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President's Message,

Here we are - moving so quickly towards the end of another school year! My kids are trying to keep their focus during these last few days of testing - and I am busy trying to make sure there's still food for lunches. This is the time of year when I try to convince myself that a bag of chips and an apple is a reasonable brown bag. Maybe I need to check in with Pinterest to see if there are some ideas for ramping up my 'mom game' in these last few weeks.

Here's something you can do over those next weeks though - consider what you need to get together for your next set of PTA leaders - or what you need to get from those who are leaving. Our website has a ton of information for you in the Local Leaders tab. So be sure to click over there and review our helpful calendars and also training tools. Just like you want to keep your kids from losing what they learned this year, you always want to do what you can to keep your board focused on next year.

And here's one thing you can do right now - register for our summer leadership training. This is the big event we have typically held in the summer in Richmond. What we found was that local leaders had a hard time budgeting the time and the money to attend - or to be able to send more than one person. So, we went back the drawing board to figure out how we can deliver training to as many leaders as possible - with the least amount of impact on your PTA budget and energy on your part. We are so proud to announce our Regional Summer Leadership Trainings! These will be held in Hampton Roads, Central VA, Northern VA and Roanoke. You should attend as many as you like! They are budget friendly (just \$40) and you will have access to state leaders and important information, tools and tactics for building membership, building advocacy efforts and building strong relationships between school and home.

Please check out our website for more information - www.vapta.org.

This is just one way we are changing the way we do business to make your commitment to us as positive and productive an experience as possible! Thank you for the work that you do every day!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah".

Sarah

Our Famous Summer Leadership Training ... Now in Your Neighborhood!

Virginia PTA leaders are coming to you for a day of LEADERSHIP TRAINING, TABLE TALKS & NETWORKING designed to help you better understand the business of PTA and grow your leadership skills.

We are offering these trainings in four regions - Central, Hampton Roads, Northern, and Roanoke - we want to make sure ALL our PTA's get a chance to attend these incredible trainings. And more affordable than ever!

You can register for one or ALL of these trainings! Each training will offer the same basic offerings with a few workshops personalized for the area.

If you are new to PTA - or if you are a returning leader, this is a perfect opportunity for all our leaders. Plus, it's right in your backyard!

Click [here](#) for the training schedule and [here](#) to register.

Leadership Transition Season

Are you a new leader? Are you passing off your binder or thumb drive to the next leader? Are you returning and looking for some new ideas? Virginia PTA has you covered!

Check out this helpful summer schedule with ideas and links for how to get your board organized this

Tell Congress to Keep Our Children and Our Schools Safe from Gun Violence!

The shooting at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas is the second shooting at a high school in the past week and the second mass shooting at a school this year. Send a letter via the National PTA Take Action Network to your members of Congress, urging them to support legislation that would keep our children and our schools safe from gun violence! [TAKE ACTION!](#)

Build Your Successful Family School Partnerships This Summer!

PTA's process for building successful partnerships starts with the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships and consists of three steps:

- Raising awareness about the power of family and community involvement.
- Taking action to cultivate involvement through specific programs and practices.
- Celebrating success as your school sees increased involvement and its impact.

National PTA's website has a TON of information and plans for how to build successful partnerships. Check out all the resource [HERE!](#)

What's Comming? May, June, July and August

You may be a President just winding down your PTA year or a new President wondering what you need to do now that you are starting your leadership year. Listed below you will find the information that will be coming to you each month and actions you may need to take to ensure your coming PTA leadership year is successful right from the start!

MAY

- Make sure you have or received an updated President's binder. Your binder should have copies of your unit's Standing Rules, a copy of the Bylaws, copies of this past year's minutes from meetings, copies of your budget and samples of documents your President may have used this past year. You don't want to have to recreate the wheel....so samples of newsletter articles, announcements and such can help you create these documents easily next year.
- Send in the Officer Update Form to the Virginia PTA office. This will ensure that all local unit leaders will receive all the new information coming out from National PTA and Virginia PTA. This is required each year; even if you are a returning officer or new officer.

JUNE

- If you do not send in your Officer Reporting Form by June 15, we cannot guarantee that you will receive valuable PTA resources. Send in what information you have, even if you have an unfilled position!

JULY

- Your unit's President will receive the information about the National PTA Back to School Kit and information on membership cards. The Back-to-School Kit includes online resources and contains seven reference guides on PTA finance, membership, programs, fundraising, advocacy, communications and the PTA presidency. These reference guides will help you and your fellow Officers implement all the important strategies and functions of your PTA.
- The Virginia PTA provides all the documents you will need to facilitate a successful PTA. The VA PTA website includes complete information for advocacy, leadership, programs, resource library, and much more! Encourage everyone who serves on your board to visit the [website](#).
- Your PTA leadership team should plan to attend one of the regional leadership training in Roanoke (July 21) or King George (July 28). Questions that you have will be answered and you will receive even more information about programs, advocacy, membership and more.

AUGUST

August will bring information and resources to start your school year!

- If you sent in your Officer Reporting Form, your officers will receive the VAPTA Local Unit Packet which is filled with all the details and information on programs, events, and resources for the new school year. If not, send in now!
- Your PTA leadership team should plan to attend one of the regional leadership training in South Riding (August 4) or Chesapeake (August 11). Questions that you have will be answered and you will receive even more information about programs, advocacy, membership and more.

If you have any questions about the information you receive or do not receive these valuable resources - please call the Virginia PTA office at 804-264-1234 or e-mail info@vapta.org. The office is open all summer to assist you.

Membership Database News and Updates

Some exciting improvements coming for next year!

Based on your feedback, there will be some changes to the process for adding members to make the process easier. **Be on the lookout for a new manual this summer.**

Some key information for you to know about the database as we close out this school year and start the next:

- All current officer access will cease on **June 15**.
- **Submit your 2018-2019 officer information** via [Officer Information Update](#) **even if you have no changes** so that access for the new year can be granted to your unit.
- The **database will be down from June 15 to July 1** for conversion to the new year.
- National PTA's database will be **ready to receive your PTA's 2018-2019 members on July 2**.
- The **existing dues structures will automatically be used** for the upcoming school year. PLEASE be prepared to update yours as soon as July 2 if you are making changes.

As always, if there is anything that we can help you with, please reach out to the Virginia PTA office at (804) 264-1234 or email info@vapta.org.

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