

# COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs

*every child. one voice*

September – October, 2017

Issue 1

[www.HCCPTAs.org](http://www.HCCPTAs.org)

September 27 HCC Executive Luncheon  
*at Receptions*

3302 Westbourne Rd, 45248

We will honor Council's Outstanding Educator  
and recognize any units who have already  
achieved 100% Teacher Membership

Program begins at 11:30 a.m.

(There is a reservation form on the last page of  
this newsletter that can be removed and mailed  
in)

October 18 HCC Program  
10 a.m. at the HCESC

**Program: State Board of Education Update**  
**Speaker: Pat Bruns, Board Member**

As voting members of Council, it is the  
responsibility of the unit delegate and/or  
alternate delegate to attend Council General  
Meetings. However, Council programs are  
open to anyone from your unit, so please come  
join us.

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

**Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!**

My name is Meg Ringel and I am the new Hamilton County Council of PTAs' President. I have two children who attend school in the Southwest Local School District. I was the Council Recording Secretary for the last two years and have stepped up to this new and exciting role. I hope to help everyone access the information needed in the running of their PTAs. I look forward to working with everyone during this coming PTA year.

Units will be receiving the new Council Handbook at the Executive Luncheon with all of your Council members' names and addresses. Please join us throughout the year at the various Council events and don't hesitate to call on us if you have questions or would like training in a specific area.

Meg Ringel, President, [megringel73@gmail.com](mailto:megringel73@gmail.com)

*COUNCIL MESSAGES' GAMES ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER FUN YEAR*

Don't forget to look for a game in each newsletter. Complete the game and bring your results to the general meeting for a chance to win a prize.

*Sue Hummer HCC Founders' Day Service Project for 2016-2017 was the Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank. Council wishes to extend an apology to Oakdale Elementary for mistakenly leaving their name off of the donation recognition list printed in last May's Council Messages. We thank them for their generous donation of diapers and money.*

*The Sue Hummer HCC Founders' Day Service Project for 2017-2018* will be announced by the October General Meeting. We hope all our units will once again make the project a success.



## **EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR TIME IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER**

Your Area Advisor will receive the nomination form and an instruction letter at Council's October 11th board meeting. Presidents, as soon as you get your packet of information from your Area Advisor, start your process for selecting your school's nominee. Get your committee together, solicit nominations from parents, staff and students, make your selection and then submit your nominee to your Area Advisor. Please check with your Area Advisor for any additional directions. Each of our five school districts will submit one nominee to Council to be their district's Educator of the Year. How your **school district** selects the district nominee is determined by your Area Advisor. The nominations are due back to Council by March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018; *however*, your Area Advisor may set an earlier deadline to be turned in at the district level. Each district educator will be honored at the Hamilton County Council of PTAs' Evening Dessert Meeting, April 18, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact either your Area Advisor or myself. Good Luck!

Linda Day, Outstanding Council Educator Chairman

## *NPTA Reflections Program Theme for 2017-2018*

### *"Within Reach"*

The NPTA Reflections Program encourages children, Preschool/kindergarten through Grade 12 to give imaginative expression in the areas of literature, music composition, photography, visual arts, video/film production, and dance choreography. Participation begins at the local level with each district developing its own local procedures/timetables in accordance with the **National PTA rules**.

All local entries advancing to HCC will be displayed **on February 21, 2018** at the **Founders' Day Program**, from 9-10 am and that evening at the **Reflections Open House** from 6:30- 8:30 pm at the HCESC.

HCC entries that win or receive honorable mention at the Ohio PTA level will be recognized at **Council's Evening Dessert Meeting on April 18, 2018**. Ohio PTA displays its winning entries during the OPTA Spring Convention in April and the National PTA winners are displayed as part of the National PTA Reflections Program's Traveling Exhibit. All students are encouraged to participate. *Entries maybe completed at home or in the classroom setting*. Each student has to complete his/her project independently. Please refer to the OPTA website for complete information.

Any questions, please contact your unit Reflections Chairperson, your district Area Advisor or Council's Reflections Coordinator, Kathie Smith, 509-9225, [klsmith@sibeycline.com](mailto:klsmith@sibeycline.com)

## ***OCTOBER COUNCIL GAME*** **HALLOWEEN/CHILD SAFETY**

Match the word/words below with their safety tip. Come to the October General Meeting, participate in the game and enter for a chance to win a nice prize.

1. Make sure your children know their phone number including \_\_\_\_\_.
2. All carried costume props should be made of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If a child is wearing a mask, make sure the \_\_\_\_\_ are big enough for them to see out.
4. Keep candle-lit \_\_\_\_\_ out of the reach of small children.
5. Teach children to look in \_\_\_\_\_ directions when crossing the street and obey all traffic signals.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is never cool.
7. Costumes for young children should always be \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Teach children if they drop something near the bus they should \_\_\_\_\_ before trying to pick it up.
9. Candy should always be \_\_\_\_\_ by a grownup before eaten.
10. To make sure children are seen at night by drivers they should carry a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. An \_\_\_\_\_ should always try to accompany the trick-or-treaters or they should go in groups.
12. Drive \_\_\_\_\_ the posted speed limit in residential areas during trick-or-treating hours.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway as they may be dropping off children.
14. If you are handing out treats, make sure the walk areas and stairs are \_\_\_\_\_ and free of obstacles.
15. Have a special \_\_\_\_\_ known only to you and your child in case of emergencies.
16. Teach children to never go in to a \_\_\_\_\_ house or off somewhere with them.

below	flashlight or light stick	code word	jack-o-lanterns
well-lit	do not pass	flexible plastic	adult
checked	stranger's	tell the driver	eye holes
both	area code	vandalism	flame retardant



### ***Council Ways & Means***

Don't miss out on a chance to say thank you, thinking of you, or just saying "hi. Hamilton County Council of PTAs' is once again providing beautiful note cards made from winning Reflections Art and Photography entries from the 2016-2017 program. And you can't beat the deal. A pack of 8 white note cards with one winning entry in color on the front of each and 8 envelopes for only \$6. Note cards are for those times when you really should 'say it' with a personally written note instead of a text or email.

Also look for Council's great selection of other items. The very useful "*Life Made Simple*" book with its great ideas on how to make our lives of volunteering just a little less hectic, along with our great selection of pins, earrings, and key chains – always a nice way of saying "thanks." These items are not just for PTA people, they can be used as gifts for anyone. There are also PTA board position pins.

Contact Lori Mueller, Ways & Means Chairman for information at: [lmuellet@fuse.net](mailto:lmuellet@fuse.net) or 513-367-1069.

And be sure to look for her table by the front door at the Executive Luncheon in September.

*And speaking of these beautiful note cards....* Council is looking for someone to take over the project of having the note cards made each year. This is NOT an all year project. It would entail photographing the art and photograph entries in January and then in April or May make sure the cards get printed for the next school year's sale. If you think this might be something you are interested in or would like more information, please contact Council President Meg Ringel, 513-896-0315 megringel73@gmail.com

## *RESPONSIBILITIES of the DELEGATE and ALTERNATE DELEGATE*

Each PTA unit should elect a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate to Council.

Their responsibilities are to:

- Attend all general meetings of Hamilton County Council.
- Share with Council information from their unit.
- Report at each unit meeting the business of Council
  - Share any information from programs Council provided
  - Advise their unit of any pending votes to be taken at Council and determine how their unit wishes them to vote. Delegates/Alt. Delegates are voting members of Council and should be voting the wishes of their unit.
  - Report any actions taken by Council.
- Suggest Council programs that might be of interest to their local unit.
- Put announcements of Council activities in their unit's newsletter and promote these activities.
- Take care of reservations for Council events in accordance with the unit's Bylaws/Standing Rules.
- Keep a procedure book as a guide for future delegates.

### **NOTE TO ALL UNIT PRESIDENTS**

Your unit Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Membership and Reflections Chair, and Treasurer should be receiving Council Messages. There are 5 issues per year, Sept/Oct; Nov/Dec; Jan/Feb; March/April; and May. If they did not receive the Sept/Oct issue then I do not have their name and/or their mailing address. Please check with them and if they did not receive this issue please send their information to Council through your Area Advisor or to me, Linda Day, Council Messages Editor (address listed in the Council Handbook.)

### **CANCELLATION/DELAY POLICY**

HCC Meetings are:---cancelled if 3 or more member school districts are cancelled, including evening meetings if evening events are cancelled.

----delayed by 30 minutes (10:30 start) if 3 or more member school districts have 2 hour delays.



LET'S GET TOGETHER

AT

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL  
EXECUTIVE LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 @ 11:30 A.M.

(Doors open at 11:00. Meeting at 11:30. Lunch served at 12:00)

RECEPTIONS

3302 Westbourne Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248

Please join HCC PTA for a wonderful lunch and a great opportunity to interact with peers and associates from your own and other school districts. You will receive the Council Yearbook which contains a variety of information about what's available through your Council, a calendar of meetings and programs, contact information for your Council officers, and contact information of members in other school districts.

We will honor the Outstanding Council Educator of the Year. This person was chosen from the 5 district Educator of the Year nominees for 2016-2017. We will also recognize any units that have already achieved 100% Teacher Membership.

Please fill out and send in the form below by **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. **THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE WALK-INS.** Please understand that this is a catered luncheon and the caterer needs a firm count. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**Everyone is invited.**

.....  
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs**

**SEND RESERVATION FORM & PAYMENT TO:** Jan Hunter  
2573 Country Lake Dr.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45233 jch8387@hotmail.com

COST: \$ 15.00/per person \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ PTA Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ PTA Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ PTA Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School District Position: \_\_\_\_\_