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Important INPTA Dates to Remember

June, 2010
 President's CD mailed out
 Your unit **MUST** have a current [2010-2011 Officers](#)

Indiana PTA Good News Email

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!

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.

Indiana PTA Update



****INDIANA PTA TAX STATUS ALERT****

Some PTAs in Indiana are in jeopardy of having their tax exempt status revoked by the IRS, as of May 17th. These PTAs have not filed a Form 990 with the IRS within the past three years. It is urgent that you click [HERE](#) to find out the filing status of YOUR PTA unit. If your unit is listed as **FILE NOW**, you are required to submit immediately.

Due to new laws, ALL PTAs are required to submit Form 990s, regardless of annual income. Units that have not filed a 990 form within the past 3 years WILL have their tax exempt status revoked by the IRS this year. It is imperative that this form be completed. Click [HERE](#) to find out which version of the 990 your unit is required to complete. Copies of this form are now required to be sent into the Indiana PTA office along with the Annual Financial Report.

REMINDER - FISCAL YEAR ENDING SOON

*Annual Financial Reports, 990 (EZ or N E-postcard), and NP-20 Forms are now **REQUIRED***

As the June 30th fiscal year end date approaches, units can begin preparing their financial records for an annual audit. The Annual Financial Report Form ([HERE](#)) needs to be completed and returned to the office for a unit to remain in good standing. An audit should always occur before the PTA transacts any business for the following school year. To read more about audits, click [HERE...](#)

List on file to receive the CD.

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.

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Also, units are now required to complete an Indiana NP-20 form, in addition to the Federal Form 990. This NP-20 is a simple form, sent to the Indiana Department of Revenue annually. You can download a copy of the Indiana NP-20 [HERE...](#)

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW EMAIL?? TAKE A QUICK POLL [HERE...](#)

DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR 2009-2010 OFFICER'S LIST [HERE...](#)

INDIANA PTA SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to 2 Indiana PTA winners in the National PTA's Reflections Program. A student at **Southport Elementary School** won an Award of Excellence for film production at the primary level, and a student at **Mary Frank Elementary School** won an Award of Merit for photography at the intermediate level. Great job!

The **Warren Township PTA Council** held our annual May Luncheon this week at Stonybrook Middle School. This year's theme was "Sweet Success." Thanks so much to Mr. Meadows and Mr. Gearlds for opening their school to us and being such gracious hosts. The Stonybrook 6th grade choir performed and their NJHS members helped us out as greeters, gave a welcome and lead our attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a wonderful lunch and watched a slide show of photos taken by our units at their events this year. Past Council Presidents as well as State and National Life winners were recognized and a moment was taken to remember those PTA leaders no longer with us. Many Warren Township PTAs were honored with membership awards. Two special plaques were presented to Moorhead Elementary and Heather Hills Elementary, which will both be closing at the end of this school year. These plaques will be placed in our Administration building to commemorate the service that these PTA units provided to those two schools over the years. The Council presented this year's Indiana State PTA Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Hugh Boger, a fourth grade teacher at Brookview Elementary. Mr. Shepler, WCHS principal, announced the 5 winners of our \$500 PTA Council scholarships. Central Region VP Sharon Wise swore in our 2010-2011 board members and Council representatives. We hope that all those who attended enjoyed the afternoon and will carry the spirit of sweet success forward for the many changes that are coming for our 2010-2011 school year.

At **Scott Middle School PTA** it is great to have so much support so early on. Tuesday, May 11 our officers were sworn in and already there are parents coming forward showing their support. We have been speaking with some of the community businesses and they are also pledging their support! We are making connections that extend beyond our school walls and the everyone is excited!

Want YOUR success story featured? Send your story to GoodNews@indianapta.org.

INDIANA PTA TEACHER FEATURES

HIGHLIGHTING THE 2010 INDIANA TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Each year, the Indiana Department of Education conducts this special program to recognize outstanding classroom teachers from across the state. One person, in accordance with National Teacher of the Year guidelines, is chosen to represent Indiana teachers at the national level.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett named Agriculture Science teacher **Byron Ernest** the 2010 Indiana Teacher of the Year. Ernest is a teacher at Lebanon High School.

"Mr. Ernest's excellence in education is best demonstrated by the students he's taught," Bennett said. "He continues to challenge his students inside and out of the classroom and has a dedication to teaching that is second to none."

A teacher for 25 years, Ernest recently began the Agriculture Department at Lebanon High School. After starting the program from scratch, Ernest laid a solid foundation for its future. The program now has 504 students enrolled this school year; some also are taking rigorous Purdue University dual credit courses. Read full Press Release [HERE...](#)

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NATIONAL PTA UPDATE

PTA TAKES ACTION FEDERAL POLICY UPDATES

May 2010 - Informing Advocates for Children

Read about what is happening on Capitol Hill, effecting your child and every child.

[Family Engagement a Focus of Senate Hearing on ESEA Reauthorization](#)

[Department of Education Hosts Webinars on Family Engagement](#)

[National PTA Hosts Common Core State Standards Training Sessions](#)

[U.S. House of Representatives Passes Bill to Improve Physical Education](#)

[House Committee Hearing on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)

REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE OFFICIAL PTA KIT

Register for your free Official PTA Kit-PTA's Big Box of Possibilities - and get the tools you need to serve your community and run your PTA. The kit contains the invaluable PTA Quick-Reference Guides, as well as membership materials, program and advocacy resources, and special offers from national partners.

All local, council, district, and region PTAs must register to receive their kit for the 2010-2011 year. The registration form allows your incoming PTA president or other authorized leader to provide your unit's preferred shipping address and date-to ensure that the kit gets into the right hands at the right time.

Kits will ship weekly starting June 18, based on unit orders. For more

details about kit delivery and contents, go to PTA.org/OfficialKit. The Official PTA Kit is available exclusively to PTAs in good standing.

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

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