we have been this year representing the members of Alaska PTA:

Action for Healthy Kids Board - Alaska Team
Alaska 2007-08 Legislature
Alaska Board of DEED
Alaska DEED Team Nutrition
Alaska PTA Legislative Fly In
Alaska State School Health and Safety Committee
Alaska Teacher of the Year selection committee
Citizens for the Educational Advancement of Alaska's Children (CEAAC)
CLASS Annual Conference
CLASS Advisory Committee - PTA Representative
First Alaskans Education Roundtable
Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force
Learning First Alliance Conference
Mat-Su Borough Anti-Substance Abuse Task Force
Milken Award Selection Committee
National Council of States
National PTA Convention
National PTA Legislative Conference
National PTA OMDR Training
National Wellness Policy Seminar
SERRC Alaska Comprehensive Center Advisory Board
Superintendent of the Year Committee
Teacher of the Year Selection Committee

And your board has participated in:

Annual Convention
Monthly Leadership Saturdays

Alaska PTA Needs YOU!!

Alaska PTA has several vacant board positions. If you have the time, drive and ambition to help make education better for students in the state of Alaska please contact us and we will more than willing to explain the opportunities that we have available.

Thank You!

These organizations have generously given their time, resources or financial support to Alaska PTA this past year.

*Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
Alaska Department of Health & Human Services
All State Foundation
Altman, Rogers & Company
Anchorage School District
Denali Alaska Federal Credit Union
Lifetouch Photography
Obeidi Mouf
National PTA
Rayville Sports*

Financial

Reduction in Revenue/Reduction in Services

Due to the challenges of obtaining outside funding, Alaska PTA has taken steps to reduce costs. Unfortunately, one of those services that we have reduced is the mail outs to the local units and have depended more on e-mail. In January of 2009 Denali Alaska Credit Union offered to cover the cost of our mailings to the local units, we will use those funds to make sure mailing for large events and programs continue to be mailed as they have in the past.

To help reduce expenses we have taken the following steps:

- Reduced our office space by 1/3
- Reduced the number of phone lines we have in the office
- Reduced the Office Manager's summer hours
- Reduced our mailings to the local units

Funding requests 2008/2009

In 2008, we submitted a request through the State of Alaska to fund a program for Parent Involvement. We had the support of both the State House and State Senate. Unfortunately, Governor Palin vetoed the request, as she had the year before. We have reached out to the Governor and her staff, offering to explain our goals and plans, but were still unable to obtain the funding.

Additionally, we submitted a federal appropriations request for Parent Involvement. This February, we were notified that we were in the federal 2009 Ominus budget with an appropriation of \$238,000. On March 11th, President Obama signed the 2009 Ominus budget which contained our request. We hope to receive the appropriation funds by this August. We anticipate that these funds will sustain this project for three years.

Our biggest struggle in the future is going to be funding for our own organization. We are hopeful that by implementing the reduction our expenses, we will remain fiscally stable. If we do not continue see an increase in our membership, we will need to resort to alternative, unpopular methods to increase our funds. During this 2008-2009 year, the Alaska PTA Board of Managers made in-kind donations totaling over \$2,000 to the organization. These donations are greatly appreciated and have helped us save money and reallocate the money saved to meet the needs of the Alaska PTA.

In Closing

Alaska PTA is a very active group of volunteers doing great things on behalf of Alaska's children. Unfortunately, this great group of people can only accomplish so much. We have great ideas, but are limited by our time and resources to complete them. Alaska PTA is always looking for volunteers to help. If you have the time and interest, please contact one of the Board of Managers. They will be more than willing to answer your questions and share with you the opportunities we have available. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we can reach our goals of giving the best of advocacy for Alaska's children.

This year's increase in membership of 997 members is due to the joint efforts of the local units and state board working together. Alaska PTA will continue to work in tandem with the local units to provide them with the tools and information needed to continue to support the mission of the PTA.