

# NEWS FROM THE 9TH

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## FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Dear 9th District PTA Members,

I hope that this **News from the 9th** finds you all well and working hard in your PTA's.

The 9th District is working to partner with Barnes and Noble to offer some student focused literature events. Look for more information to be coming soon regarding dates and locations.

As the year speeds by I hope that you all with your groups take some time to reflect on your accomplishments, assess how effective you have been and make plans to complete your goals.



While doing so please take the time to document them in your PTA Reports. This is a great way to record the history of your organization and can provide invaluable insight to the future leaders. The key to a winning report is to follow the instructions very carefully.

The deadline this year has changed to Friday March 13. For more information about reports please visit

the Georgia PTA website at [www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org)

Don't forget to save the date for the 9th District Spring Conference hosted by Paulding County Council on April 14th. This will be an action packed meeting were we will hold our election of District officers for the 2009-2011 term as well as our annual District Awards Presentation. You won't want to miss it.

I know that you can never hear it often enough so **THANK YOU** for all you do for the children !

Patty Yohn

9th District Director

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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 3/13 Reports Deadline—Please send copy to your Council, District and State.
- Sunday 3/22 State Reflections Reception
- Tuesday 4/14 9:30 AM at North Paulding HS will be the 9th District Spring Conference and Election of Officers. We will be giving out Local Unit and Council Awards at this meeting. Please plan to attend.

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## GA PTA—CALLS FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

Georgia PTA is looking for members interested in being nominated for appointment to committee chair and specialist positions which serve as members of the 2009-2011 Georgia PTA Board of Directors. If you are interested, please [click here](#) and complete the Letter of Intent and Nominating Forms. The forms can also be found under PTA Leaders/Forms.

LETTERS OF INTENT are to be received in the PTA office on or before May 15, 2009. **NO FAXES PLEASE.** Mail to: Georgia PTA, 114 Baker Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30308 Attention: President Elect or email to [preselectgpta@bellsouth.net](mailto:preselectgpta@bellsouth.net). Each nominee will receive an email to acknowledge receipt of all Letters of Intent/ Nomination Forms.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

**“A nomination is a proposal that a person serve as a member of a committee, delegate or an officer”**

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised

### BE SURE

- The first step in this process is to consult your bylaws. Remember your bylaws provide the “road map” for the entire process. The Nominating Committee is elected by the membership, as described in Article VI Section 3 of your bylaws. The number of people to be elected to the Nominating Committee and alternate(s) is stated in the bylaws. It is always an uneven number. If more than the required number is nominated, a vote by ballot is required. Only those holding a membership card or are on the membership list may receive a ballot.
- The secretary should read those portions of the bylaws pertaining to the nomination and election of officers to the entire membership before the election of the Nominating Committee.
- Any member who has paid current membership dues in the local unit is eligible to serve. The principal may serve on the Nominating Committee if elected as any other member. ***The current PTA President may not serve on the Nominating Committee.***



- Upon completion of the election of the Nominating Committee, the presiding officer assigns a temporary chair until the committee meets to make its choice for a chair.
  - Elect your Nominating Committee at least one month prior to the election meeting.
- Evaluating people or situations
  - Demonstrated ability to listen and ask penetrating questions
  - Demonstrated ability to keep confidential information
  - Understanding of PTA strategic plans at the local, county and state level
  - Understanding of how to build skill sets by position.

### BE FAIR

- The candidates of the Nominating Committee should include members who represent the social and ethnic makeup of the school and parent community. Every effort by the president should be made to encourage active recruiting methods to identify membership candidates representative of the school and community.
- All members should have an opportunity to nominate or to be nominated to serve on the committee.
- Any member placed in nomination for the Nominating Committee should possess the following skills:
  - Demonstrated fair, ethical and impartial judgment when

### BE CAREFUL

- The committee is never chosen by the president.
- The committee is not chosen by asking for volunteers.
- The president is not a member ex officio of the Nominating Committee.
- The principal does not serve on the committee unless elected to do so.
- The total number of committee members must be an odd number.
- The future of your PTA is determined by the leadership qualities of the people selected by the Nominating Committee.

## STATE AND NATIONAL PTA CALL TO CONVENTION

**Georgia PTA Convention and Leadership Training will be held on July 10 & 11** at the Georgia International Convention Center. A wide variety of workshops are offered for both new and veteran PTA leaders. More information is available on the GA PTA website. Some funding is available for units experiencing a financial hardship.

**National PTA Convention will be held on June 26—29 in Ft. Lauderdale Florida.** Please join us as for this exciting event and witness history in the making as we elect the first ever male President of the PTA. For more information please visit [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

## GEORGIA PTA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Georgia PTA and it's members:

**Support** public K-12 schools with adequate state funding, reflective of the actual costs of providing the states defined services.

**Support** using public funds for public schools only.

**Oppose** any effort to use public funds for private or sectarian schools.

**Support** equitable distribu-

tion of state funding to K-12 school, currently calculated on property tax wealth in each school system.

**Support** job placement and work experience programs.

**Support** policies that increase meaningful parental involvement in decisions regarding school policies, curriculum and academic growth for children; and increase opportunities for the development of parenting skills and

school support.

**Support** the right of local boards of education to manage and control local public schools as they seek to improve the quality of education for all students, and are sensitive to differences in educational needs in their respective communities.

**Support** the local property tax and the educational SPLOST sources of tax revenues for local school district



One of our chief purposes in PTA is ...

*"To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth".*

## CALL TO ACTION—SAVE OUR SCHOOL NURSES

The Governors proposed budget eliminates funding for all school nurses for 2009-2010 school year. **PTA opposes the cut of School Nurse Funding.**

The call to action to conduct a tongue depressor campaign and to call your legislators about funding for school nurses went out two weeks ago and it is starting to make a

difference.

When GA PTA is at the Capitol we hear comments from many legislators that they are hearing from their constituents and will try to keep the school nurse funding. Keep up the good work. We need to keep the calls and tongue depressors coming in so our legislators keep that commitment to fund our school

nurses.

Additional information is available on the Georgia PTA website [www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org) If you haven't yet contacted your legislator, their contact information can be found by under the Official tab on Capitol Watch.



Our school nurses are an invaluable resource and we must try to protect funding.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

At a time when PTA budgets are tight and schedules are even tighter, e-learning is a solution for members looking to expand their skills cost-effectively and without the need to travel.

This e-learning initiative is a step toward achieving PTA's goal of making all members informed advocates by 2020.

Choose from the following courses, and look for new courses to be added throughout the year. Each course takes 30 minutes to an hour to complete and can be revisited repeatedly for more practice.

Preventing Theft in Your PTA

PTA Basics Grant Writing

Conflict Management

Planning and Goal Setting—

Parliamentary Procedure

Running a Successful PTA Program

Effective Advocacy for Your Child

Writing and Proposing PTA Resolutions

Planning Your PTA Year.



Your login and password are on the back of your membership card.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 9TH DISTRICT STATE LEVEL REFLECTIONS WINNERS!

## Dance Choreography

Council	Student	School	Grade
MCC	Michael Duncan	A L Buress ES	1
PCC	Emma Bush	Burnt Hickory ES	1
JCC	Sydney Lopes	Nickajack ES	2
MCC	Riya Mehta	Marietta Center Advanced Academics	3
TMC	Jessica Reese	Baker ES	3
TMC	Jolie Stannard	Palmer MS	7
ECCC	Leslie Wetzel	Walton HS	9



## Film and Video

PCC	Anna Carter	McGantry ES	K
PCC	Blake Terrell	Northside ES	1
SCC	Aaron Nielsen	Hollydale ES	4
MCC	Will Eubanks	Marietta Middle Grades	6
TMC	Jack Betzeze	Pine Mountain MS	6
ECCC	Mattie Khuri	Mabry MS	7
ECCC	Michael Keith	Kell HS	9

## Literature

JCC	Lilly Birch	Birney ES	K
MCC	John Holm	Westside ES	1
MCC	Mary Jane Gaudette	A L Buress ES	1
PCC	McKenna Cain	Nebo ES	2
JCC	Kayla Quilichini	Nickajack ES	3
PCC	Chad McDaniel	East Paulding MS	6
TMC	Brittany Halette	Durham MS	6
MCC	Corinne Miner	Marietta MS	7
TMC	Dominique Young	McClure MS	8
MCC	Sarah Moon	Marietta HS	12

## Musical Composition

TMC	Rosemary McHugh	Kennesaw ES	1
ECCC	Briti Nandi	Kincaid ES	3
PCC	Regan Shadrix	McGarity ES	4
SCC	Jacqueline Faciane	Kemp ES	5
TMC	Andrew Taylor	Big Shanty ES	5
ECCC	Michelle Lu	Dickerson MS	7
SCC	Katelyn Pope	Lovinggood MS	8
ECCC	Richard King III	Walton HS	10
TMC	Mark Jackson	North Cobb HS	11

## Photography

TMC	Harrison Freeman	Vaughn ES	K
ECCC	Chloe Bar	Timber Ridge ES	1
PCC	Ryley Cole	Shelton ES	1
ECCC	Houston Coley	Rocky Mount ES	2
MCC	Stewart McCune	A L Burruss ES	2
MCC	Lucas Rios	Marietta Center Advanced Academics	3
TMC	Courtney Long	Picketts Mill ES	3
TMC	Zachary Hollingsworth	Still ES	4
ECCC	William Walworth	Mountain View ES	5
ECCC	Manon Semrau	Dickerson MS	6
ECCC	Joseph Chun	Dickerson MS	6
MCC	Katie Ault	Marietta MS	6
PCC	Caitrona Schertler	East Paulding MS	6
ECCC	Lindsey Tosto	Dickerson MS	7
TMC	Conner Surrency	Lost Mountain MS	7
ECCC	Marylynn Collins	Dickerson MS	8
ECCC	Julia Whitten	Walton HS	9
ECCC	Ellen Adkins	Walton HS	10
TMC	Augustus Huffines	Kennesaw Mountain HS	10
ECCC	Alex Walgren	Walton HS	11
MCC	Christina Saulnier	Marietta HS	12

## Visual Arts

TMC	Zachary Godbout	Still ES	K
TMC	Lucas Krusemark	Still ES	K
PCC	Rachel Klapste	W C Abney ES	K
JCC	Joshua Vann	Brown ES	1
PCC	Jordan Jarrett	W C Abney ES	1
JCC	Jonathan Hayes	Brown ES	2
SCC	Jonas Millena	Russell ES	3
MCC	Sarah Ault	Marietta Center Advanced Academics	4
ECCC	Grace Liu	Dodgen MS	6
ECCC	Hudson Tsay	Dodgen MS	7
TMC	Tia Funches	Palmer MS	7
TMC	Artiesha Manning	Palmer MS	7
TMC	Jeremy Bradberry	Palmer MS	8
JCC	Tomas Arreola	Campbell HS	9
ECCC	James Christopher	Lassiter HS	9

The 9th District once again had an outstanding participation rate and that is something we should all be very proud of.

A special thanks to all the Reflections Chairs and all the volunteers that assisted them. We appreciate all the hard work you did to make this program such a great success in our schools!