

WA/WM PTA Council Councilor

October 2010

President's Letter

Hello All!

This month I would like to reassure you that we are working hard to make effective changes to our monthly Council meetings! The 1st meeting of the year is always a long one with the business that must be accomplished at it, so thank you, to those of you who attended, for hanging in there! You will notice that there are some changes to our agenda; we will be doing the PTA business items at the beginning of our meetings, so please try to be there promptly at 6:30PM! We are also only including those people who have contacted us ahead of time on the agenda. We are still including the school reports, but committee reports will only be added when necessary. Reports will be taken as written reports when possible! Please contact me if you need to make a report!

Remember, we need "15 delegates from a majority of the member PTAs. The number must include at least one-half of the local unit presidents or their alternates." This means **at least 9 schools must have presidents**, or a **designated alternate**, present in order for Council to vote on anything! Alternates should be chosen by your PTA unit and submitted to Council in Sept. ONLY that one chosen alternate is allowed to have a vote for the unit president; if you do not have one, only the president may vote. Each unit may also – but is not required to – send 2 designated voting delegates (separate from the president) or *their* designated alternates (which must also be submitted in Sept. to Council and cannot be the same people in any of these positions). Your principals may also vote at Council meetings, along with one teacher delegate from each school and one representative from the district. Each of these people (excepting the district rep.) should be chosen in Sept. by your unit and must be submitted to Council. Please send those names in to Council as soon as you have an opportunity! I know this seems confusing and fairly specific, but it is in the Council Bylaws and is meant to ensure that your members are choosing who has the ability to represent your vote at Council meetings! Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter!

We have a great deal of information to share with you this month, so please look over the newsletter carefully! We have included the changes to the Standing Rules that Scholarship Committee is bringing forward so that you may all read over them ahead of time! We will do this for all major changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules that we can from now on! If you have any questions regarding the changes please feel free to contact Laura Weaver, the current Scholarship Chair, tenfuture70@yahoo.com. They will, of course, be discussed at the



The WAWM
PTA Council
meets the

1st Wednesday
of each month

at the Parkway/
Recreation Center

2930 S. Root River
Pkwy @ 6:30 pm

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at the meeting as well, but we are hoping to help everyone get an opportunity to work through them and understand them ahead of time, for the sake of shortening unnecessary discussion!

Please note there has also been a major change to the Council fundraiser! I sent an email to you all regarding this change already, but the completed flyer is included in this newsletter. We will be sending it out to all of the students soon, but please start promoting it immediately! **Halloween Express** has been extremely gracious in donating 10% of every sale from their 4 locations close to us, as long as you or anyone else mentions PTA at check-out! So please pass the word along to neighbors, friends and family!

I hope that you have all gotten off to a smooth start this year! As always, if there is anything we can do to help you, please let us know! We are working hard to be a better resource for you!

Happy Halloween!
Jaimie Reyes
WAWM PTA President



What would
education in
America look
like

If the PTA
never existed?

SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES

19.1 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Shall consist of three PTA members, one residing in, or currently having a student enrolled in, each area of representation, unless not possible, sought from the following demographical/ boundaries as described below:
 - a. Pershing, Horace Mann, Longfellow
 - b. Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln, Wilson
 - c. Hoover, Mitchell, Walker, Madison, Irving
2. Shall serve a term of three years. The individual who has been a member of the committee the longest shall serve as the committee chair.
3. Shall include the three appointed voting members, the Council President, 1st Vice President, the Superintendent of Schools and one District Administrator, all as voting members.
4. Shall periodically review scholarship criteria and amount of scholarship and recommend changes to Council for approval.
5. Shall award, whenever possible, at least 6 scholarships of at least \$600 annually, to selected graduating seniors of Hale, Central and/or Dottke, one in education, whenever possible, and the remaining in any field.

CONVENTION



Wisconsin PTA
Convention
April 29 – 30, 2010
Blue Harbor Resort
Sheboygan, WI

More details to come.

6. Shall select the most qualified recipients based on the criteria of:
 - a. leadership
 - b. character
 - c. written application
 - d. personal interview
7. Shall promote scholarship opportunity through print media
8. Shall distribute printed scholarship criteria to High School Guidance Counselors.
9. Shall judge all scholarship entries and select recipients.
10. Shall invite the scholarship recipients and their parents or legal guardians as paid guests, to attend the Annual Awards Dinner in May to present their acceptance speech.
11. Shall publicize and promote the recommended formula for donations to the Scholarship Fund from the local units of; \$.50 per student based on individual school enrollment. The exception being the middle and high schools. Their donation may be based on their budget.

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2. Shall provide copies of applications to each committee member.
3. It is highly recommended that the members participate in all leadership training.
4. Shall communicate to all local Presidents any and all necessary information.
5. Shall file an annual report detailing the activities of your position, and other PTA activities to the president by July 15 with an additional copy to be place in you procedure book.
6. Within fifteen days after completion of term, he/she is responsible for passing on to the successor or president all materials pertaining to his/her previously held position.
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Amended: 12/09

Proposed Changes

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

URGE YOUR SENATORS TO ACT ON CHILD NUTRITION BILL TAKE ACTION ON S. 3307 NOW!!!

On March 24th, the Senate Agriculture Committee unanimously passed S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, moving it to be taken up by the full Senate. However, this bill has yet to be adopted, and time is rapidly running out to pass this important piece of legislation before the programs expire in September. This

bipartisan bill updates and improves a number of critical child nutrition programs, including school breakfasts and lunches.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act takes many critical steps toward alleviating child hunger and supporting the health and wellness of our nation's children. This bill contains common-sense measures that will increase access to critical nutrition programs, increase the quality of foods served in schools, and provide the resources, tools, and training necessary to accomplish these goals. If the Senate does not make this issue a priority and act on this legislation soon, then all these improvements will be lost.

What you can do: Contact your Senators today and urge them to pass S. 3307.

Sample Letter:

As a National PTA member, I urge you to support S. 3307, The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, and to encourage your colleagues to adopt this critical legislation as soon as possible. This bill is bipartisan, having passed unanimously in the Senate Agriculture Committee, and is fully funded. In a time when both child hunger and childhood obesity have reached alarming rates, it is imperative that the improvements in this bill become law.

If the Senate does not adopt the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act soon, we will continue to travel down the path that has led to one-third of all 4th and 5th graders being at risk to develop Type II diabetes. We cannot afford to let our children's health be the issue that rests on the backburner, especially with implications ranging from our national economy to our military readiness.

We all know that the children are our future, but this does not mean we can wait to address their needs until then. Please reach out to Senate leadership and urge them to move the child nutrition bill to the floor before our kids go back to school.

Find your officials!! Go to www.wisconsinpta.org, from any page on the website, in the left-hand menu, select "LEGISLATIVE". There you will enter your address or your zip code for a list of your elected officials! There is also a tab to look up your area's elections and candidates

Membership Awards:

EARLY BIRD - 25 members/dues in State Office by 9/15/10

BACK TO SCHOOL - 25 members/dues in State Office by 9/30/10

1st Dues installment - Dues and list in State Office by 11/1/10

M.O.R.E. - M.O.R.E. - 25 or more men 25 or more men enrolled & dues in State Office by 11/1/10

STUDENT SHOUT OUT - 25 or more students members & dues in State Office by 11/1/10

FOUNDERS DAY - 100% of last year's membership +15 more members & dues in State Office by 3/1/11

100% FACULTY - Members & dues in State Office by 3/1/11

FOCUS ON FATHERS - 20% of membership are male & dues in State Office by 3/1/11

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES 100% FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - 100% of enrolled families & dues in State Office by 3/1/11

COMMUNITY - 10 or more members & dues in by 3/1/11

Associate Business Program - 10 or more business members & dues in State Office by 3/1/11

PEPSI REFRESH PROJECT

We need your help and VOTES for the last week push! Many of you have helped promote our pursuit of a \$250,000 grant from the Pepsi Refresh Campaign for the Million Hours of Power Initiative. We have made steady progress to break into the top 100. But with just SEVEN days left we have a long way to go – we are currently ranked 92.

Please continue to ask your supporters, friends, clients and staff to vote every day for the Million Hours of Power initiative:

<http://www.refresheverything.com/millionhoursofpower>. You can vote on this site as well as copy HTML code for a voting widget, tweet out a message, or post on Facebook.

Any web placement, newsletter mention, tweet or Facebook post you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance for all the work you do on behalf of children. - Anne

MEMBERSHIP

Defining Theft, Fraud, and Embezzlement

Stealing isn't the only way PTA is cheated of money.....

Withholding, is another method of depriving PTA of needed funds at the local, state, and national levels. It's important to note that stealing money isn't the only way that deception can happen in PTA. Another equally offensive act is withholding. Withholding is not reporting accurately your members to the PTA and paying dues for, let's say, 25 members when you really have 50. Withholding is an ethical offense that takes money and resources away from your children, your PTA, your school, your state and your National PTA. It hinders the ability of PTA to advocate for children on the local, state, and national levels, to work with state legislatures and the U.S. Congress for education funding and national legislation.

As we are in the busiest time of year for PTA memberships, it seemed appropriate to remind everyone that when someone is paying to become a PTA member, they should be a member at your local unit, of this Council, the State of Wisconsin and National PTAs! Be sure to use the electronic membership forms, including email addresses so that all of your members will receive a welcome email from PTA!

Remember – every PTA member is on the Membership Committee, who have you asked to be a part of PTA today?

WA-WM PTA MEETING AGENDA October 6th, 2010

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Minutes (June and Sept): Ginger Roddick

Treasurer's Report: Joanie Mares

Reports:

President Jaimie Reyes – Council Fundraiser

1st Vice President Laura Weaver – Program

2nd Vice President Janice St. Louis – Newsletter Deadline

Scholarship Laura Weaver – Standing Rules change

Region F Advisor Penny Larson

School Reports:

Central

Hale

Lincoln

Wright

West Milwaukee

Franklin

General Mitchell

Hoover

Irving

Jefferson

Longfellow

Madison

Mann

Pershing

Walker

Wilson

District Reports:

Kurt Wachholz – presentation

Brian Vissers – written report for submission

Dane Bearrs – teacher's report

New Business:

Adjourn:



FEELING SCATTERED? STRESSED? BUSY?
{ LIFE WASN'T MEANT TO BE THIS WAY. }

Make your escape! Join us for an hilarious and uplifting look at how to stress less and have more fun, amidst the busyness of family life. Jason will inspire us to live a more rich and balanced life. Learn how to have more fun while getting more done. Don't miss this refreshing, positive and upbeat evening!



ALL ARE WELCOME
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6:30PM

WA Central High School
8516 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis

*Admission is free with a current PTA membership
(\$10.00 without membership)*

JASON KOTECKI, known as "The Champion of Childhood" is a speaker, author, and cartoonist from Madison, WI. He travels the world encouraging people to create Adulti-tis-free lives, by embracing strategies from childhood.

www.KIMANDJASON.com

WA-WM PTA COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

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Scary



Be
Silly



**and
Halloween Express will
donate 10%**

of every purchase made to PTA!!!

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Greenfield, WI 53221

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West Allis, WI 53214

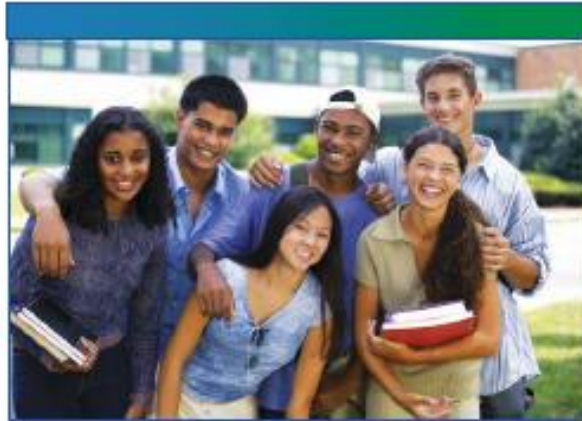
Halloween Express
7740 W Layton Ave
Greenfield, WI 53221

Halloween Express
17300 W Bluemound Rd
Brookfield, WI 53005

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**Save
September 29
2010**



Annual Parent Leadership Conference

Building Partnerships for Student Success

Monona Terrace, Madison

Guest Speakers

Byron V. Garrett, National PTA Chief Executive Officer and Charles J. Saylor, National PTA President

People who do family-community partnerships are visionary agents of change in schools. Garrett and Saylor lead an organization with five million PTA members worldwide. They will charge parents, educators, and community members with the critical task of forming positive relationships that serve the best interests of our nation's most precious resource – children.

What Will You Learn?

Get the school year off to a great start by working together to:

- Promote learning at home and in the community
- Equip teachers with tools to work with families
- Ensure that every child graduates
- Help schools be family-friendly

Who should attend?

- Parents, Teachers, Administrators, other School Staff, Community Members from any District or School seeking to improve through Family-Community Partnerships
- Title I schools
- National Network of Partnership School members
- REACH (Responsive Education for All Children) teams
- VISTA schools

School and district teams are encouraged to attend.

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per person

For more information contact Jane Grinde at 608-266-9356 or jane.grinde@dpl.wi.gov or Shirley Moutry at 414-227-1846 or 608-266-3945 or shirley.moutry@dpl.wi.gov

You are invited:
to come hear an incredible story
of courage and hope.



Rachel Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine High School Tragedy on April 20, 1999. She left behind an amazing legacy and a simple challenge to anyone who will accept it—treat others with kindness and compassion and you just may change the world you live in.

WHERE/WHEN: OCTOBER 19th at 7:00pm
Hale Auditorium (Free admission)



