

DUVAL COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs/PTSAs



HANDBOOK

2011 - 2012

*Helping Hands -
Embracing Hearts-
Taking Action*

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Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs

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Dear PTA Members,

Our theme this year has been kicked up to include a third component that takes us back to the mission and overall purpose of PTA.

Helping Hands – Embracing Hearts – TAKING ACTION!!!

We continue everyday to approach our PTA work with helping hands, and we embrace the hearts of the members of our school communities. Today is the day to take action! From directly working as school based volunteers to recruiting and training other volunteers to assist our teachers and schools, we are working every day to meet the unique needs of our learning environments. There is always more work to be done, so we must take the time to build our membership of parents, students, faculty, and community members. You already know how important it is to be engaged in your child’s education, so it is your job to encourage others to do the same.

The Duval County Council is here to support and assist you. We are only a phone call or e-mail away to answer your questions and provide assistance. We hope that you will plan to join us at our monthly meetings, so you can learn more about our featured speakers and the programs and services they share. We will also hold special events and workshops throughout the year that we hope you will participate in.

This year the National PTA has awarded us with a grant that will enable us to bring grassroots advocacy training to our community. There has never been a more important time to learn more about advocacy, so we can stay true to our 115 years of history in advocating for the welfare of children. The ultimate work of PTA is to use our voices to advocate on behalf of our children. Your members have a voice at your school, you have a voice at the district level by participating in County Council meetings and events, and we all have voices that must be united in working to influence the decisions of our legislators, so they will adequately provide for our children’s future through support of public K-12 education.

The County Council has so many exciting things planned this year, and we know that you do too! Please take the time to share with us the exciting programs and events at your school! We love to hear what our PTAs/PTSAs are accomplishing within our school communities. To learn more about the Duval County Council and the special events we are hosting this year, please be sure to read our regular e-mail communications and visit our website at www.dccpta.org.

On behalf of the Board of Managers of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs, I wish you all the best for another amazing PTA year!

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www.floridapta.org
www.pta.org
www.duvalschools.org
www.50thnomore.org
www.saveduvalschools.org

PTA Vision: What the future will look like if PTA accomplishes its mission.

Making every child's potential a reality

PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities,
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

PTA Purposes: Historical Goals of PTA

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.



Hello PTA members,

I would like to first say thank you to all of you for devoting your time to your school's organization of parents and teachers. When parents and teachers work together as a united front students are more likely to excel in the classroom.

Parent involvement is a major factor in the development of a student's education and your commitment to being actively involved shows your determination to provide your students with the best possible educational experience.

I know this year is going to be a fantastic year with the introduction of our *Read It Forward Jax* campaign. *Read It Forward Jax* is our reading initiative that will focus on improving the reading performance of all students. With this program we want to increase literacy and comprehension skills and enhance each student's love of reading.

This initiative will partner with businesses and community organizations to help provide necessary tools and resources for our students. So far, several business and private donations have purchased TVtextbooks and classroom libraries that will benefit students in many schools. TVtextbooks connect students without home broadband internet access to reading content using a T.V., and the classroom libraries are sets of 100 books each that have been predetermined to be age and content appropriate for every grade level.

We welcome support from any interested sponsors, so if you or someone you know is interested in being a sponsor of TVtextbooks or classroom libraries, visit duvalschools.org and click on the *Read It Forward Jax* link on the homepage.

My challenge to all of you is to spend 30 minutes each night reading with your student(s) and then discuss what was read. We want to get everyone talking about reading, and with your encouragement your students will be motivated to pick up a book and read, and then *Read It Forward*.

Additionally, I do hope that you will plan to participate in the exciting new training the County Council is bringing to us from National PTA. It is so important that you are aware of the Common Core State Standards that will be part of our curriculum in the coming years, and we need your help more than ever as advocates for public Pre-K-12 education. The training will help you learn more about what it means to be an advocate and how to use your voice to make a difference for your children and all children.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your involvement in your student's education. Your support at home, in the classroom and in the community is fundamental in providing a high quality education to our students. If it were not for you, we would not be able to offer our students the best programs and opportunities to further their education.

I wish you all a productive 2011-12 school year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Pratt-Dannals". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ed Pratt-Dannals
Superintendent





This book or the information therein
should not be given to any person or organization
without the approval of the Board of Managers of the
Duval County Council of *PTAs/PTSAs*.

Foreword

This Handbook is prepared for the Duval County Council Board of Managers, Local Unit Presidents, Duval County School Board Members, and designated members of the Florida PTA Board of Managers.

Remember - when you need assistance, you may call any member of the Board of Managers and he or she will be most happy to help you. That's the real reason for the existence of your Council.

Watch for and read County Council's e-mails and visit the website www.dccpta.org for information appropriate to specific officer or chairperson responsibilities and/or areas of interest. This Handbook is to be used as a basic resource guide. It is our hope that you will supplement these basic tools with the additional resources that you need to help you and your board members the most from the website.

Duval County Council General Meetings

August 23, 2011	January 17, 2012
September 20, 2011	February 21, 2012
October 18, 2011 @ Teacher Supply Depot	March 13, 2012 (2 nd Tuesday)
November 15, 2011	April 17, 2012 w/Awards Deadline
December - No meeting	May - P&P Luncheon TBA

Note: - General Meetings are held on 3rd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise stated.
- There is no General Meeting in December or May.

Where: - General Meetings are held at School Board Building – see Maps insert unless otherwise stated.

School Board Building
1st Floor, Cline Auditorium
1701 Prudential Drive
General Info Phone: 390-2000

Time: 9:30 a.m. – Check-In & Hospitality
10:00 a.m. – Meeting Begins

Duval County Council PTA Workshops and Special Events

DCCPTA hosts a variety of workshops and special events throughout the year. All will be announced as the year progresses. Watch the DCCPTA Calendar of events at www.dccpta.org for updates and details as they are available. Most workshops and events will be held at either the DCPS Building or the Schultz (TEAM) Center – see Maps insert. Some of the topics include the following:

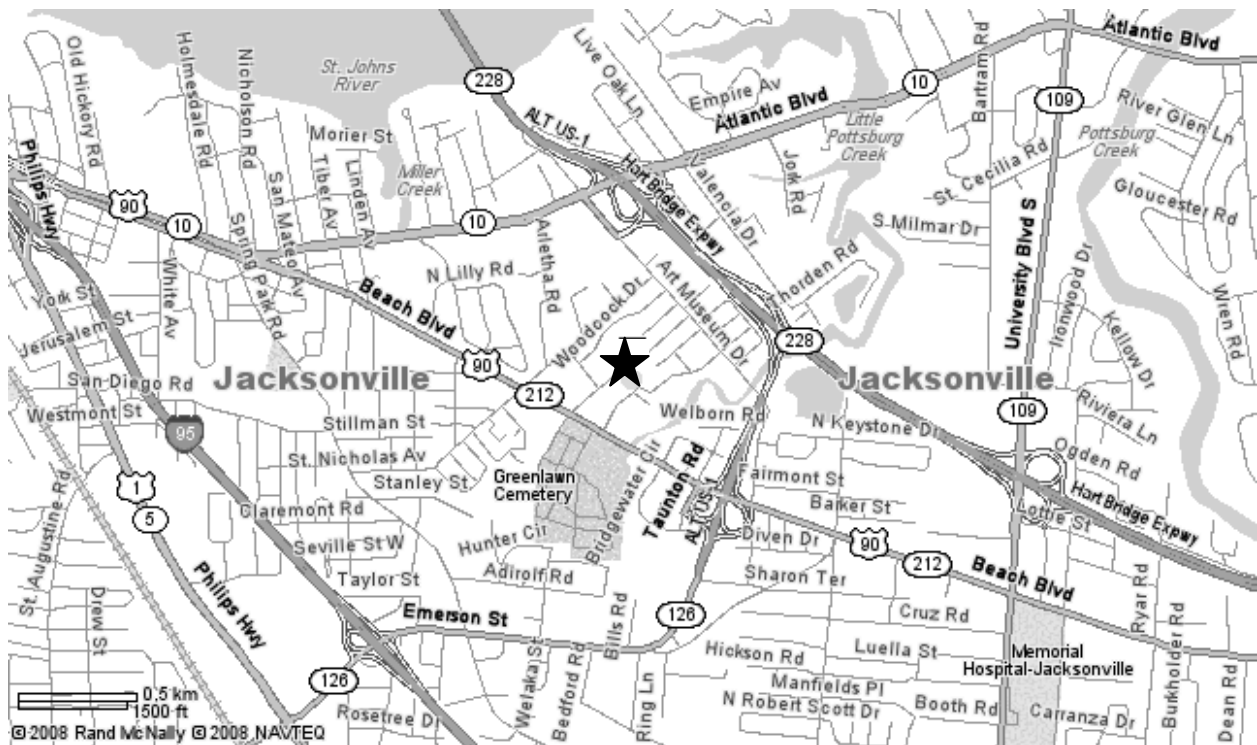
Fall Leadership Training	Spring Leadership Training
Community Resources Fair	Vendors' Fair
Superintendent's Leadership Academy	Presidents' and Principals' Luncheon
New for 2011-12 iAdvocate – Grassroots Advocacy Training!!!	

Maps

The School Board Building, 1701 Prudential Drive, Phone: 390-2000



The Schultz (TEAM) Center, 4019 Boulevard Center Drive, Phone: 348-5757





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2011 - 2012

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The *Florida PTA E-Newsletter* is the major instrument by which the Florida PTA disseminates information to all local units and councils in the state and by which it promotes the work of the Florida and National Congresses. Each local and council president with a registered e-mail address with FPTA will automatically receive it electronically.

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Each local unit PTA President receives the National PTA Our Children magazine at no cost. Please share this valuable publication with fellow board members and/or budget to subscribe for multiple issues. *Our Children* is available to all PTA members @ \$15 per year (5 issues). *Our Children* is also available in an on-line version @ www.pta.org for the same rate.



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2011 - 2012

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Please Note: Redistricting is in process based on 2010 census data, so area included in both school and city council districts could be changing during this school year.

School is what WE make it!

SPEAK FOR CHILDREN!

Attend School Board Meetings

Typically 1st Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Workshops - as announced

Duval County School Board Building

1701 Prudential Drive

1st Floor, Cline Auditorium

www.duvalschools.org



Duval County School Calendar

www.duvalschools.org

2011 - 2012



<u>Important Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Staff</u>
August 15-19	Preplanning	Off		
August 22	First Day / Students			
September 5	Labor Day	Off	Off	Off
October 24	End of Grading Period			
October 28	Planning	Off		
November 11	Veteran's Day	Off	Off	Off
November 23	Weather – Day 1	?	?	
November 24-25	Thanksgiving	Off	Off	Off
November 28	Weather – Day 2	?	?	
December 19	Weather – Day 3	?	?	
December 20	Weather – Day 4	?	?	
December 21	Weather – Day 5	?	?	
December 23 & 26	Winter Holiday	Off	Off	Off
December 27-30	Winter Break	Off	Off	
January 2	Winter Holiday	Off	Off	Off
January 16	M. L. King Birthday	Off	Off	Off
January 19	End of Grading Period			
January 20	Planning	Off		
February 20	School Closed	Off	Off	Off
March 19-23	Spring Break	Off	Off	
April 2	End of Grading Period			
April 5	Planning	Off		
April 6	Spring Holiday	Off	Off	Off
May 28	Memorial Day	Off	Off	Off
June 7	Last Day / Students			
June 8	School Closed	Off	Off	Off
June 11-12	Planning	Off		

Early Dismissal Days

September 7 & 21
 October 5 & 19
 November 2 & 16
 December 7
 January 11 & 25
 February 8 & 22
 March 7 & 28
 April 11 & 25
 May 23



What is a Council?

A Council of Parent Teacher Associations is a group of Local PTAs organized under the authority of the State PTA, for the purpose of conference, leadership training, and the coordination of efforts of the member PTAs. Each local unit in Duval County pays annual dues to the Council in the amount of \$35.00.

Each Council is governed by bylaws approved by Florida PTA, written to meet its specific needs.

A Council serves as a medium through which PTAs of an area can together handle problems and projects too large for one PTA working alone. Organized into a Council, a group of PTAs can bring more power to bear on solutions of community-wide problems affecting children and youth.

A Council acts as a channel of communication by relaying information, instruction, and news from the State and National Congresses of PTAs in membership. It alerts the PTAs to State and National plans, programs, and projects that serve the community.

A Council enables PTA officers and chairmen to exchange ideas and plans; to benefit from each other's experiences in PTA work; and to learn new techniques of leadership.

Council meetings are used to increase the effectiveness of PTAs; to give practice in procedures and techniques; to stimulate PTA, Council or public action; and to interpret and participate in State and National programs.

A Council strengthens the local units, develops leaders, engages in worthwhile community service projects, and broadens and deepens public understanding of home-school cooperation. In so doing, it extends PTA influence and thus benefits all children and youth.

A Council works with the Region Representative, knowing that through cooperation much can be accomplished.

In financial, as in all affairs, a Council sets a good example for its member PTAs. No PTA may be compelled to contribute to special projects or to participate in a money-raising event against its wishes.

A Council may not legislate for the local unit, but should counsel with courtesy, understanding and perception, knowing that each unit is autonomous.

Council Provides

- Policies and Procedures for Council Board Members
- Monthly meetings filled with the latest education information
- Guest speakers for interested groups upon request
- Program and fundraising ideas
- Legislative updates and action alerts
- Regular e-mail communications for registered local unit officers
- Professional eye examinations and/or eyeglasses for children as needed
- Scholarships to qualified high school seniors to attend college
- Meetings for local unit board members upon request
- Local unit bylaws reviews
- Participation in local unit PTA Officer Installations
- Training for local units
- Facilitation of conflict resolution
- Participation in local unit PTA programs
- Organization of new PTAs
- Educational and issue-oriented workshops
- Website with updated resources and information

Guidelines

Council Delegates and Alternates for Your PTA

- **Two delegates may represent each local unit at Duval County Council meetings:**
 1. Local unit president (or registered alternate) and
 2. Local unit council delegate (or registered alternate)
- **All delegates and alternates must be registered with Duval County Council at the beginning of the school year.**
- **Only duly selected delegates or their alternates may participate in council business.**
- **Delegates should be capable, experienced members. To function at best advantage, the Council needs both experienced and new delegates.**
- **Your job, as a Council Delegate, is to keep lines of communication open between the Council and your local unit, and between your local unit and the Council.**
- **You have the responsibility of channeling information from your PTA to the Council.**
 - a. You should attend all meetings of the Council and all meetings of the local association that you represent. When you cannot do so, see that your duly elected or appointed alternate attends in your place.
 - b. You represent your PTA in the voting body of the Council and are entitled to make motions, discuss motions and vote at Council meetings.
- **You have the responsibility of channeling information from the council to your PTA.**
 - a. You should take notes at Council meetings so that you can report announcements and important action to your local unit.
 - b. You must notify members of your PTA's executive board of the next Council meeting and urge them to attend.
 - c. Share Council communications and resources with your executive board and, if possible, put announcements of Council activities in your local unit newsletter or on your website.
 - d. Start a "Procedure Book" on your activities as a Council delegate which will be helpful for the guidance of your successor and future delegates.



Founders' Day Program

In 1870 the census reported that 7500 children between the ages 10 and 15 were working throughout the country. This number increased over the next few years.

Then, in the 1890s someone started asking questions. Why should countless children or uneducated and poverty-stricken parents be working in dark, damp, factories? Why should they be denied the benefits of good food, adequate shelter, wholesome fresh air and education?

This someone was Alice McClellan Birney of Washington D.C., who did not stop with just asking questions and worrying about these little ones. She went to work to change things. She realized that the mothers of these children had to be educated and the nation made to recognize the importance of the child. Why not have a National Congress of Mothers? By joining forces with Phoebe Apperson Hearst, the first Congress was held February 17, 1897. Our founders hoped for two hundred to attend. Two thousand came, and PTA was on its way.

Because of the dual system of schools throughout the country, black parents organized the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers in 1926 and Selena Sloan Butler was founder and first president. The two separate groups became one nationally in 1970, but merged in Florida in 1968.

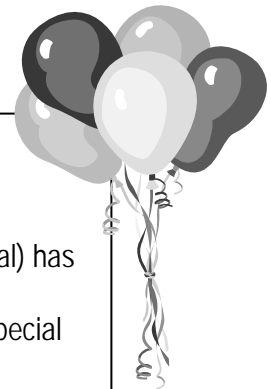
Florida became the 38th state to organize a "branch" when the Duval County Federation of Mothers Clubs and West Riverside PTA of Jacksonville invited groups from all over the State to meet together in 1921. A charter was granted on April 14, 1923 when the Florida Congress satisfied the requirements for 20 associations with a total membership of 500. The Duval County Council of PTAs was organized in 1926.

Looking back to that first meeting in Washington, we discover that we still have many of the same concerns for children. Advocates for children are needed more today than they were in 1897, and our role will continue to grow.

It is important to remember the work of our first leaders. We should pause each year and pay tribute to them through our observance of Founders' Day each February.

We can do this best by:

1. Resolving to work harder for PTA concerns.
2. Making the community aware of what the PTA (National, State and Local) has done and is doing.
3. Inviting community leaders (Mayor, Commissioner, etc.) to attend the special Founders' Day Program.
4. Highlighting the work of local volunteers. If your state is gathering information on the number of hours PTA volunteers put in, you'll be pleasantly surprised. Recognize all of them on Founders' Day.
5. Providing an opportunity for a special Founders' Day gift. Monies collected at an observance for Founders' Day or designated in the budget should be forwarded to the State PTA office. A portion of this money remains in the State and the remainder is sent to National, but it all comes back to you in services such as leadership training and organizing new PTAs.



NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

One of PTA's most exciting programs!

For 40 years, the annual Reflections Program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art for fun and recognition. The National PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education. It provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. **There are six different areas in which students may participate: literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choreography, and film/video production.** Each year, the Reflections Program challenges students to create art that supports a specific theme. Themes are selected from thousands of ideas submitted by students to the National PTA's Reflections Program Theme Search.

Student works are critiqued against others in the same levels of competition (Primary: Preschool-Grade 2; Intermediate: Grades 3-5; Middle/Junior: Grades 6-8; Senior: Grades 9-12). This allows recognition and judging of artworks by appropriate developmental age and skill levels.

Young artists get involved in the Reflections Program through their local PTA or PTSA. Any PTA/PTSA in good standing can sponsor a Reflections Program. A student may submit an entry in any of the six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. Depending on state and local PTA guidelines, students may enter more than one work of art.

The Reflections Program is structured for PTAs to recognize students at the local, council, district, state and national levels. Entries are first judged at the local level where selected works are chosen to represent the PTA at each subsequent level—council, district, or state—depending on each state PTA's structure. Once entries reach the state level, the state PTA may select entries to submit to the National PTA. Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit are recognized at the annual National PTA Convention and displayed in a virtual gallery on National PTA's website.

(Above information is from www.PTAreflections.org)

2011 - 2012 REFLECTIONS

THEME: "Diversity Means..."

Duval County Council PTA Information

- **DCCPTA Reflections Chair: Rowena Nagales, Phone: 223-5778, E-Mail: wennkids@aol.com**
- **DCCPTA Turn-in Date and Time: Friday, December 2, 2011 / 9am-12 Noon**
- **Turn-in Location: School Board Building, 6th Floor Conference Room #613, 1701 Prudential Drive.**
(Note: You must bring a photo ID to enter the School Board Building).

Reflections Judges: Duval County Council judges are professionals, teachers, and professors in the respective arts areas (not from participating schools nor affiliated with Council). If you would like to volunteer or recommend judges, please call the DCCPTA President or Reflections Chair.

(Please see the next page for instructions and rules.)



HOW DOES MY PTA GET STARTED IN THE REFLECTIONS PROGRAM?

First, you must go to the Florida PTA website and print out the rules and entry forms. MOST of the information you need is at this site and is not reprinted here because of space limitations.

GO TO: www.PTAreflections.org

Duval County Council's Additional Rules and Hints for Successful Entries:

1. Each school may submit up to six (6) entries in each area, for a total of thirty-six (36) entries. Please note: Elementary schools have two (2) levels of competition (Primary and Intermediate), which means they can submit up to two (2) sets of thirty-six (36) entries.
2. Students may submit more than one entry and enter more than one area.
3. Literature entries must have the original plus four (4) copies, with word count on page 1.
4. PTA/PTSA must be in "GOOD STANDING":
 - a. BYLAWS of Local Unit PTA/PTSA must be current through March 2012. Keep in mind that winning artwork is sent to State and those winners are sent to National. In these cases, your PTA bylaws will need to be current through the end of April of the next year.
 - b. The DCCPTA dues must be paid in full and Florida PTA dues must be paid up to date by **December 1** of the current year. If not paid prior to December 1, DCCPTA will accept dues checks during the Reflections turn-in time. State dues are payable to: Florida PTA. Duval County Council dues are payable to: DCCPTA.

Entries will NOT be accepted from PTAs or PTSAs NOT in good standing.

5. When preparing entries for submission, read and follow the Florida PTA instructions on how to package and attach the entry forms. Be sure to fill in all the appropriate blanks. Both the child and parent must sign the entry forms (all signatures must be original – not photo copied); in situations where a student cannot fill out the form or write legibly, a parent may sign his/her child's name.

IMPORTANT: The student must complete the Artist statement on the Official Entry Form. Failure to do this can result in the entry being disqualified.

6. The Award Recipient Log (form B) must be attached to the Local PTA Participation Form (form A). Both forms can be downloaded from either the DCCPTA or the Florida PTA website. Form B is used to create student certificates. All students who enter will receive a certificate of participation from the County Council.
7. Entries are only accepted on the advertised date and time. **No late entries will be accepted.** Arrangements can be made for early drop-offs, but only if it is pre-arranged and physically accepted by a member of the DCCPTA Cultural Arts Committee.



Teacher Supply Depot

The Teacher Supply Depot is a warehouse of reusable materials donated by businesses and community members. These materials are distributed **free** to Duval County public school teachers to enhance instruction in their classroom and promote student achievement.

Most of the items donated to the Teacher Supply Depot were destined for the landfill. Instead of adding to the county's solid waste disposal difficulties, these materials now end up as creative student projects and innovative teaching aids. Items include art, office, paper and science supplies; student incentives; overruns; punch-outs; end cuts and many other open ended materials.

Since its first opening in September of 1996, more than 1,400 contributors donated over \$43 million worth of supplies. By the end of the 2010-11 school year, the Teacher Supply Depot conducted 154 give-away days logging over 41,000 teacher, principal and PTA president visits.

The Teacher Supply Depot enjoys tremendous support from the business community, volunteers, the media and the many other individuals who are contributors. This project is a joint effort between the Duval County Public Schools', Warehousing Division, and The Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs.

For more information on donating or volunteering call the Teacher Supply Depot.

The Teacher Supply Depot

Old Lackawanna School
3108 Lenox Avenue (32254)
Phone: 381-7480
FAX: 381-7481
Coordinator: Chris Buckley

2011-2012 Opening Dates

Time: 3pm - 6 pm

September 8
October 6
November 3
December 1
January 12
February 9
March 8
April 12



The Teacher Supply Depot Award

The local unit that volunteers the most hours at the Teacher Supply Depot during the course of a school year earns this award automatically. Duval County Council Board of Manager members do not count towards a school's participation since they are sponsors of the project.

Be sure to sign in the volunteer book at the Teacher Supply Depot to get credit. Have each person from your PTA sign on a page that has your PTA's name at the top rather than separate forms for **each** individual volunteering. On **April 15th**, all PTA forms will be tallied and the one with the most **recorded** hours will be the recipient of the Teacher Supply Depot Award presented at the Presidents' and Principals' Luncheon. Your volunteer support is essential to the continued success of the Depot. We appreciate all who volunteer.

Scholarship Fund Program



The Duval County Council of PTAs / PTSAs Scholarship Fund is intended for deserving students who plan on attending college. Applications will be sent to every high school guidance counselor in January. Scholarships will be announced at the DCCPTA Presidents' and Principals' Luncheon in May.

Southern Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc.

Efforts to find and foster capable and deserving high school and junior college students without sufficient economic means to further their education, led to the creation of the Southern Scholarship and Research Foundation, Inc. This organization specializes in helping academically gifted young people who value higher education, but would have to defer or never attain this goal without the Foundation's assistance and encouragement.

Financial support is manifest in the fully-furnished, rent-free houses in which students do their own marketing, meal preparation, household chores, and personal laundry at a savings of approximately half the normal cost.

Duval County Council of PTAs / PTSAs established a housing scholarship with the Foundation many years ago by pledging \$2,500. This is called a scholarship grant. In 1976-1977 Duval County Council established its fifth grant. In 1990-1991, Duval County Council sponsored yet another grant to help support the newly created scholarship house at the University of Florida. In the mid 1990's we expanded to include Bethune Cookman College and Florida A&M University. Prior to this time, scholarship housing was only available at Florida State University.

Your PTA/PTSA can make a contribution to this fund along with your Council Dues payment.

Convention Fund Program



This fund provides hospitality for ALL delegates of Duval County PTAs and PTSAs at the Florida PTA Leadership/Convention each year. It also helps defray expenses when the Convention is hosted in Jacksonville. NEW!!! This year the Convention Fund will also be used for local unit scholarships to attend the Florida PTA Leadership/Convention. The application process and criteria will be announced at a General meeting later in the school year. So watch the DCCPTA website for more information as it is available.

Your PTA/PTSA can make a contribution to this fund along with your Council Dues payment.



Vision Screening Program and Award

Duval County Public Schools Vision Screening Services is proud of the partnership with the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs in providing vision screening volunteers to the students of DCPS for over 35 years. PTAs are vitally important in providing the volunteers needed to have a successful vision screening, and providing volunteers will automatically earn your PTA the **Vision Screening Award**.

The Vision Screening coordinators work with the PTAs every year to help plan, train and implement the vision screening at 157 public schools. Between elementary schools, 6th grade and 11th grade, we screen an average of 69,000 to 72,000 students per year.

As we all know, good vision is important to a child's success in school. Call the Vision Screening Services Office @ 858-1950 when you are ready to schedule your school's vision screening or if you have any questions or concerns.

Please see the following list to find the Vision Screening coordinator for your school:

Dorie White, 742-3134	Edie Brooks, 945-0280	Annette Worthen, 349-5263	Tracy Scott, 318-4758
A. Philip Randolph , Andrew Jackson HS, Andrew Robinson E, Arlington E, Biscayne Blvd E, Brentwood E, Dinsmore E, First Coast HS, Ft. Caroline E, Garden City E, Grand Park Ctr, Henry Kite E, Highlands E & M, James W. Johnson M, John Love E, Kirby Smith M, Lake Forest E, Longbranch E, Matthew Gilbert M, Mattie V. Rutherford Ctr, ML King E, New Berlin E, Northshore K-8, Oceanway E & M, Parkwood Heights E, Pickett E, Raines HS, Pine Estates E, Ribault M & HS, RL Brown E, Rutledge Pearson E, Sallye Mathis E, San Mateo E, Sheffield E, St. Clair Evans E, Terry Parker HS	Atlantic Coast HS, Bank of America Satellite, Beauclerc E, Biltmore E, Chaffee Trail E, Crown Point E, Eugene Butler M, George Carver E, Holiday Hill E, Hyde Park E, Jax Heights E, Hyde Grove E., John E Ford E, Joseph Stillwell M, La Villa School of the Arts, Lakeshore M, Lee HS, Mandarin Oaks E, Mandarin M & HS, Northwestern M, Oak Hill E, Pine Forest E, Pinedale E, Ramona Blvd E, Reynolds Lane E, Rufus Payne E., RN Upson E, RV Daniels E, SA Hull E, SP Livingston E, Stonewall Jackson E, Thomas Jefferson E, Twin Lakes E & M, Susie Tolbert E, Timucuan E, West Jax E, Westview K-8, Whitehouse E	Abess Park E, Alden Rd ESE, Alimacani E, Arlington M, Arlington Heights E, Atlantic Beach E, Axson E, Brookview E, Chets Creek E, Don Brewer E, Englewood E & HS, Greenfield E, Finegan E, Fletcher M & HS, Ft. Caroline M, Hogan Spring Glen E, Jax Beach E, Justina Road E, Kernan E & M, Lake Lucina E, Landmark M, Lone Star E, Love Grove E, Mayport E & M, Merrill Rd E, Neptune Beach E, Sabal Palm E, San Pablo E, Sandalwood HS, Seabreeze E, Southside Estates E, Southside M, Windy Hill E, Woodland Acres E	Annie Morgan E, Baldwin M/HS, Bartram Springs E, Bayview E, Cedar Hills E, Carter Woodson E, Central Riverside E, Chimney Lakes E, Crystal Springs E, DA School, Darnell Cookman M, Dupont M, Ed White HS, Enterprise Acad, Fishweir E, Frank Peterson, Forrest HS, Gregory Drive E, Greenland Pines E, Grand Park E, Hendricks Ave E, JEB Stuart M, Jefferson Davis M, John Stockton E, Kings Trail E, Landon J, Loretto E, Mamie Jones E, Normandy Village E, Ortega E, Palm Ave, Paxon M and HS, Sadie Tillis E, San Jose E, Spring Park E, Stanton HS, Venetia E, West Riverside E, Wolfson HS

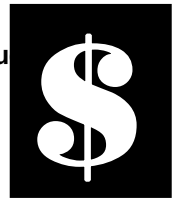


DCCPTA Eye Exam/Eyeglass Fund

Financial support from every PTA/PTSA is also needed and encouraged. During the last school year over 6,400 students were referred for further medical evaluation. The Duval County Council Eye Exam/ Eyeglass Fund provided funds to make this program successful. As you establish your PTA/PTSA budget for the year, please consider adding a line item to contribute to this important effort. A contribution of \$100 supplies an eye exam and glasses for one student. Receiving \$200 from each local unit in Duval would mean that we could help over 300 students see better and consequently, be more successful in school.



A/PTSA can make a contribution to this fund along with your Council Dues
2011 - 2012 Duval County Council PTA Dues



For Local PTA Treasurer

Your Local Unit bylaws require that your PTA pays Duval County Council PTA annual dues.

Your Local Unit dues **\$35.00** are *payable by:* **NOVEMBER 1**

Checks should be made *payable to:* **DUVAL COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs**

Mail check & payment form to: Duval County Council Treasurer
 Mary Lobello
 PO Box 5397
 Jacksonville, FL 32247

INCLUDE Local Unit contributions for the following on this form:

1. Scholarship Fund
2. Convention Fund
3. Eye Exam/Eye Glass Fund

Direct your questions to: **Mary Lobello, DCCPTA Treasurer**
 Email: **msbljr@aol.com**



2010-11 - Duval County Council PTA Dues Payment Form

Please fill out this form and include it with your check and mail to:

*Duval County Council PTA Treasurer
 Mary Lobello
 PO Box 5397
 Jacksonville, FL 32247*

NAME of PTA/PTSA (please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

PRESIDENT _____ PHONE # _____

TREASURER _____ PHONE # _____

DCCPTA Local Unit Dues	\$ <u>35.00</u>
Eye Exam/Eye Glass Fund	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Convention Fund	\$ _____
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Total Paid to Council	\$ _____

2011 - 2012 State & National Dues

For Local PTA Treasurer

Use this form for **Membership Dues** and **Founder's Day Gifts** -- **ONLY**

-- **NOT** for additional cards --

Please **COPY** this form as needed

PTAs are legally required to send membership payments to the state office MONTHLY or AS COLLECTED. State and National dues should never be used as a means of funds for local units and be considered a part of the local unit's budget. As of March 31, PTAs not having paid any dues will be considered inactive and appropriate action will be taken. Any late dues received after March 31 will not be credited to the current school year. For the Reflections Program, some dues need to be paid to the State office by December 15th of the submitting school year. This does not mean County Council dues. Your county may require that their dues be paid by their submitting date.

Each person joining the PTA automatically becomes a member of the state and national organization.

The state portion of a member's dues is \$1.25; the National portion is \$2.25.

Each local unit president receives a free subscription to National PTA's *Our Children* and *Florida E-Newsletter*.

Please Fill Out Completely

Date _____	_____ Members @ \$3.50 each	\$ _____
National PTA ID# _____ (must be filled out)	Founder's Day Gift	\$ _____
	Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

County _____		
Name of PTA _____	Phone (____) _____	
School Address _____ (must be filled out)	City _____	Zip _____

President's Name _____	Phone (____) _____
Treasurer's Name _____	Phone (____) _____

Make checks payable to Florida PTA and mail to:

Florida PTA
1747 Orlando Central Parkway
Orlando, Florida 32809

Please Note:

- There is a **\$30.00** charge for returned checks.
- Be sure signatures are correct.
- Be sure to send the correct amount - refunds will NOT be paid when the wrong amount is sent.

Membership: An Investment in Children

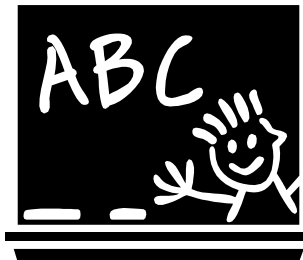
Each member of PTA invests **\$3.50** of their membership dues in the State and National PTAs to promote the welfare of ALL children and youth. The intangible benefits cannot be measured, but here are a few of the tangibles:

The Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers, with its share of \$1.25 per member:

1. Sends the Kit of Materials, with State and National materials, to all local unit Presidents and state board members.
2. Maintains a state office in Orlando, with an office director and an office staff, to serve over 1,000 local units with a membership over 300,000.
3. Publishes the *FLORIDA E-Newsletter* and sends a complimentary copy to each local unit President.
4. Underwriting expenses of the annual state convention where state priorities are set and other business is conducted.
5. Pays expenses of state board members to annual leadership conference.
6. Finances special projects such as: workshops on current issues, parenting, discipline, family, communication, safety, citizenship, legislation, and the printing of timely and pertinent materials as needed.
7. Helps to secure adequate laws for the protection and care of all children and youth by having the legislation committee attend the meetings of the State Legislature and keeping the membership informed of proposed legislation affecting children.
8. Finances state representation at conferences in and out of state.
9. Pays minimum expenses of state board members, executive committee and special committees when it is necessary to efficiently conduct the business of the Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers.
10. Provides Field Service and Leadership Teams upon request.

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers, from its \$2.25 per member:

1. Provides NPTA Official Kit/publications - a wealth of materials and aids for local and state use.
2. Publishes *OUR CHILDREN*. Subscriptions are available to every member for \$15.00 per year. ALL local unit presidents receive their copies free.
3. Underwrites the national convention where national priorities are set and other business conducted.
4. Provides extension services through its field workers and representation at state meetings.
5. Supports national conferences and workshops and provides field services.
6. Keeps a volunteer legislative committee in Washington, which works for the welfare of ALL children and youth through legislation. *WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON* is available free through email for those members who are interested in keeping abreast of legislation.
7. Maintains the National Office in Washington, D.C. with its multiplicity of duties in serving a membership of more than six million---fifty-four state congresses including Washington D.C., the European Congress, Pacific Congress, and Puerto Rico.





Correct usage of the PTA or PTSA Service Mark

PTA and *PTSA* are registered service marks of the National PTA and may be used only by those in membership with the National PTA. Do NOT use periods, commas, hyphens, or lowercase letters when referring to ***PTA*** or ***PTSA***. When used as a plural noun, it should be ***PTAs*** or ***PTSAs***. This is in keeping with the Florida PTA and National PTA guidelines. This information may be found in the Florida PTA and the National PTA kits of materials or on their websites.

The PTA or PTSA Logos

The PTA and PTSA logos may be downloaded from the “Restricted for Members Only” link on the National PTA website: **www.pta.org**

