

CTPTA NEWSLETTER



Reflections 2009—Has your PTA started?

The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance a quality arts education and provides opportunities for students to express themselves artistically and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which include art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage). In its 40-year history, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents.

Students participate in the Reflections Program by submitting entries to their local PTA or PTSA. Any PTA/PTSA in good standing is eligible to sponsor a Reflections Program. All first place winners are then sent on to the CT State PTA office where they are judged against all first place entries in the state. A full explanation of the program is on our website and all forms needed to get this up and running in your school can be found there. For questions please contact the state office. We can help you get this started if you have not already done so.

Reflections Theme for 2009

“Beauty Is”

What Is Beauty
To You?



Make REFLECTIONS a part of your
PTA /PTSA this year!

**All Forms needed to proceed with
Reflections this year are on our website:**

www.ctpta.org

Questions?

Call our office 203-281-6617

All PTA's/PTSA should be up and running!

Please remember to send in your
dues on a monthly basis.

Remember,

Membership is open all year- always ask
someone new to join your PTA!

Reminder----- Insurance Renewals were mailed out.

Did you receive Yours????



If your PTA is not insured, contact the state office. It is not required that you purchase Insurance from us, (although we do have good rates), but it is mandatory that all units carry Insurance. For more information call us at 203-281-6617. Renewals were mailed to PTA /PTSA Presidents.

HOT TOPICS

Workshops

CT PTA has Free Training for all Board Members. Workshops held at the State office, sign up today by calling 203-281-6617 or visit our website at www.ctpta.org to register for any or all workshops!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 21, 2009 - Fundraising 101 - How the new IRS regulation of only 5 major fundraisers affect you're PTA
- November 4, 2009 - Student Involvement
- December 2, 2009 - Special Education - Know your rights
- January 6, 2010 - Nominations and Elections
- February 4, 2010 - How to write Bylaws (bring your old bylaws)
- March 10, 2010 - Grant Writing



PTA works hard to celebrate the dedication and hard work of teachers. Did you know that teachers:

- * Spend approximately one-third of their salary on resources for their classrooms... half in their first year,
- * Teach the language of thought, morals, values, socially accepted behavior, social interaction, government systems, legal systems, and independence,
- * Spend tens of thousands of hours each year to make sure that 30 children receive the highest quality education possible,
- * Spend more hours on work-related tasks than any other profession... even the ones with 12-hour shifts,
- * Want a simple thank you most of all?

Teacher Appreciation Week honors the dedicated men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating children. PTA events on the national, state and local level are part of a national effort to recognize the outstanding contributions teachers make. Teacher Appreciation Week 2010 will be May 3-7. Plan on hosting a Teacher appreciation Week event in your school or community.

*Is your PTSA Hosting a Teacher?
Appreciation Week?*



NEWS FOR OUR VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP- *HOLLY GOODWIN*

Did you know that you could customize your own PTA Logo for letters and flyers...?

Just go to www.pta.org and click on the Running a PTA Tab...this will take you to a host of great downloads to help you market your PTA....

For Example

How to Make Your Own Custom PTA/PTSA logo

To customize these logos for your PTA or PTSA, click on text box and type over "Type Your Name Here" Please note: because the text box and logo are separate graphics, they cannot be sized as a single graphic unit. Therefore, three different sizes of logos are provided.

Use only **Arial Black** font to type your PTA name. You can cut and paste entire text box into other documents. The text box containing your name and logo has been formatted to have copy automatically wrap around it in a document.

Clover Elementary School



SAMPLES

ABC Middle School



PTA Magazine

The online edition of *Our Children*, the PTA national magazine, focuses on parents' needs. Parents have clearly expressed the desire to get the information relevant to their lives in a quick-read, online format. PTA delivers to the web the same high-quality, relevant articles found in the print magazine. Enjoy these **exclusive** *Our Children* articles and tap into our library for more.

**National PTA® is proud to announce
a strategic partnership with *Parenting*,
the nation's premier magazine for moms!**

Parenting introduced ***Parenting School Years***, a new edition of its magazine, to help moms of school-age kid's deal with the complex issues families face once their children start school.

Parenting is partnering with PTA to serve as the **national media sponsor of Reflections**, and will feature the program in *Parenting School Years* and online at Parenting.com throughout its 40th anniversary year. Be sure to pick up the November issue to review the article on arts in education, featuring Reflections, which will hit newsstands at Barnes & Noble on October 13th. *Parenting* has also created an online gallery that features Reflections entries from across the country, which can be viewed, along with the November issue article, at Parenting.com/PTA.

Parenting is offering PTA members an **exclusive discounted subscription rate** for *Parenting School Years*: **11 issues for \$9.97** – a savings of 77% off the cover price! For every PTA member who subscribes, *Parenting* will donate \$1 to support National PTA.

Driven by the role parents like you play in creating positive change in our nation's schools, *Parenting* also launched an initiative to celebrate and connect moms advocating for education reform, **Mom Congress™ on Education and Learning**. *Parenting School Years* will highlight moms who have made a difference, so visit Parenting.com/momcongress to become a member and share your story!



October Happenings

- October 21- FREE Training at your State Office- Fundraising. Get all of your answers to all of your fundraising questions.
- Membership Enrollment Month
- Insurance Renewals were sent out. Make sure you PTA is insured. If you have questions, call us, we will be glad to help.
- Federal tax form 990 due



Clocks back one hour on October 31st!!

Annual Connecticut State PTA Convention
April 8- April 9, 2010
Trumbul Marriott