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ONE VOICE

Summer 2009

NEEDED – YOUR INPUT!!!

This issue of the Iowa PTA bulletin, *ONE VOICE*, is a trial much shorter format than the past issues. This issue highlights issues then gives a website you can go to for more in-depth information. To view past issues of the bulletin in the longer format, go to: <http://www.iowapta.org/en/newsletter.cfm>

Please let Iowa PTA know which format you prefer! Send comments to: ia_office@pta.org

PTA Mission

PTA is...

- ❖ A powerful voice for all children
- ❖ A relevant resource for families and communities
- ❖ A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child

Dues must be sent to the Iowa PTA office by the end of each month for any new memberships sold during that month. Include a Dues Remittal Form and Membership Roster along with payment. Membership forms may be found on the Iowa PTA website at: http://www.iowapta.org/en/membership/membership_committee.cfm

Get all your PTA instructions and forms at
www.iowapta.org

OMDRPLUS

A No Cost SOLUTION FOR PTA UNIT CHALLENGES!
SIGN-UP YOUR UNIT TODAY:

<https://www.JustBetweenFriends.com/2008quickstart>

OMDRplus powered by Just Between Friends gives your unit or council a powerful suite of tools to help you run your PTA while it assists the parents in your community balance the activities and connections in their daily lives. Fun and easy-to-use, time saving modules and capabilities include:

MEMBER ATTRACTION, RETENTION & MANAGEMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTORY CREATION AND UPDATE

PARENTAL COMMUNITY BUILDING / SOCIAL NETWORKING

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT & MANAGEMENT

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS ALSO HELPS YOU GROW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND REACH YOUR FUND-RAISING GOALS.

SAFE AND SECURE TOOL

AN ENVIRONMENTALLY GREEN APPROACH TO UNIT COMMUNICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Excellence in Education Award

Nominate a special educator for the Excellence in Education Award. A nomination can make a world of difference to that special educator who has worked so tirelessly and rarely received the recognition they so richly deserve.

The Excellence in Education Award is sponsored by the Iowa State Education Association in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau, WHO News Radio, and KDSM FOX 17.

For information and a nomination form go to: www.isea.org/news/08excellawd.html

Farm-to-School Program



In 2007, Iowa lawmakers passed Farm to School legislation to provide schools with fresh Iowa grown food for school meals and snacks. Success of this program depends on strong local networks made up of individuals and organizations familiar with their community's resources and needs. We are inviting you to initiate a Farm to School chapter in your community.

For more information go to: www.agriculture.state.ia.us/AgDiversification/farmToSchoolProgram.asp

The following is a paid advertisement



Musical Instruments.com Fundraising Program

Our Fundraising Program is an easy way for your PTA to earn extra income while promoting the ownership of quality musical instruments to your student body.

- Earn 5% back on the purchase of any musical instrument and/or accessory that is made by your parents/students
- No order forms or money to collect
- No merchandise to distribute
- Simply promote the program and collect your money

How It Works

- Your PTA will be given a unique ID code to be used by your parents/students when placing orders on www.musicalinstruments.com
- Instruments are shipped directly to students
- Your PTA will receive a monthly check for 5% of all purchases

Why Musical Instruments.com?

- Musical Instruments.com offers quality instruments at very competitive prices. You can promote our services to your parents/students with confidence.
- As a bonus, your students will receive a FREE cleaning kit for each instrument purchased.

For more info on this GREAT program, email us at Sales@MusicalInstruments.com

PTA CALENDAR

2009

- Jul. 31 Deadline for dues to the Iowa PTA office (for memberships sold in July)
http://www.iowapta.org/en/membership/membership_committee.cfm
- Aug. 31 Membership cards for 2007-08 expire
- Aug. 31 Deadline for dues to the Iowa PTA office (for memberships sold in August)
http://www.iowapta.org/en/membership/membership_committee.cfm
- Sep. 30 Deadline for dues to the Iowa PTA office (for memberships sold in September)
http://www.iowapta.org/en/membership/membership_committee.cfm
- Oct. 4-10 National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week
<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/bpaw/index.asp>
- Oct. 7 Walk to School Day <http://www.walktoschool-usa.org/>
- Oct. 22 National Lights on Afterschool <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/>
- TBA Iowa Community Education Association Conference www.iowacommunityeducation.org
- Oct. 31 Deadline for Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to honor student volunteer work
<http://www.prudential.com/spirit>
- Oct. 31 Early Bird Award deadline
http://ipta.octadyne.net/files/documents/pdf/Awards_for_Membership.pdf
- Oct. 31 Deadline for dues to the Iowa PTA office (for memberships sold in October)
http://www.iowapta.org/en/membership/membership_committee.cfm
- Nov. 1 Deadline for submitting resolutions to Iowa PTA
http://www.iowapta.org/en/legislative/resolution_process.cfm
- Nov. 1-30 PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month
http://www.pta.org/healthy_lifestyles.asp
- Nov. 2 Election Day!
- Nov. 6-8 National PTA Emerging Minority Leaders Conference
http://www.pta.org/conferences_and_events.asp
- TBA Iowa PTA Board meeting ia_office@pta.org
- Nov. 15-21 American Education Week <http://www.nea.org/aew/index.html>
- Nov. 22-28 National Family Week <http://www.nationalfamilyweek.org/>
- Nov. 30 Deadline for dues to the Iowa PTA office (for memberships sold in November)
http://www.iowapta.org/en/membership/membership_committee.cfm
- Dec. 31 Deadline for dues to the Iowa PTA office (for memberships sold in December)
http://www.iowapta.org/en/membership/membership_committee.cfm

**109th Annual Iowa PTA Convention coming to Cedar Rapids
in April 2010**



2009-2010 Reflections Theme

“Beauty is...”

www.iowapta.org/en/state_pta/programs



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NEW OFFICER FORM

Remit this form to the Iowa PTA office **IMMEDIATELY** following your elections. IT is your responsibility to remit a new form every year even if your officers and contact information stay the same.

Access this form at:
www.iowapta.org/files/documents/pdf/New_Officer_Form.pdf

Get The E-Connection!

Iowa PTA regularly sends news and updates via email to PTA units. If you are not receiving electronic communications, contact the PTA office with email addresses for you and your board.

Past issues of *One Voice* can be found on the Iowa PTA website at:
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PTA units and councils are encouraged to submit Resolutions or Legislative Platform Items (planks) for consideration by the delegates at Convention.

Resolutions and Legislative Platform Items must be received at the Iowa PTA office by November 1.

For forms and information go to:
ipta.octadyne.net/en/_legislative/resolution_process.cfm