

COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs

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REMINDER—NEW MEETING LOCATION

Due to construction at the Hamilton County Educational Service Center (HCESC) the October, November, January, February and March General Meetings will be held at the **Monfort Heights Library**, 9825 West Fork Rd.45247, in their meeting room.

*****FIRST MEETING:** August 28 10:00am **Program: PTA 101 – Starting off the new school year**

The rest of the meeting dates are listed on the second page of this newsletter.

September 25 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 16 General Meeting
10 a.m. at the Monfort Heights Library

Program: will be announced at the Executive Luncheon

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.



Council is in need of a Reflections Chairperson!!!!

The job is not as overwhelming as it might sound. This is not a busy every month position. After reviewing the NPTA Reflections information, you should touch base with district Area Advisors encouraging their units' participation. In December you receive the entries from the districts via the Area Advisors and send them to the judges for the Council level competition. Following the OPTA due date guidelines, you make sure the entries get to state for the state level competition. In February you notify the Council level winners and with Council's help, set up the display for the Council Open House and Founders Day programs. In March/April OPTA will send you a list of the state winners. You notify the state winners, order trophies and present them to the winners/honorable mentions at Council's Evening Dessert Program. After judging at each level you return the non-winning entries via the Area Advisors. You are responsible for keeping track of all entries that come to Council, go to State and go to National and their return. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Meg Ringel, Council President 513-896-0315, megringel73@gmail.com

NPTA Reflections Program Theme for 2019-2020 "Look within"

2019-2020 HCC GENERAL MEETING

August 28	10:00am General Meeting Program: PTA 101 – Starting off the new school year	Monfort Heights Library
September 25 Note: fourth Wednesday	11:30am Executive Luncheon	Receptions
October 16th	10:00am General Meeting Program: TBA	Monfort Heights Library
November 20th	10:00am General Meeting Program: TBA	Monfort Heights Library
January 15 th	10:00am General Meeting Program: TBA	Monfort Heights Library
February 19 th	10:00AM Founders Day Program	Monfort Heights Library
February 20 th	Reflections Open House 5-7pm	Monfort Heights Library
March 11th Note: second Wednesday	10:00am General Meeting Program: TBA	Monfort Heights Library
March 10-11	NPTA Legislative Conference	Alexandria, VA
April	Ohio PTA Convention	Columbus
April 22 nd Note: fourth Wednesday	7:00pm Evening Dessert Program	Rapid Run Middle School Host: Oak Hills School Dist.

If the Delegate or Alternate Delegate is unable to attend, please make sure your unit is represented and their voice is heard by having a representative attend the General Meetings. And of course anyone else interested in attending is always welcome.

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Hello and welcome back to another exciting school year. I hope you had a great summer and you are ready to get your membership drives underway.

A great way to get back into the swing of things is to have a membership table at all upcoming school functions. Make sure to reach out to friends, family, local businesses and publicize it on school websites and in the school newsletters.

As you gain membership throughout the year, be sure to check out the Ohio PTA website for information about incentive unit awards that you can earn from the state. These awards will be publicized on Ohio PTA social media as well as the PTA convention in April 2020.

Here at the local level (HCC) we give out “100% Teacher Awards” beginning at our Executive Luncheon on September 25, 2019. To receive this award at the luncheon your unit needs to gain 100% Teacher membership by **September 20, 2019**. If you don’t make this achievement by the luncheon, don’t worry, we will continue to recognize unit’s with 100% Teacher membership at our other general meetings throughout the school year. Please email me as soon as your unit reaches this achievement so I can recognize your unit with this award or if you have any membership questions.

Have a great beginning of the year and see you in September!!!

Ericia Perkins, Membership Chair eperkins0323@gmail.com



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 9th 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 4, 2020; *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 22, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact either your Area Advisor or myself.

Linda Day, Outstanding Council Educator Chairman

COUNCIL MESSAGES' GAMES ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER FUN YEAR

Please read this article, I think you will find it fun and knowledgeable, and then complete the game elsewhere in this newsletter. Please bring your results to the general meeting in August for a chance to win a prize.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOLAROUND THE WORLD

By the time you read this article many of our students will have returned to school and families will have celebrated their own First Day of School Traditions. Maybe your family celebrated with the buying of a new first day outfit or a backpack and lunch box. Some parents make a special breakfast or write a special note and put it in their child's lunchbox. And of course the many art gallery-worthy photos taken and sent to family and friends via technology that couldn't be there. Children and parents around the world get excited about the first day of school with different cultures celebrating in fun and unique ways. I thought you might like to see what other countries do as they send their kids off to school.

Bulgaria – the whole town turns out for the first day of a new school year. There is singing, dancing, speeches, poetry readings, and food.

England – while there are no particular customs/traditions many of the schools in the United Kingdom have teacher home visits for first time students. The home visits help to build a link between school and home -parent and teacher- and gives the parent an opportunity to ask questions about any worries or concerns they may have.

Germany/Austria – kids receive a 'schuletete' (school bag) but there is a twist. The school bag is actually a cone-shaped package filled with school supplies, small toys and delicious sweets. They are usually home-made and can be as big as the child.

Holland – children arrive to school sitting in a large box attached to a bakfiesen (cargo bike.) It is an eco-friendly and a favorite way to transport children to school and other activities.

India – on Praveshanotsavam (Admission Day) gifts are swapped in celebration of the first day. Since the school year begins during the monsoon season a common gift is an umbrella.

Italy – kids wear a new grembiule (work smock) over their clothes. They are blue and sometimes parents personalize it for their child.

Japan – a child's first day of school lunch is rice with seaweed sauce and quail eggs. This lunch is thought to bring good luck throughout the school year.

Russia – the first day, on Sept. 1, is called the "Day of Knowledge." Children give colorful, fresh flowers to their teachers and receive balloons in return.

Saudi Arabia – there is a big 3 day celebration for first time students with teachers bringing flowers and food. This gives the new student a chance to make friends and get use to everything.

Whatever you did or might be getting ready to do, I know you will cherish the fond memories you are making!

Linda Day, Council Messages Editor

The Sue Hummer HCC Founders' Day Service Project for 2019-2020 will be announced at the October General Meeting. We hope all our units will once again make the new project as successful as our previous projects have been.

AUGUST COUNCIL GAME

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Answer the questions below and bring your answers to the August 28 General Meeting, where you can participate in the game and enter for a chance to win a nice prize.

1. What US 'tradition' is probably done by most parents on the first day? _____
2. Where "first days" in the US are shared mostly with family, what makes the celebration in Bulgaria different?

3. What do many teachers in England do for new students? _____
4. What shape is the school bag Germany? _____
5. How does the arrival to school of students in Holland differ from those in America? _____
6. What is the most common first day of school gift in India and why? _____
7. What does the lunch consist of for a Japanese student on their first day? _____
8. Russian students bring their teachers flowers and get what in return? _____
9. What is the reason for the big 3 day celebration in Saudi Arabia for first time students? _____
10. What is one of your families first day of school traditions?

NOTE TO ALL UNIT PRESIDENTS

Beside yourself 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.)

ALSO: If your issue came to the school addressed as PTA President, then I do not have your name or your address either.

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



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HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL EXECUTIVE LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 @ 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 2018-2019. We will also recognize any units that have already achieved 100% Teacher Membership.

Please fill out and send in the form below by **September 16th**. **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!

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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 _____

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