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A Note From Our President



Alaska PTA Convention goes North to Fairbanks!

April 17-19, 2008
Westmark Conference Center

Local Coordinator: Julie Doll 488-6185
TheGrypps@acsalaska.net

Contact Julie to be a part of the team that makes it happen!
Those who richly give will be richly blessed in return.
Listed below are several opportunities in which you may participate in.

Creative Team: Generate Theme & logo, ideas for display focus

Outreach: Contact & inform Interior, Delta, North Slope, Western AK area school and homeschool groups of PTA hosting opportunity

Sponsorships: Contact supporters, place advertisements, order promotional materials, solicit trinkets, prepare credentials materials & convention bags

Speakers/Seminars/Workshops: Generate & submit ideas, names, coordinate needs

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Office will be closed
Nov 22 & 23rd

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Exhibitor Manager: Contact existing & new vendors, coordinate requirements

Documentarian: Order materials, contract services, acquire, assemble & print convention materials

FCVB Contact: Obtain services & products at key points

Westmark Contact: Obtain services & products at key points

Special Arrangements: Flags/Color Guards/Music/Flowers/Plaques/Reflections

On-Site Assistance:

Setup: Decorations, unpack boxes

Hospitality: possibly arrange social/transportation activities if needed

Registration, Sales/Auction, Awards, Session Facilitators

Technical Guru: Computer setups, troubleshooting

Teardown: Package materials, transport items

Programs Update:

Upcoming events for November:



Health & Safety

We hope that many of you have put on some family health/wellness activities this month. If your PTA has a successful event that you'd like to tell us about, please send a summary to us that we can pass along to other PTAs on the Health & Safety link on the Alaska PTA website. We love hearing about what you're doing, and other can get good ideas from your experiences, so please show and tell! E mail your story to Programs@alaskapta.org.

At this point, we have yet to find a partner to fund the Wellness Mini Grants this year. Our first two attempts were unsuccessful, so perhaps the third time will be the charm. As soon as we find funding, we will let you know that the grants are a go.

Reflections Program

It's that Reflections time of year again. In last month's mailing you received some basic information about Reflections. For more information on running your program, see http://pta.browsermedia.com/cs/about_reflections



This year's theme, "I Can Make a Difference by . . ." has potential for some great art ideas! Please touch base with your Region VP to let him/her know if your school is participating. Your Region VP will also have important information for you such as the deadlines for getting your entries submitted

Need to get in touch 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
www.alaskapta.org

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

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

LEADERSHIP SATURDAYS:
10 AM TO 2 PM
at the
ALASKA PTA OFFICE
555W. Northern Lights Suite 204
Anchorage, AK

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

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

for the Regional judging in January.

Leadership Saturday

Save the Date: December 1

Note there will be no Leadership Saturday in the month of January enjoy the holidays



When time is of the essence

Training focus points and schedule:

- 10am-2pm open house with board members available to answer your specific questions

Location:

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

This is our sixth Leadership Saturday. We will continue to focus on pertinent training that will help you to get your local units off to a great start. We have met many of you and are enjoying getting to know each of our units better.

What training topics would you like to see next month? Contact: Mary Schrage at: presidentelect@alaskapta.org



TIP FOR TREASURERS - LOCAL PTA UNITS

As we are busy with getting organized in our local units for the 2007-08 PTA year, please check to make sure you are on track in the following areas:

1. If you have not paid your National/State dues or insurance for this year, they are past due....please send to the AK PTA Office as soon as possible – Dues are \$5.75 per member and

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

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

\$135.00 for insurance from 2007-08.

2. Your 990EZ form is due on November 15, 2007...if you have not filed this with the IRS, you will need to apply for an extension.
3. The end of the year is fast approaching and you will need to Get our your tax documents for any donations received by your local unit.....1099's are required for any amount over \$600.00 received in your PTA account.

Note that you can download "PTA Money Matters" from the National PTA website, which is www.pta.org - username is "*student*"; password is "*success*".



Membership Counts

Did you know...that Region VII is the Alaska VIP unit, an at-large statewide unit, primarily for those who are not members of a local PTA/PTSA unit? Membership is open to any individual, business, organization or coalition member that shares the Mission and Purposes of PTA.

Alaska PTA VIP members receive:

- Membership card giving Web access to *Member's Only* sections of the National PTA website (www.pta.org);
- E-mail subscription to the Alaska PTA newsletter and notices;
- Invitations to Alaska PTA and National PTA events; and
- Membership prices on event registration

If you would like to join the Alaska PTA VIP unit, please visit the Alaska PTA membership page

<http://www.alaskapta.org/membership.htm> If you have questions about VIP membership, please contact Lynn Hohl, Region VII Vice President region7vp@alaskapta.org



OMDR (Online Membership Dues)

roadmap.

Reporting)

Any questions that you are having in this area contact: Amey Tamagni at membership@alaskapta.org



Legislative

The AKPTA Board of Managers thanks you for your patience and understanding with the cancellation of the Annual Legislative Conference due to low attendance. However, we know you are busy at your school, families and work commitments so we are committed to sharing our work with you in a different way. We will be putting together a survey of legislative priorities for your review and input. We would ask you to include the names and emails of your PTA's Legislative Chair in your board list to the AKPTA office if you have not done so already. Please check out the resources available to you on our website at:

www.akpta.org/legresources.html and do not hesitate to email us or call the office for legislative information.

Thank you

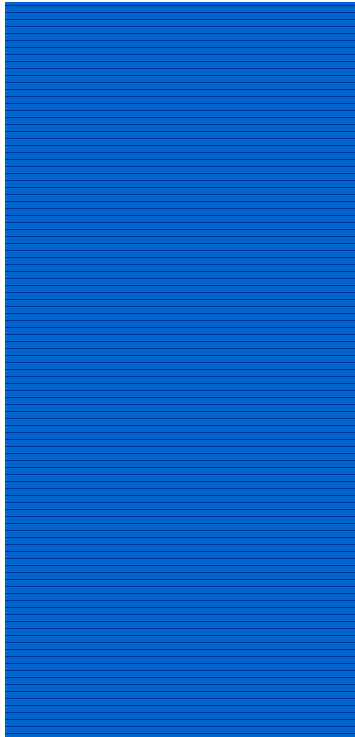
Paula Pawlowski



Advocacy research sight:

In order to be an effective advocate you need to be well informed. To wet your appetite check it out.

Researching Education issues go to: www.ecs.org



Help ensure your child and all children are not short changed by their education experience. AKPTA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. If you would like to make a donation to the Alaska PTA online, click on the link below that we have provided.

www.paypal.com

We do need your financial support so we can continue to make a difference in education. Students everywhere need us more than ever! Your financial gift will be used wisely. We thank you for giving generously to the children for soon they in turn, will give back what we have given them. Let us make sure they have been prepared well.

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