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President's Message,

Happy July, local leaders!

I'm so excited to report that your VAPTA leadership team just completed our first regional Summer Leadership Training in Roanoke! It was so exciting to be in a room with so many enthusiastic local leaders already getting ready to get back to their PTA work.

If you haven't yet registered for the training in your area, there's still time! Here is that link if you need it: <https://tinyurl.com/y7r8mn8k>. OR - if you aren't going to be home when we come to you, check out our other locations!

I don't want to pile too much on you while you're still hopefully enjoying your summer and putting off that back to school planning for a bit longer, but here are a few quick things:

1. register for National PTA's DIY Kit for Membership Growth. Supplies are limited. Here's that link: www.PTakit.org
2. start to think about your unit's meeting and event schedule so that you're ready to have that discussion with your board. Look into when the other schools meet (elementary, middle and high school) so that your night's don't conflict
3. begin to line up any state or local legislators that you might like to invite to your meetings this year
4. check out our website for TONS of ideas about planning your PTA work. <https://www.vapta.org/members-only/training-library>

I am so looking forward to seeing you guys at one of our trainings! Remember, you can always email me with questions. Enjoy your summer!

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

Sarah

Regional Summer Leadership Training is Coming to Your Area!!

Summer Leadership Training has always been one of our best events - now we are bringing it to four regions - Northern, Central, Hampton and Roanoke - so everyone can attend this full day of information, networking and training.

Plan to spend a great day with us as we help you and your board prepare for a successful upcoming PTAYear. We are offering the **nuts and bolts of 'how to' officer training**, keys and tips for **establishing effective grassroots advocacy programs** and **building membership and family engagement!**

Summer Leadership Training workshops and table talks provide a great selection of hands-on learning and training opportunities to develop PTA leadership skills. ALL new and returning officers, chairpersons, and other interested parties are encouraged to [attend](#).

Don't miss the online registration deadline, available up until 7 days prior to each location's event date, so hurry and [register NOW!](#)

Be sure to share this information with your board and new officers.

Annual Audit: How and Why

A yearly audit is a key safeguard for your money and a planning tool for the year ahead. The primary benefit of an annual audit is the confidence it gives you and your members that the PTA's financial house is in order. Basically, the audit verifies the numbers, ensures accuracy, and assesses procedures. A comprehensive audit also identifies internal controls that should be implemented to improve the integrity of your financial systems. Furthermore, the audit gives closure to the treasurer and

sets a starting point for the new year's activity. Read more on how to complete the [PTA Audit Review](#).

Back to School Info - Coming Soon!

I know that statements like that don't make me any friends - and you still have weeks to go - but Virginia PTA knows that BTS comes up quicker than you think. That's why we are already hard at work putting together your Back To School mailing where you'll find tons of information to get you going, help you plan your year, invest in advocacy and hit the ground running!

Expect your mailing in the 2nd week of August - and all the materials will also be available online. We got it covered for you!

Who are Your PTA People?

We are your PTA people, of course - but do you know what district you are in? Do you know how to reach your District Director? Did you know Virginia PTA is organized into districts?

Here's the deal. Virginia PTA is divided into 21 districts - but unfortunately, only 10 of those have district leadership. Your district is meant to support your work, offer training and provide you resources from VAPTA but also specific to leaders and PTA's in your area.

Want to know your district? Click here: <https://www.vapta.org/contact-us> and then on the link for District Locator. You can also click on that link to reach your District Director by email.

If you are at all interested in restarting your district - contact Ramona Morrow at extension@vapta.org.

Free Money!!! Cool Programs!!!

Are you looking for a cool programs and some financial assistance to get those done? Look no further than National PTA!

Between **now and August 26**, you can enter to be awarded grant money for the following:

- STEM + Families Science Festivals: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/stem/STEM-Families-Bayer-Science-Festivals>
- STEM + Families Math Grants: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/stem/STEM-Families-Mathnasium>
- Healthy Lifestyles Grants: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/Healthy-Lifestyles/Celebrate-Healthy-Lifestyles>

For more information about great programs that are just one part of your membership - check out <https://www.pta.org/home/programs>.

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