

Virginia PTA

Local Units of Excellence

2022-2023



Hollin Meadows Math and Science Focus PTA

Northern Region, Fairfax County Council of PTA/PTSA's

Hollin Meadows Math & Science Focus PTA has a high percentage of families facing food insecurity and who are new to the school. This year they hosted a "Who's Who" evening for parents and caretakers to meet school staff, supported a Weekend Backpack program, and provided a free meal at many events including a pancake breakfast in conjunction with a Family Fun Run on a Saturday morning, and dinner at Science Night and PTA meetings. Hollin Meadows PTA provides families with information in English and Spanish through Twitter, Facebook, emails, and weekly take home print flyers. This year they also started Bingo Night with instructions in Spanish. Hollin Meadows PTA consistently offers running, academic enrichment, and other after school clubs at little to no cost for their students. To improve parent awareness of mental health challenges they hosted a guest speaker at a PTA meeting on Neurodiversity and purchased age-appropriate mental health awareness books for classroom teachers and provided parents with a list of the books and offered family engagement activities to reduce anxiety. Hollin Meadows PTA exemplifies inclusive family engagement.



Spring Run Elementary School PTA

Central Region, Chesterfield County Council of PTA/PTSA's

This year Spring Run Elementary PTA offered all of their large events (Back to School Movie Night, Fall Festival, Winter Dance, Spring STEAM Night) for free to families and offered all PTA meetings in a hybrid format. Based on feedback they re-introduced physical take-home flyers for programs/events in addition to communicating with families via a monthly newsletter and principal weekly messages. This year Spring Run ES PTA funded author visits to school, and supplied 3 full sets of the Battle of the Book books for 5th grade classrooms. Additionally, their primary fundraiser provided 300 new books to 37 general education classroom libraries - putting over 11,000 new books in circulation for their 850+ students. To increase outreach and inclusion, Spring Run Elementary PTA added parent representatives for their Autism Day Program, ESL students, and Exceptional Education students and offered low stimulus and sensory activities during PTA events. Through a new Middle School Mentor program, elementary alumni help in the classroom at the end of the school day. Spring Run Elementary PTA has demonstrated exemplary outreach and inclusion in their family engagement.



Bellevue Elementary School PTA

Central Region, Richmond City Council of PTA/PTA's

Bellevue Elementary School PTA hosted a free family movie night, supported a literacy night and held their first Harvest Festival since COVID. Bellevue Elementary PTA held their PTA meetings as part of school/PTA events to expand awareness and outreach to families. They provided opportunities for parent involvement by sharing information about volunteering, advertising local Community In Schools programs, and supporting School Counselor information meetings. They also partnered with local businesses to host benefit & information nights for their school. Bellevue Elementary has fostered family engagement and outreach in their community.

