I want to share so much with our local units this month... Where do I begin? First and foremost I want to remind all of you why Pinellas County Council of PTAs exist.

Pinellas County Council PTA/PTSA (PCCPTA) is a group of local PTAs organized under the authority of the Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers (Florida PTA). Its purpose is to provide leadership, to serve, to assist and to act as a resource for local PTAs.

Pinellas County Council PTA/PTSA adds strength to local PTAs by enabling them to work more effectively in their schools and communities. Organized into the Council, PTAs can provide the impact of a united effort for which we are recognized.

With that being said let me remind you we can’t help you unless you communicate your needs to us. We reach out to you through our monthly general meetings and newsletter, our biweekly e-blasts, our website and Facebook page, our County Council handbook and Florida PTA Kit of Materials. We provide training and education on the policies and procedures of PTA. We provide program ideas and suggestions for you to bring to your membership. We can provide the resources, but it is up to you to utilize and share them with your members.

We strive to make each and every unit a successful one run by our parents and assisted by school staff.

I have had the pleasure to speak with many of you one on one this year and will continue to do so, but I ask that when your unit has a problem and you need assistance that you contact myself or a member of our board before it is too late to get you back on track. We strive to build PTAs. PTAs are not the fundraising arm of the school we are Child Advocates. We should be providing programs and educational materials for our students and families. Do we do fundraising? Yes, enough to work with our budget for that year. Do programs cost anything? No. We can provide you a list of free programs to offer your membership. All too often I am seeing PTAs concentrating on fundraising and not on what we were organized to do!

We have been sharing information regarding our 3rd Annual Rally in Tally which is set for Thursday March 24, 2011. PTA members and community stakeholders will come together for everychild with onevoice. Budget shortfalls have put the future of public education in jeopardy. State Stabilization Funds, which have kept our schools afloat, will sunset June 30, 2011. Our Legislators must make provisions for an adequate, stable source of funding for education when these funds run out. They need to see us and hear from us! We need you to join us and speak up, and be heard. We would like to see each unit send at least two representatives from their school. If we have enough voices we can make a difference. We are planning our trip now but need to know who will be joining us in order to make transportation arrangements. Please contact myself or our VP of Advocacy Nancy Uelmen at nancy.pccpta@gmail.com ASAP.

Thank you for all you do for every child with one voice.

Sincerely,

Maria Kinzer
Pinellas County Council President PTA
pccptapresident@yahoo.com

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Families Are Invited to Attend the March PCCPTA General Meeting & Anti-Bullying Program

Date: Thursday, 3/17/2011  
Time: 6:15 p.m. (meeting at 7:00)  
Location: John Hopkins Middle School, 701 16th St. South, St. Pete  

Enjoy hospitality and local unit networking beginning at 6:15. Please bring your elementary or middle school kids and have fun watching this important program together!

Program: “BullyProof” is a hilarious yet poignant musical theater production that will teach students of all ages a new approach to resolving bullying issues. Just like the characters in the show students will learn that to “BullyProof” yourself you must first take a S.T.A.N.D.

S. Stand up to a bully!
T. Tell on a bully when you can!
A. Avoid any hostile situations!
D. Never give a bully the upper hand!
D. Demand respect!

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HELP STOP BULLYING

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.


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FLORIDA PTA RESOLUTIONS FINAL CALL!

Do You Want to Help Shape the Future of Florida's Youth?
With RESOLUTIONS You Can!

Resolutions are an important way for local PTA units and councils to shape the work of the PTA. The passage of a resolution at the Florida PTA Leadership/Convention directs the state Board of Directors, Councils, and local units in areas of advocacy, legislative priority, and program development.

Do you have an issue that really concerns you and other members of your local unit/council?

Do you want to bring your concern to the attention of other PTA members in Florida?

There is still time to submit your resolution for consideration at Florida PTA Leadership/Convention in July. Proposed resolutions will be accepted until FINAL deadline on March 21st. Don't wait - Please submit your draft resolutions ASAP.

To request a copy of the Florida PTA Resolutions Procedure Guide, email the Florida PTA Resolutions Committee at resolutions@floridapta.org or check the Resolutions page on the Florida PTA website.

PTA RESOLUTION AGAINST BULLYING (2005)

Whereas, Bullying in schools is a pervasive problem that can have negative consequences for the school climate and for the right of students to learn in a safe environment without fear, and one that can have negative lifelong consequences, both for students who bully and for their targets; and

Whereas, Bullying is comprised of direct behaviors such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, and stealing that are initiated by one or more students against a target, as well as indirect behaviors such as spreading rumors and acting in other ways to cause a student to be socially isolated through intentional exclusion, with all such behaviors, direct or indirect, amounting to physical or psychological intimidation occurring repeatedly over time to create an ongoing pattern of harassment and abuse; and

Whereas, Bullying other children and being the target of bullies are considered risk factors for youth violence by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and other relevant organizations, and bullies whose behavior goes unchallenged risk ending up as violent adults, engaging in domestic violence and child abuse; and

Whereas, Bullying for too long has gone unchallenged, with parents, who are often unaware of the bullying problem, neglecting to talk about it with their children; with students feeling that adult intervention is infrequent and ineffective and will only bring more harassment from bullies; and with school personnel viewing bullying as a harmless rite of passage that is best ignored; and

Whereas, Those who stand by passively watching or actively encouraging bullying are also affected by these hostile acts; they encourage bullying by creating an audience, they may become desensitized to cruelty, they may learn to imitate bullying behavior and become bullies themselves, and/or they may be fearful for their own safety, adding to their own insecurity; therefore be it

Resolved, That National PTA and its constituent organizations support policies and programs that address the prevention, intervention, and elimination of bullying; and

Resolved, That National PTA and its constituent organizations endeavor, via educational literature, programs, and projects for parents, students, and school personnel, to bring about an atmosphere of zero tolerance for bullying behavior, and an attitude that bullying behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in homes, schools, playgrounds, buses, school activities, or any place children congregate; and be it further

Resolved, That National PTA and its constituent organizations work with the appropriate agencies and organizations in a national effort to inform the general public about the risks and cost of bullying for both the bully and the target, as well as those who witness bullying, and bring about a change in societal attitudes toward bullying.
Wow! The year is rolling along, and there’s less than four months left until the end of the school year. Where does the time go? Every month, you should be referring back to the Local Unit PTA Yearly Agenda in the PCCPTA Handbook. This agenda helps you with planning by reminding you of important things that need to get done.

- Here are some things that you should be looking at now: Nominating Committee should be meeting to select a slate of Officers.
- Pay dues to State ($3 per member) and return any unused membership cards by March 31st.
- Apply for awards!
- Prepare to attend the Rally in Tally and local Meet Your Legislator events.
- See if you need to make any revisions to your current budget.

- Ensure you have met the requirements of attending two PCCPTA General Meetings and one sanctioned Advocacy training event.
- Make plans to attend the PCCPTA Celebration of Success.
- Invite PCCPTA Board Members to your upcoming programs and events.

Also, please check to be sure your Bylaws are current. If your Bylaws are expired or will be expiring soon, you were recently sent a reminder email. Please be sure to respond to that email and keep your Bylaws up-to-date.

Remember, if you have any questions or need any assistance, we’re always just a phone call or email away!

Thanks to all of you for everything you do for children!

Mary Bartholf
PCCPTA | VP of Leadership

HAS YOUR PTA MET ITS GENERAL MEETING AND ADVOCACY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS?

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You may contact Charles Derexson, PCCPTA | Membership Chair chasder@tampabay.rr.com if you have questions about your status.
HOP ON OUR BUS AND JOIN US FOR THE FLORIDA PTA ANNUAL RALLY IN TALLY! MARCH 24, 2011

What is the Florida PTA Rally in Tally?

The Florida PTA Rally in Tally is an opportunity for parents, teachers, students and other community members from across the state to demonstrate their support of public education. Child advocates will gather on the steps of the Florida Capitol to call on the governor and legislators to uphold Article IX Section 1 of the Florida constitution which declares:

"The education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida...It is, therefore, a paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders...Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education and for the establishment, maintenance and operation of institutions of higher learning and other public education programs that the needs of the people may require..."

When?

The Florida PTA Rally in Tally will be Thursday, March 24 beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the steps of the Florida Capitol building in Tallahassee.

How can I participate?

Reserve your free seat on the Pinellas County Council PTA Rally in Tally Tour bus departing Bayside High School at 6:00 am on March 24 or you may travel separately.

Before or after the Rally you are welcome to join the Pinellas County Council PTA delegation as they make scheduled visits with legislators in their capitol offices. Or you may wish to observe the Florida Legislature in action by attending one of the many commission or committee meetings scheduled that day. Tours of the Florida Capitol complex including the Historical Capitol Building will also be available.

The PCCPTA Rally in Tally tour bus will depart Tallahassee at approximately 4:30 pm.

Those traveling to Tallahassee earlier on their own are invited to participate in a Advocacy Training and Reception at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 23 at the LeeRoy Collins Leon Collins Public Library. Reservations are required.

Please contact the PCCPTA VP, Advocacy at nancy.pccpta@gmail.com to reserve your seats on the March 24 PCCPTA Rally to Tally Tour bus or to notify us you will be traveling separately to Tallahassee. Nancy will also take reservations for anyone wishing to attend the March 23 Training & Reception.
**GOVERNOR SCOTT POSTCARD**

Please let Governor Scott know how important public education is to the future of Florida’s children and the economic viability of our state by distributing these postcards at your PTA, school and community meetings and events. The two sided pdf file may be found on the Pinellas County Council website at www.pccpta.org. Postcards may be mailed individually or delivered together in a bulk envelope or package. Florida PTA will hand deliver them to the Governor’s office on the day of the Florida PTA Rally in Tally.

Thank you.

Jean Hovey
Florida PTA | President

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**ADVOCACY NEWS**

The Regular Session of the 2011 Florida Legislature officially begins on March 8th, however, Legislators are currently meeting and discussing bills in committees. And, if you’ve been reading the newspaper or watching the local news, you know that things are already heating up. Education reform will be in the forefront this year. There are rumblings of budget cuts and changing the bargaining terms for teachers. It is therefore vital that your PTA boards and members stay up to date on what’s happening and take action when needed.

One of the easiest and most important things you can do is sign up for CapWiz. Set up by both the Florida and National PTA, members can receive e-mail “alerts”. These alerts are calls to action. They will update you on important issues that concern children and sometimes will ask that you call, or e-mail, your Legislator when an important item is coming up for a vote. The alerts come quickly and will require almost immediate turn-around. The nice part about these alerts is that they provide not only the item, or bill number, but PTA’s stance as well. In addition, there will be a link from the alert to a page featuring a prewritten e-mail which you may edit or send as is. All you need to do is fill out your name and address and hit send.

Although this may seem too easy, it is extremely effective. In the past, bills have either been passed or been defeated based on the amount of feedback or comments Legislators receive on that item. A second, and equally effective way to make an impact is to attend the Rally in Tally. Held on March 24th it is an opportunity for law makers to see PTA members in mass. People from all over the state converge on the steps of the Capitol to make their voices heard. Following the rally, PTA members visit their local representatives to further their positions and have a face to face conversation with them.

It is our duty to be involved in the legislative process. It is the people – you and I - who elect these officials, and it is the people to whom they are accountable. Bottom line is they represent our interests and they need to hear from us to know just what those interests are.

Please encourage your boards and members to sign up for CapWiz. Also, please send two or three members to Tallahassee. Let’s show the Legislators that our children are important and deserve the best that Florida can provide. They are our future.

Visit www.pccpta.org for invaluable information on advocacy. From there you can link to become an active Florida PTA child advocate by signing up for CapWiz.

Nancy Uelmen
PCCPTA | VP of Advocacy
Join PCCPTA on the Red Carpet for a
CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

When: Friday May 13, 2011

Where: Banquet Masters
8100 Park Blvd N Suite 101, Pinellas Park 33781

Time: Social Hour-6pm-7pm/
Dinner (buffet style) 7pm

Dress: Gowns and Tuxes not necessary, but dress to impress
Please no jeans or t-shirts

Awards will be announced during dinner:

Please RSVP no later than May 3, 2011

Send the bottom of this form and check payable to

PCCPTA to:
Kathy DeSantis
11814 108th Ave N
Seminole FL 33778

School Name______________________________
Number of guests ____________@$25.00 each
Total enclosed_____________________________
Contact Name and Number
________________________________________________________________________

HAVE YOUR SAY

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APPLY FOR AWARDS NOW
DON’T MISS YOUR CHANCE
TO SHOWCASE YOUR
PTA’S SUCCESS

Has your PTA put on an exciting pro-
gram or event that has impacted the
health, safety or well-being of chil-
dren? Do you have an outstanding
administrator or volunteer who has
supported your PTA? Has your PTA
been exceptional in their efforts to
advocate for children? If you an-
swered yes to either of these ques-
tions, we would like to hear about it
by having you apply for an award.

There are lots of different awards
your PTA/PTSA can apply for. Infor-
mination and application can be
found on the Pinellas County Council
PTA/PTSA website at http://
pccpta.org/. Please review each
award application for its specific re-
quirements. However, there are two
requirements that apply to all
awards.

First - Your PTA/PTSA must be in
good standing. In order to be in good
standing you must have your dues
paid, and your bylaws must be up to
date.

Second - Your application must be
received by the PCCPTA Awards
Chair no later than April 30, 2011.

Award winners will be announced at
the Celebration of Success which is
scheduled to for May 13, 2011. So if
you do apply for an award we re-
commend at least one person from your
PTA/PTSA attend this special event
to see if you are a winner. And if you
do apply for the Administrator or Vol-
unteer of the Year award, please
remember to invite the person you
ominated.

We look forward to receiving your
award applications soon.

Audrey Goginsky
PCCPTA | Awards Chair
The second annual PCCPTA Health and Safety Fair was held on Saturday February 19th at Largo Central Park. We could not have asked for better weather! We had plenty of sunshine to brighten our day. PCCPTA Educated the Mind, Empowered the Body and Enlightened the Heart of many thanks to all who participated.

We would like to thank all of the programs and vendors who came to this year’s event. We had over 40 organizations that provided information on how to improve the health, safety and well-being of children and their families. The constant support and involvement in the lives of Pinellas County families by these organizations is truly appreciated more than words can express.

To our sponsors, City of Largo, Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition, SHAC, Clothes to Kids, Florida Blood Services and Be the Wall - we thank you for your dedication and support in helping to make this event a great success. We would also like to give a special thanks to the following businesses: Largo Library, Olive Garden, Chic-Fil-A, Costco, Sam’s Club, City of Largo Fire Rescue, Sweet Bay and United Health Care for their donations and contributions to this event.

And of course, finally, to the PCCPTA board members, Health and Safety Fair Committee, Criminal Justice Academy from Pinellas Park High, the local schools and the families who spread the word and helped with their tireless hours to make this event a success – thank you! We could not have asked for a better event!!

Michelle Alfred
PCCPTA | VP, Education

Cassie Riddick
PCCPTA | Health & Safety Chair

You can see more pictures from this year’s PCCPTA Health & Safety Fair on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pccpta
JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD OBESITY

The statistics are staggering: Childhood obesity in Florida has tripled since 1980. One in three children is overweight or obese. Children who are obese have an 80 percent greater chance of remaining obese into their adult years.

Add to that the Centers for Disease Control's estimate that health care for the obese costs the United States an additional $147 billion dollars annually and you've got a recipe for physical and fiscal failure.

A 2008 Pinellas County Schools study showed a direct relationship between a student's FCAT scores and the results of his or her FitnessGram, a series of six tests that determines overall health-related fitness as opposed to athletic ability. The higher the number of FitnessGram tests the students pass, the higher the academic testing score. The Pinellas results are not unique; study after study nationwide has revealed a direct connection between a regular PE program and learning ability, classroom behavior, and test scores. Simply put, kids who are physically active perform better academically.

And yet the number of mandatory PE classes has dropped across the state since the mid-1990s, when Florida's education system began focusing on standardized test scores.

The remedies are relatively simple and low cost, especially when compared to the expense of treating obesity. The Pinellas County School District will be joining with the American Heart Association during the upcoming legislative session to work for the passage of laws that will increase physical education in elementary and middle schools. Additionally, we will work for increased opportunities for children to play by forming joint use agreements that will allow families extended use of school playgrounds and fields after school and on weekends.

By providing such opportunities for children to stay fit, we'll be better situated to get a handle on the problem of obesity and the costs associated with it. At the same time, the increase in cognitive abilities enjoyed by those who exercise will result in improved academic performance.

I would encourage all Pinellas County citizens to stand with the school district and the American Heart Association by encouraging your elected representatives to vote to provide quality PE classes and to champion joint use agreements. These simple solutions will help us improve student achievement, lower health costs, and most important, ensure that our children will live healthy lives.

Peggy Johns
Supervisor, Pre-K-12 Health Education for Pinellas County Schools, American Heart Association Volunteer
Florida PTA Lifetime Member

PTA RESOLUTION ON NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD OBESITY (2004)

Whereas, The need to promote healthy eating among young people has intensified in recent years due to the growing national epidemic of obesity; and

Whereas, Obesity contributes to cardiovascular disease, stroke, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, Type 2 diabetes has risen by 33 percent in children between the ages of 6 and 11; and

Whereas, School districts are not required to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National School Lunch Program, many schools offer lunch choices that are high in fat, sodium, and/or sugar; and

Whereas, Foods sold to students in vending machines, school stores, and in the school cafeteria should be attractive and expand the variety of healthy choices available with a limit on calories from total fat, saturated fat, and little or no processing or additives; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent organizations promote the importance of healthy eating among children and youth to combat the growing national epidemic of childhood obesity; and be it further

Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent organizations support the inclusion of parents, community and health specialists along with educators and administrators when determining whether or not vending machines should be allowed on the school grounds and, if so, also be involved in deciding the types of products allowed within those machines and the use of proceeds garnered.
COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL SHARES THE LOVE

Several years ago, Countryside High PTSA initiated Share the Love, a project where faculty, staff, students and our school partners-in-education collect new or gently used stuffed animals. Every year Countryside is able to donate hundreds and hundreds of these cuddly toys to Help A Child, a division of the Suncoast Center, Inc. where children who are interviewed during abuse investigations have something comforting to hold on to. Help A Child promotes safe, healthy children and families by providing specialized services to identify and prevent abuse. See http://www.helpachild.org for more information about this great child advocacy partner organization.

Thanks to Countryside PTSA, outstanding volunteer Susan Blondell who coordinates this project, and to the entire Countryside High School community who have kept this tradition of love and excellent community service partnership going over the years.

Jane J. Hussar
Family and Community Relations
Countryside High School

DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PAY IT FORWARD
Students & Faculty Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness

Students at Dunedin High School participated in a week of good deeds that will carry through to the rest of the year and go beyond to the local community, thanks to a host of activities that Dunedin High School PTSA sponsored in support of Random Acts of Kindness Week (February 14-20), also part of the PTSA Take Your Family to School Week.

According to Reuben Hepburn, DHS Principal, “Random Acts of Kindness Week ties directly to our school mission of preparing our students for postsecondary opportunities and helping them to develop integrity, respect and social responsibility.” “Based on the caliber of students at Dunedin High School, I think this will be the start of something that will continue throughout the year and beyond,” adds PTSA President Tricia Colin, who initiated the project and coordinated activities for Random Acts of Kindness Week at the school.

Dunedin High School continues to accept donations of clothing and school supplies. The faculty selected students who perform random acts of kindness or good deeds, and nominated students for special awards. The school invited the community to participate as a way to further encourage acts of kindness and good deeds, by using a “Make A Difference Drive Thru” letter for use at coffee shops, gas stations, and fast food drive-thrus or wherever students want to help others by paying for someone else’s order. And, as a follow-up to a recent Bullying Conference that was held at Dunedin High School, student leaders from other schools were invited to participate in additional training during the week.

Laurie Gammill
Jamerson Elementary PTA President

Jamerson Elementary, Center for Mathematics and Engineering in St. Petersburg, was officially named "A Cool School" by Fox 13 News. Students and Staff showed their school spirit, gave demonstrations of the hands-on/minds-on learning at Jamerson and PTA encouraged parents to come and take a look at what makes this Countywide Magnet School "cool"!

Pictured are Christina Resing, Susan Blondell, Sue Reitmeyer

>>> See DUNEDIN PTSA p.
BECOME A PINELLAS COUNTY COUNCIL PTA FACEBOOK FAN AND YOU COULD WIN A KINDLE E-READER!

Do you "LIKE" PCCPTA? If you do, you could win a Kindle wifi! It's as simple as a click of your mouse and a quick email to enter. Go to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pccpta) and click "Like". Next, email your name and email address to pccptasweepstakes@gmail.com to submit an entry.

RULES Summary:
1. No one under 18 is permitted (by Facebook) to enter the sweepstakes.
2. You must “LIKE” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pccpta and then email your name and email address to pccptasweepstakes@gmail.com to submit an entry.
3. All fans of our PCCPTA Facebook page will be eligible to enter with the exception of PCCPTA board members and committee chairs.
4. Weekly winners of $10 gift cards will be notified on Mondays starting March 14th through April 11th via Facebook and/or email.
5. The Grand Prize winner of the KINDLE wifi will be drawn randomly and announced at the April 21st General Meeting of PCCPTA at the Administration Building in Largo, FL. You do NOT have to be present to win.
6. ALL Facebook fans of the PCCPTA page that enter the contest will be entered into the RANDOM drawing to be conducted on April 21st, 2011 prior to the meeting.
7. This promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Facebook. You are providing your information to Pinellas County Council of PTAs/PTSAs and not to Facebook. The information you provide will only be used for communications of events, news, and alerts from PCCPTA.

Friday night, Dunedin High School PTSA hosted a Free Dinner and a Movie (Pay It Forward) to further inspire action of Random Acts of Kindness to extend beyond our campus and into the community and the world. Following the movie, nominees and winners were awarded certificates for their random acts of kindness. There was a great response by the local community.

Dunedin High School’s Random Acts of Kindness Week culminated on Saturday, Feb. 19th, rallying around Rick Wallace, who is dually enrolled at Dunedin High School and St. Petersburg College, for his Eagle Scout Project. He coordinated the efforts to build a shed for The Garden Club of Dunedin, located on Virginia Avenue behind Fire Station #61.

Tricia Colin, President of Dunedin High School PTSA hopes that this week of activities and excitement about doing Random Acts of Kindness will carry on and make the entire world a better place. PTSA is the advocate for students, teachers and the community.

Tricia Colin
Dunedin High School PTSA | President

SAVE THE DATE

Florida PTA
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75th Annual FPTA Leadership/Convention
Tarpon Springs, FL
July 15 - 17, 2011

Come join us for training classes for your PTA local unit officers and chairmen, roundtable discussions, and "Hot Topic" speakers. General meetings will cover any bylaws changes and new resolutions brought forward from the membership. A Scholarship Fund dinner is also being planned. Put these important dates on your calendar.
Florida PTA will be hosting the 2011 PTA National Convention in Orlando (Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort) in June. As the host state, we want to make the best impression possible. In order to do that, we are asking that each Florida PTA member who is able, volunteer some time during the convention to help fill needs to make the convention the best ever.

**Free Non-voting registration will be available for volunteers. (Requirements: up to 3 hours of your time each day)**

Be sure to let us know your availability during the convention. We would like to know if you want to work directly with people such as: greeting or registration or behind the scenes such as: stuffing bags or be in a classroom handing out papers. It would also be helpful to know if you volunteered at a PTA National Convention before and what you did, like the E Learning lab, PTA store, etc.). You will be notified in advance of the convention to let you know where the Volunteer Hospitality room will be so you can sign in with us. Thank you for all that you do for the children of Florida. (PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION).

Name: __________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ ZIP: ____________________________
Email Address (REQUIRED): _______________________________________
Contact Telephone: ___________________________ Cell # during Convention: _______________________________
Emergency Contact: ____________________________________________
Emergency Contact Phone #: ______________________________________
County: ___________________________ Name of PTA: _______________________
First timer: Yes or No (circle) What have you done before and would like to do again.
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Hours available on these days (between 7am – 7 pm)
Thursday: ___________________________ Friday: _____________________________
Saturday: ___________________________ Sunday: ____________________________

Please complete the form and email to: mindyhaaspta@comcast.net or mail to:
Mindy Haas/ Florida PTA
9580 Everglades Park Lane
Boca Raton, FL 33428
Deadline to register to volunteer: March 18, 2011
PCCPTA MEETING AND EVENTS

For more information on these events check our website at www.pccpta.org

Fri, Feb 4 -- Deadline for Florida PTA/PTSA Scholarship Applications

Thu, Feb 17, 7:00 pm (hospitality at 6:15) – PCCPTA General Meeting & Founders Day Celebration
Sunset Hills Elementary, 1347 Gulf Road, Tarpon Springs

Sat, Feb 19, 10:00 am – PCCPTA Health & Safety Fair
Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo

Tue, Mar 1 - 6:00pm - Carwise Middle hosts Rep. Peter Nehr,

Thu, Mar 3, 7:00 pm - Prescription Drug Abuse in Pinellas County Town Hall Meeting Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Wed, Mar 9, 12:00pm - Clothes to Kids Fundraiser at the Coliseum in St. Petersburg, FL

Thu, Mar 17, 7:00pm - (hospitality at 6:15) PCCPTA General Meeting at John Hopkins Middle School - 701 16 Street South St Petersburg, FL

Mar 23, 24 - Rally in Tally (check website for more info)

Thu, Apr 21, 7:00pm - (hospitality at 6:15) PCCPTA General Meeting PCS Admin Building - 301 Fourth St. SW Largo, FL

Sat, Apr 30 - PCCPTA Awards Deadline (see page 10)