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Dear Nichole Thomas,

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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CHILD NUTRITION ACT PASSES THE HOUSE EDUCATION AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The House Education and Labor Committee on July 15 passed the [Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act](#), H.R. 5504, to support children's health and reduce childhood hunger by dramatically improving federal child nutrition programs. The bill includes sweeping reforms to significantly increase access and remove barriers to child nutrition programs, improve the quality of the meals served and implement new school food safety guidelines. The bill would increase the reimbursement rate for schools -- the first increase in over 30 years. Additionally, for the first time, it would require schools to set standards for foods served outside the cafeteria, including vending machines. Read more [HERE...](#)

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Important INPTA Dates to Remember

July 27, 2010
Northwest Region President's
Packet Pick-up
10AM at Irving Elementary
School

July 28, 2010

Region News and Updates

Southern Region President's
Packet Pick-up
10AM at the North Main Subway

August 7, 2010
Central Region Training
9:00 AM at Warren Central High
School

August 11, 2010
Hammond Council Leadership
Training
6:00 PM at Woodmar United
Methodist Church

September 30, 2010
Annual Financial Reports Due to
INTPA Office

November 15, 2010
Federal Form 990 is due to the
IRS.

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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

SOUTHERN REGION PRESIDENT'S PACKET PICK UP INFO

If you are a PTA President in the Evansville Area Council, you can pick up President's CD and your membership cards on Wednesday, July 28 from 10 AM -12 PM at the North Main Subway. New procedure. You will have to sign that you received them this year. This is not the one on the Main Street Walkway but the one near Turoni's. Questions? Email Natalie Jones at njones@indianapta.org.

CENTRAL REGION TRAINING SCHEDULED

Central Region will hold training on August 7 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 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

NORTHWEST REGION PRESIDENT'S PACKET PICK UP

You may pick up your President's Packet and Membership Cards on Tuesday, July 27th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM The materials will be distributed at Irving Elementary School 4727 Pine Street. Please contact Dee Jones at djones@indianapta.org this weekend or at 219-933-2467 Ext. 5503 on Monday and Tuesday.

HAMMOND COUNCIL PTA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Hammond Council PTA will be hosting a Northwest Region Packet/Leadership Training on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. The training will be held at Woodmar United Methodist Church, 7320 Northcote in Hammond from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Please RSVP to CeCe White at cwhite@indianapta.org by Sunday, August 8th.

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 - Reflections and Citizenship - How do you get your students involved in the program? How do you get your staff members involved? What other tricks have you learned

and can share?

This past year one of the **Croninger Elementary PTA** VP, Kimberley Ehrman had a great idea involving Reflection projects. They held an after school Reflections workshop for 4 weeks. There was a \$3 charge and the PTA supplied all the art supplies and use of digital cameras. It really just provided students with supplies and work space. They allowed them to use the cameras to take whatever pictures they were inspired to take. And...it was easy to organize; 4 parents volunteered, they wrote the Theme on the board, and then let the students create. Croninger President Amber Fiess says the PTA really ended up with some nice projects this year!

Brookview Elementary's 4th grade teachers have been very supportive of the PTA Citizenship essay contest. Each year they include it in their classroom work so that all 4th graders in our school are able to participate.

Next Week's Question - Membership - How do you get parents, staff to join your PTA? How do you promote membership? If your unit is a PTSA - what do you do to appeal to students? Share your ideas...

Want to answer this week's question or brag about the GREAT things happening in your PTA? Send your responses, stories, ideas, and comments to GoodNews@indianapta.org.

National PTA Update

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT NPTA'S MOVE

On August, 1, 2010, National PTA will begin a new chapter in its illustrious history. The national headquarters will be relocating from Chicago to Alexandria, Virginia.

Due to the relocation process, we anticipate intermittent downtime for all of National PTA's electronic communications, including PTA.org, PTA e-mail, the Three for Me website, and Just Between Friends between Tuesday, July 27 and Friday, August 6.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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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