

WA-WM PTA Councilor

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Important Dates

- ◆ WI PTA Early Bird Award Deadline—Oct 1
- ◆ Council Meeting—Oct 3
- ◆ Council Leadership Training—Oct 12, 6:00 pm
- ◆ WI PTA Leadership Training (Janesville)—Oct 20
- ◆ 1st Installment of Dues & Audit Statement to WI PTA Office—Nov 1
- ◆ Reflections to Council—Nov 1
- ◆ Council Meeting—Nov 7
- ◆ IRS Return Due—Nov 15

Deadline for November's Issue of the *Councilor* is Monday, **October 22, 2012**. Send items to Gena at kraemerfamily93@aol.com

President's Letter

Hopefully everyone has been able to start off the year on the right foot. The first PTA meeting of the year is done and all of your committees are busy working on the events for the year! September is the beginning of the push for new membership. I hope everyone has seen the new membership cards and has been encouraging members to activate them online. Everyone who activates their card will receive a coupon for \$10 off a \$50 purchase at Officemax through December 31, 2012. Every card has a unique membership number so that you will receive a coupon for each card you have if you are a member of more than one PTA or more than one person in your household is a member.

The topic for the October meeting will be Membership Drives so please invite your membership chair to the Council meeting! We would love to hear first hand what your membership committee is working on this year—what's working & what is not!

I am also looking forward to seeing all of you at our annual WA-WM PTA Council



Training on Friday, October 12, 2012. We will have dinner available beginning at 6:00 pm.

Amy Repati is in charge of the Council Training and has planned a very informative evening. We will have information for everyone from teachers and administration to officers and volunteers. Some of the workshops/topics include:

- ◆ Membership & Volunteers
- ◆ SEPTA
- ◆ Reflections
- ◆ President/Vice President
- ◆ Treasurer/Budget
- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Teacher Rep/School & the PTA
- ◆ Website/Facebook
- ◆ General Council Information, By-Laws, Founders Day, and more!

See page 5 for Registration!

Reflections 2012—'13 "The Magic of a Moment..."

The information & forms for this year's Reflections Program is posted on Council website. Please make sure that you get your flyers out ASAP as the deadline to state has been moved up to **Dec. 1st**.

Our new Council Reflections Chair, Kristen Gurtner has

been busy gathering ideas for this year's program. There will be more specific information about the districts program at the WA-WM PTA Council training on October 12. Until then get your posters up and flyers out so the kids can get working!



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Wisconsin PTA News

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Leadership Training time has arrived! Please register for one of the two trainings that will be held this month. WI PTA has arranged for special rates at the Edgewater Resort in Duluth, MN where the October 6 Leadership Conference will be held. Submit registration by Oct 2 or at least email the state office that you will be attending. Contact the Edgewater Resort at www.duluthwaterpark.com or 800-984-4380.

- **October 6**—WI PTA Leadership Conference in Superior/Duluth

- **October 20**—WI PTA Leadership Conference in Janesville

Please submit your registration for Janesville conference by October 10. Visit www.wisconsinpta.org to download Registration Forms and conference schedules.

104th Annual Wisconsin State PTA Convention & Business Meeting

April 19—20, 2013 in Racine, WI

Check out the WI PTA website for details and hotel information.



National PTA News

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If your membership drive has gotten a little sluggish, check out the National PTA website for the new marketing materials for 2012—'13.

Go to http://pta.org/pta_marketing_resources.asp for information about the Today's PTA campaign with new posters, flyers, and videos. You can also find out how to participate in the new Building Today's PTA Contest. Win up to \$1,500 for your local PTA unit! The deadline to enter is March 31, 2013.

You will also find four Social Media Tip Sheets to help you make the most out of social media. National PTA has included tip sheets on blogs, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.

Here you will also find more information about Just Between Friends, the Official Back to School Kit, Webinars, and PTA Logos & Guidelines.





Local Unit News

Lincoln PTSA will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, October 13 from 9 - 2 pm to raise money for monthly incentives.

Deadlines for newsletter submission are:

Sep 17 Oct 22 Nov 19 Dec 17 Jan 21
Feb 18 Mar 18 Apr 22 May 20

Send event info, article submission, flyers, etc. for Newsletter or for the website to Gena Kraemer, kraemer-family93@aol.com. Any questions or comments? Call Gena at 414-545-4005.

Committee News

www.wawmpta.org

Here we will list our committee reports. This year's committee chairs are as follows:

Scholarship—[Amy Repati](#)

Founder's Day—[Gena Kraemer](#)

Reflections*—[Kristen Gurtner](#)

Legislation—Open Opportunity

Membership—Open Opportunity

Bylaws—Open Opportunity

Awards—[Heather Justham](#)

*All local unit **Reflections** Chairs are part of this committee and should

keep in touch with the PTA Council Chair.

The **Founders Day Carnival** committee will have its first meeting on Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30 pm Contact Gena Kraemer, 414-545-4005 for this opportunity to get involved.

The deadline for **Reflections** entries to the WA-WM PTA Council is November 1. The forms have been uploaded to the website at www.wawmptacouncil.org/reflections. Contact Kristen Gurtner, 414-604-3061 for more information.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the open committees, please contact Laura Weaver, 414-530-6616 or email at councilpresident12@gmail.com.

Community News

Upcoming Community Events

September 29-30 Harvest Fair at State Fair Park

October 1-5 Nathan Hale Homecoming Week

October 3 National Walk to School Day

October 3 PTA Council Meeting 6:30pm

October 5 Nathan Hale Homecoming Parade/Football
Game :5:30pm /7:00pm

October 6 Nathan Hale Homecoming Dance 7:30pm

October 7 West Allis Classic Car Show

October 8 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm

October 22 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm

October 25-26 NO SCHOOL For Students

October 27 West Allis Downtown Meet 'N Treat 10:00am

October 28 West Allis & West Milwaukee Meet 'N Treat 1:00-3:00pm

October 29 Two For The Show at the West Allis Health Dept. 3:00-6:00pm

October 30 Two For The Show at the West Allis Health Dept. 8:30-11:00am

PTA Council Leadership Training

Join us for an evening of education & community. This event is designed to help you and your PTA. Everyone involved with PTA will benefit from the workshops. We encourage you to invite PTA board members, chairpersons, committee members, principals, staff members and any interested persons to attend.

Friday, October 12, 2012

6:00–8:30

1205 South 70th Street

7th Floor

This event is free to all PTA members

Light dinner will be provided

Please register by Thursday, October 11, 2012

Open forum will include Membership, Reflections, SEPTA, By-Laws, Carnival and more.

Please register each person attending for one workshop.

Workshop A	President/Vice President
Workshop B	Treasurer/Budget
Workshop C	Reflections
Workshop D	Secretary
Workshop E	Teacher Rep/School and the PTA
Workshop F	Websites and Facebook

Please send your registration to:

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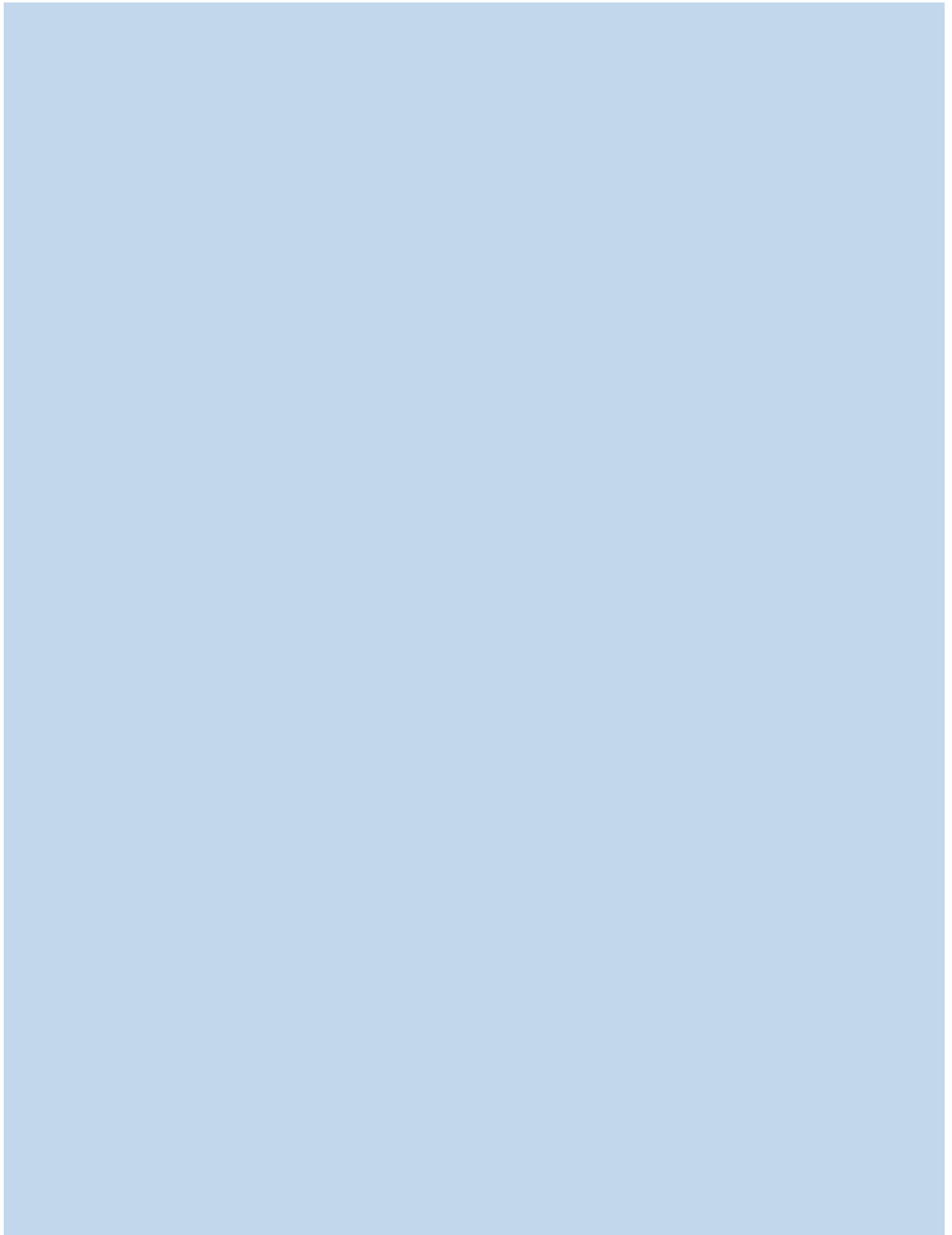
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School Name:

Name of Person/People attending: Workshop

Email Address for confirmation



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We have open opportunities for chair positions on several standing committees. Contact Laura Weaver for more information about any open committee.



Stay connected—Like us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/West-AllisWest-Milwaukee-PTA-Council/133994419984876>

We really want to hear about how great PTA is in West Allis-West Milwaukee! This is the fun part of Council, sharing ideas and information so that we don't have to re-create from scratch every year. Share what works & what doesn't! Send info & pics to Gena Kraemer at kraemerfamily93@aol.com.

WA-WM PTA Council
2012—'13 Meeting Topics
Nov 7—Fundraising
Dec 5—No Topic, Holiday Fun
Jan 2—Volunteers
Feb 6—Websites
Mar 6—Nominating Committees
Apr 3—Year End/Officer Training
May 1—Auditing/Budgets/Taxes
Jun 5—No Topic, Year End
Invite your fundraising chair, your nominating committee, your treasure—we want to hear what you are doing in your local units—what works & what doesn't!