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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

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

BIPARTISAN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION ACT INTRODUCED IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[Legislation would engage parents as partners in raising student achievement](#)

U.S. Representatives Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY-4) and Todd Russell Platts (R-PA-19) today introduced the Family Engagement in Education Act (H.R. 5211) which would strengthen family engagement in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that Congressional leaders have said they would like to reauthorize this year. Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release and learn more... Contact YOUR legislators [HERE](#) and ask them to support the Family Engagement in Education Act.

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

DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING MUSIC EDUCATOR?

[Tell them about "Music Education Days" this summer during the 2010 Summer NAMM Show in Nashville , Tennessee , June 18-20.](#)

In addition to the opportunity to see and try thousands of new music making and teaching tools, Music Education Days events will provide music educators an opportunity to interact with each other and industry professionals to address mutual concerns about access to music education for all children. [Click HERE to read more...](#)

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOUR GOOD NEWS STORIES

Indiana PTA just rolled out a new email address to send your Good News stories to us. That email is easy to remember - GoodNews@indianapta.org. Send your PTA good news and your

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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teacher features to this address and watch for your story to be published.

INDIANA PTA SUCCESS STORIES

In honor of Staff Appreciation Week - this week's Success Stories are all about how we thanked our teachers and staff in one week for being so great all year long!

One of the highlights at **Shawnee Middle School** during Staff Appreciation Week is "Thank You Thursday." Staff, students, parents and others can all pick up thank you notes to write in the office all week. We put them in the staff mailboxes on Thursday. This tends to build and build - it creates such a nice spirit! ...(And - it doesn't cost much and gets others involved!)

Francis W. Parker hosted an All-Staff Appreciation Breakfast one morning: pancakes with three different homemade toppings, bacon (and turkey bacon), coffee, orange juice, and milk.

Brookview Elementary PTA's Teacher Appreciation Committee put little goodies in staff mailboxes each day. They did a "Thank you Thursday" as well (Thanks to Kathie Green for the idea). And, we partnered with a chiropractor's office to have free massages for the staff on Wednesday. And also, a luncheon on Friday.

Pleasant Center Elementary PTA served their staff pizza for lunch on Tuesday. On both Wednesday and Thursday staff members received gifts. Friday the PTA served donuts.

Price Elementary PTA chose the theme "We Don't STRESS, Because our Staff is the BEST!" We gave each staff member a stress-relieving gift each day, including spa kits, stress balls, home made aroma therapy candles, and the highlight of the week - tickets for a 5 minute mini-massage from a local massage therapist. (She even gave EACH staff member a \$10 off coupon for a return massage!). The PTA provided breakfast on Monday, lunch on Wednesday, and a dessert bar on Friday. And to top it all off, we raffled off 8 spa-related prizes throughout the week!

Holland Elementary PTA fed our staff for 4 days, and decorated the staff lounge. We also had little banners up praise for each person in our school. We also gave treats for each day, with so many local companies donate items, too. Monday we had Dunkin Donuts with Star Bucks. Then we had Taco Tuesday and with that we had a peanuts donated from Texas Road House, on the bag we put "We're Nuts About You." Then on Wednesday, we hosted a potato bar and for the special treat we had Blondie's cookies. Then on Thursday we had pizza and the kids gave their individual thank you cards to their teachers. I had a great time chairing this event and the whole staff loved it!

Portage Middle School treated the staff to breakfast on Tuesday and hosted a coffee bar on Friday.

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

INDIANA PTA TEACHER FEATURES

Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett highlighted just a few of our outstanding educators this week in recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week.

More often than not, a Physical Education (PE) teacher is overlooked for academic teacher recognition. However, PE teacher **Charles Woods** doesn't shy away from incorporating reading into his classes each day. Charles supports teachers throughout the building by assisting the class in meeting their reading goals with extra help in PE. Moorhead Elementary (MSD Warren Township) does a great job using data to drive instruction and ensures effective interventions are taking place on a daily basis. Charles Woods is proof of that.

"Charles Woods is an awesome educator who inspires our students to do their personal best at all times. He models not only a healthy living style but also a lifelong love of learning. Mr. Woods integrates academic standards into his PE curriculum daily," said Moorhead Principal Judy Miller. "He shows the students how they are able to apply the skills they are learning in class to real life situations." **[Read the full press release...](#)**

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

NATIONAL PTA UPDATE

REFLECTIONS GRANTS DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant deadline has been extended. The grant applications are now due May 21st, 2010.

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.

Kit registration starts April 26 at PTA.org/OfficialKit. 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.

NATIONAL PTA OFFERS TRANSLATED MATERIALS

National PTA has translated the top four requested brochures (Help your Child: Join PTA; 100 Ways to help your Child and School Succeed; Ready Set Lead!; PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnership; and The Value of Membership) into 8 different languages - with more to come! Please click [HERE](#) to access the brochures in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, Russian, and Somali.

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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