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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!

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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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE IRS FORM 990

Due to new laws, ALL PTAs are required to submit Form 990s, regardless of annual income.

How do I know which form of the 990 I need to fill out?

Which form your unit fills out depends on the average gross receipts over the past 3 years. The gross receipts equal the TOTAL amount of money your unit took in during the year. The gross receipts from the past 3 years are averaged. If that average falls UNDER \$25,000 your unit needs to fill out an 990-N (e-postcard). If your unit exceeds \$25,000, you are required to complete the 990EZ. Only units with average gross receipts of over \$1 million need to file a Form 990-long form. You can also click [HERE](#) to find out which version of the 990 your unit is required to complete.

How do I know my unit's tax status?

While every PTA unit MUST file a 990 form by November 15th, 2010. Some units have not submitted a 990 for over three years. You can check to see if your unit is one of 44 that still need to file [HERE...](#)

When do I have to file the Form 990?

Forms must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month of the end of your Fiscal year. To make it simple -the fiscal year for any PTA unit ends on June 30th, and the deadline for filing any unit's 990 form is November 15th.

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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 List** on file to receive the CD.

June 30, 2010

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GOOD STANDING STATUS

A current copy of the following are required to be on file in the Indiana PTA office for a unit to be considered a unit in good standing.

-Annual Financial Reports ([Information](#)) ([Download form - PDF](#))

-IRS Form 990

-Form 990 EZ ([Information](#)) ([Download form 990EZ-](#)

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.

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

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PDF)

-Form 990-N (**Information**) (**Visit 990 E-postcard site**)
-Indiana NP-20* (**Information**) (**Download form - PDF**)

*More on the Indiana NP-20 next week!

**DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR 2009-2010
OFFICER'S LIST HERE...**

INDIANA PTA SUCCESS STORIES

Warren Township Council of PTAs has picked up 3 new PTSA units
that are getting started right now!

At **Brookview Elementary PTA** we are re-thinking fundraising and
how to turn the PTA handbook/directory into a more useful tool. It will
be a task, for sure! 80% of our students have been redistricted,
membership will be starting from scratch to get new people
committed to our unit.

To celebrate Nutrition Month, **Scott Middle School PTSA** held a
Healthy Eating Program on March 24, 2010. Mrs. Carolyn Williams
contacted St. Margaret Mercy Hospital and was able to secure the
assistance of four Dietician Interns. The interns, who volunteered
their time, presented information on four topics-portion control, food
pyramid, why the body needs healthy foods, and exercise. The
audience of over 70 students and 6 teachers were extremely
attentive.

Students were engaged in answering questions after each
presentation. Games of food bingo were played after the interns
completed their presentations. Food bingo along with questions on
healthy eating provided an opportunity for Scott students to answer
questions and win prizes. Due to the generous support of Scott's
PTSA, a prize was given to each student who attended the after
school event.

Students had a great time and we had a lot of audience participation.
They shared in healthy refreshments such as string cheese, apples,
granola bars, pretzels, and water-again thanks to the PTSA.

I would like to thank our PTSA president, Mrs. Carolyn Williams, for
planning coordinating the Healthy Eating Program with St. Margaret
Mercy Hospital. Additional collaboration with St. Margret Mary's is
being explored as they are a great community resource.
~Bobbie R. Escalante, Principal - Scott Middle School

What GREAT things are happening in your unit? Send your story to
GoodNews@indianapta.org.

INDIANA PTA TEACHER FEATURES

Price PTA is sad to learn of the retirement of one of our best
teachers, **Mrs. Carrol Wren**. She may be short in stature, but
students in her classroom quickly recognized that she was a force to
be reckoned with. She is as quiet and gentle as a teacher can be, and
so enthusiastic about learning that her students get that way too.

Mrs. Wren is not only an excellent educator, she has always been a

strong supporter of PTA. She is always the first person to write a Thank You note to the PTA for doing something, and is a bright, smiling face at all of our events. From pouring coffee at Donuts with Dads to running the Cake Walk at the PTA carnival - she is always there to lend a helping hand! Two years ago, the PTA began an ambitious Three 4 Me campaign placing outside parent volunteers in the classrooms of needy teachers. Some staff were skeptical, but not Mrs. Wren...she offered up her classroom to any volunteer who wanted to help with reading or math. She gushed her praise of the program's goal over and over, and even though she probably doesn't know it, she was instrumental in the continuation of the program - not because she did anything, but because of her unwavering support of getting parents connected to what is going on in the classroom. Even when her scheduled volunteer didn't show up - she smiled, handled the classroom like a pro, and still had words of thanks to the PTA for organizing the effort.

Mrs. Wren is a class act and will be greatly missed. The Price PTA, staff, and students wish her the absolute best in her retirement! We hope she will come back and visit us sometime!

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

NATIONAL PTA UPDATE

ALL ABOUT BULLYING AND HOW TO ADDRESS IT IN YOUR SCHOOL

Hundreds of thousands of children dread going to school each day to face the taunts, jeers, and humiliation inflicted by bullies. Bullies are children who intentionally and repeatedly inflict psychological or physical damage on other, less-powerful children in order to inflate their own sense of self-worth.

National PTA provides information on identifying and stopping bullying in your community. All children deserve to go to school free of intimidation. Help make your schools and neighborhoods bully-free. Visit the resource page [HERE...](#)

NATIONAL PTA SUMMER HOURS UPDATE

NPTA will be discontinuing the Summer Hours Program for this year (i.e., workday M-TH with office closed on Fridays).

In lieu of our Summer Hours Program this year, we will be closing our offices for some additional days throughout the season. In observance of Independence Day our offices will be closed Thursday, July 1 and Friday, July 2 and will reopen Tuesday, July 6. And finally to close-out the summer and allow time for us to recuperate from the office move, we will observe Labor Day by closing Wednesday, September 1 through Friday, September 3 and will reopen Tuesday, September 7.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding throughout this transition.

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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!

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