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Indiana PTA Good News Email

Dear Nichole,

This is the Indiana PTA Good News Alert that goes out every Sunday night throughout the year. Please feel free to pass this on to your PTA contacts!

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We are looking to highlight PTAs and Councils across the state that are excelling at membership, projects, or just have a great idea to share! We also hope this keeps you up to date on deadlines and events for Indiana PTA.

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Indiana PTA Update

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CALLING ALL TEACHERS...GET MONEY FOR YOUR CLASSROOM!

U.S. Cellular's Calling All Teachers program returns this fall to help public school teachers erase \$1 million in classroom needs. WE ♥ TEACHERS.

You can help!

1. Tell every public school teacher you know to register at DonorsChoose.org/teacher and become a "U.S. Cellular® teacher."
2. Tell them to return to the site during Calling All Teachers in August to submit a classroom project.
3. U.S. Cellular is funding \$1 million in classroom projects in late September and October. It's that easy!

Click [HERE](#) to download a flier to pass out to the teachers in your building.

Click [HERE](#) for background information and rules.

Important INPTA Dates to Remember

June 30, 2010

End of the fiscal year

Financial records need to be audited and the [Annual Financial Report](#) needs to be submitted to the office by September 30th.

TARGET OFFERS SUMMER LEARNING TIPS THROUGH THE SUMMER FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

July 10th

Northwest Region Leadership
Conference, 9:00 AM Twin
Branch Model School

July 14th

Northeast Region Training
6:00 PM Allen County Public
Library, Main Branch

November 15, 2010

Federal Form 990 is due to the
IRS.

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Understanding that education is the cornerstone of communities, Target supports schools with giving programs, volunteering efforts and partnerships with educational organizations. For the first time, Target is taking this message directly to guests on Facebook through a partnership with Search Institute, offering weekly tips to help parents keep kids active and engaged while school's out. The goal of this "Play + Learn" feature is to help adults stay involved in their child's academic and developmental growth. "Play + Learn" will provide new tips throughout the summer with specific themes, like "Take a History Lesson" or "Library Love." Read more [HERE...](#)

DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR 2010-11 OFFICER'S LIST [HERE...](#)

DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR AUDIT COMPLETED

Read more on the audit process [HERE...](#) Download the Annual Financial Report [HERE...](#)

Region News and Updates

PRESIDENT'S PACKETS, PRESIDENT'S CDS, AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED DIFFERENTLY

This year, each region will be hand-distributing the President's Packets and CDs. The Region Vice Presidents will handle the distribution. If you have questions about how your Packets will be passed out, please feel free to contact your Region Vice President and they will be happy to help you.

Northwest - CeCe White, cwhite@indianapta.org

Northeast - Julie Klingenberger, jklingenberger@indianapta.org

Central - Sharon Wise, swise@indianapta.org

Southern - Natalie Jones, njones@indianapta.org

CENTRAL REGION TRAINING SCHEDULED

Central Region will hold training on August 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Warren Central High School. All units should make plans to attend as valuable information will be shared to help you get your year off to a good start. Both officers and committee chairs are encouraged to participate in this training as there will be something for everyone! Attendees should enter through Door 1 and go to the East Cafeteria. President's Packets, including your membership cards, will also be distributed at this training session. (Warren Township schools can expect to receive their packets prior to the 8/2 start of school.) We hope to see everyone there! Questions? Contact Sharon Wise at swise@indianapta.org

NORTHEAST REGION TRAINING SCHEDULED

The Northeast Region has scheduled its first Training Session of the year for Wednesday, July 14th at 6:00PM at the Allen County Public Library, Main Branch, at 900 Library Plaza. In addition to great leadership training, you will also receive your unit's President's Packet and President's CD, PTA Membership Cards, and FWAC Discount Cards. This training is for all Presidents and other officers in each unit. Please plan to attend, as this training is mandatory. Questions? Email Julie Klingenberger at jklingenberger@indianapta.org.

More trainings will be listed as they are scheduled. Check the Indiana PTA website for updated information.

Indiana PTA Success Stories

This Week's Question - Working with Other PTA Units - Does your PTA do it?

Price PTA is happy to work with other PTA units and schools. We try to coordinate our school calendars with schools in our area so that parents and community members don't have to choose which event/carnival/fundraiser to support. By working together, the community can support us all! Also, we have a spring carnival. We like to invite units that have a fall carnival to our spring carnival for double the fun!

A few years ago, **Forest Park PTA** partnered with several other neighboring Elementary Schools to bring Victor Pacini's "My Dream" program to Fort Wayne. We each scheduled a performance during his three day stay and split his overall fee. Since budget implications can be limiting, cost-sharing allowed many more students to be inspired by Victor's message.

For many years, **Blackhawk Middle School PTSA** had rented basic carnival games for their annual Family Fun Night. This year, **Croninger Elementary**, offered to share a few of their beautifully hand-crafted games and displays. The games were incredible, especially the 3-dimensional, hand painted, Sucker-Tree. They saved Blackhawk PTSA 100's of dollars in rentals plus forged a connection between the two neighboring PTA's.

****NEW!**** Each week, Indiana PTA will ask you a question about your units. Respond to GoodNews@indianapta.org and let us know your ideas! Then check back next week to read other great ideas from around the state.

Next Week's Topic: Working with other PTA units - Does your unit work with other PTA units in your area? What do you do? How does the collaboration help your PTA achieve its goals?

Are GREAT things happening in your PTA? Send your stories, ideas, and comments to GoodNews@indianapta.org.

National PTA Update

TURN YOUR KIDS ONTO READING THIS SUMMER!

Are you worried that your son or daughter will lose valuable reading skills during the summer? Are you curious about which books kids like to read?

Click **[HERE](#)** for a list organizations that have published reading lists for children and teens, which may help you and your children choose some books for summertime reading.

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GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN INDIANA PTA! WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE NEW IDEAS AND PROGRAMS THAT CAN HELP YOUR UNITS!

NOTE: How do I get my school featured in an Indiana PTA Good News Alert? If you have a great story that you would like us to use, contact us directly at GoodNews@indianapta.org or let your Region VP know and we will highlight your PTA in one of our weekly emails! Contact your Region VP at: Northwest: CeCe White (cwhite@indianapta.org), Northeast: Julie Klingenberger (jklingenberger@indianapta.org), Central: Sharon Wise (swise@indianapta.org); Southern: Natalie Jones (njones@indianapta.org).

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