

“T.E.A.M. Together Everyone Achieves More.”

Come join the Team!

In just a couple of months, the Illinois PTA Convention will be here! The fun starts the afternoon of Thursday March 8th with some Pre-Convention Workshops, the convention on Friday and Saturday, and then our Reflections Event Sunday, March 11th. The convention is at the same location as last year, Chicago Marriot Schaumburg in Schaumburg. This edition of the Illinois



PTA BULLETIN is your guide to all the great things that will be coming your way when you and your delegates join us for the 110th Annual Illinois PTA Convention. Use this BULLETIN to plan your time with us and then make sure to share this information with your board and your membership.

Going to the convention is definitely an appropriate use of PTA funds. We offer training and education for PTA delegates and a great “one-stop shopping” location for everything. Workshops will be offered in a variety of areas, from presidents to treasurer, advocacy to membership, and there will be many outside agencies covering current issues that we, as parents and teachers, face in the raising and educating of our children. Otha Thornton, President-Elect from National PTA, will provide a workshop, as well as bring greetings from National PTA. We are still confirming a few local and State VIPs for this year’s convention, so watch for more information on our web site, www.illinoispta.org and future bulletins.

Each year, we read the evaluations and try to improve convention. This year we will be trying to take care of all of our PTA business in just one General Session so that there is more time for other events. Illinois PTA is your association and we are here to serve you by providing this great opportunity to receive training, network with others, and take back wonderful ideas in programs and services to your PTA community.

Whether I am talking to first timers or seasoned conventioners, they are always glad they came. And don’t worry; I’m not planning on taking my shirt off this year! Don’t know what I’m talking about? If you were at last year’s convention, you would.

Hope to see you there!

Bruce

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110th Annual Illinois PTA Convention

March 09 – 10, 2012

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Illinois PTA 110th Annual Convention

March 9 – 10, 2012

T.E.A.M. PTA – Together Everyone Achieves More!

by Michele Sheppard
General Arrangements Coordinator

Chicago Marriott Schaumburg is the place to be for **Illinois PTA's 110th Annual Convention!** Illinois PTA is planning an event filled with programs, presentations, workshops, and exhibits intended to provide your PTA with the necessary tools to achieve more. PTA Convention is an annual tradition with the opportunity to gather with delegates from throughout the state to exchange ideas, to get reacquainted with familiar faces and establish new relationships, to enhance skills already learned, and explore many new ideas. It is an opportunity to grow personally and to inspire the leaders of tomorrow.

Convention Outline

- **Thursday** evening delegates may take advantage of pre-convention workshops including Presidents Course with an informal discussion with the Illinois PTA President, *PTA Road to Success* offered in both English and Spanish, Money Matters 101, Money Matters 201, and Making a Difference for Kids – Advocacy 101.
- **Friday** will be filled with welcomes and workshops, exhibits and displays, sharing and celebrations. The day begins with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the exhibit hall which is open to anyone... even non-registered delegates. The rest of the day is filled with three workshop sessions, a legislative lunch*, an exhibit hall reception with hors d'oeuvres and prizes, and ends with an opportunity to share ideas with other PTA members from around the state and the presentation of select PTA awards. (*Though there is no charge for this event, pre-registration is required.)
- **Saturday** features the final exhibit hall session in the morning, two workshop sessions, Region/District Caucuses, General Session, elections and a premier movie screening of *Race to Nowhere*. We are pleased to have **Otha Thornton**, *National PTA President-Elect*, participating in this year's convention. Mr. Thornton will be a workshop presenter on Saturday, a keynote speaker in the General Session and available all weekend to meet and greet the Illinois delegates. General Session includes the important business of addressing the Illinois PTA Budget, Scholarship Program and Budget, proposed changes to the Illinois PTA Bylaws, Resolutions and Legislative activities, election of the Board Development and Nominating Committee and presentation of selected PTA Awards. We count on your involvement in deciding the future of Illinois PTA.
- **Sunday**, plans are underway for the Student Celebration to recognize Reflections Award recipients beginning at 1:30pm. Reflections projects will be on display for viewing the entire weekend. Additional information on the student event will be published in future *Illinois PTA Bulletins* and on the Illinois PTA website, www.illinoispta.org.

The Marriott is close to Woodfield Mall which is Illinois' largest shopping mall under one roof, LEGOLAND, IKEA, outlet shopping, numerous and varied restaurants, and so much more. **For Hotel Reservations contact: Marriott Chicago-Schaumburg, 50 North Martingale Road — Telephone: (888) 236-2427.** See page 16 for special rates and hotel details.

Please join us so together we can achieve more for every child in Illinois by engaging with your Illinois PTA community. More information regarding Convention will be posted on the Illinois PTA website or in future editions of the *Illinois PTA Bulletin*.

The Chicago Marriott
50 N. Martingale Road
Schaumburg 60173

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The Advantages of Attending the Illinois PTA Convention

Your delegates will return from Convention with a greater knowledge of PTA and other topics that affect children and education.

They will have the opportunity to take part in decisions made at Convention by the delegates concerning legislation and resolutions presented by local units and councils.

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend workshops and PTA Courses.

The Convention will provide an occasion to talk with fellow PTA members, share successes, and come away with an increased enthusiasm for PTA and its message!

Pre-Convention Registration Fee:

1 – 2 delegates: \$80.00 / person
3 – 4 delegates: \$75.00 / person
5+ delegates: \$70.00 / person

On-Site Registration Fee:
\$100 per person

Child's registration:

1 child: \$25.00
2 children: \$40.00
3 children: \$60.00
4 or more children: \$75.00

Note: **Children must be from the same family.**

Packing for Convention

Casual or business casual attire is appropriate for most workshops and general session. Comfortable shoes are a must! Remember to pack your PTA Membership Card for delegate registration.

2012 Schedule At-A-Glance

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

Pre-Convention Warm Up

- Registration** 6:00pm – 10:00pm
- Session A** 3:30pm – 6:00pm
 Making a Difference for Kids: Advocacy 101
 PTA Money Matters 101
 PTA Road to Success
- Session B** 7:00pm – 9:30pm
 Presidents Course/Chit Chat with the Chief
 PTA Money Matters 201
 PTA Road to Success (Spanish)

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012

Game 1 – Let's hit the field!

- Registration** 8:00am – 10:00pm
- Welcome First Timers** 8:30am – 8:50am
- Reflections Showcase** Open All Day
- Exhibits** 9:00am – 11:00am
 12:30pm – 6:00pm
- First Quarter** (see details on page 5) 9:00am – 10:30am
 Art & Education Exchange Initiative
 Best Practices in Bullying Prevention (CPDU 1.5)
 How to Supercharge your PTA with Social Media
 Introduction to Money Matters (PTA University)
 Nominations and Elections
 PTA and Support for Military Families
 PTA and the Working Parent (CPDU 1.5)
- Second Quarter** (see details on page 6) . . . 11:00am – 12:30pm
 Bylaws Workshop
 Character in the Classroom (CPDU 1.5)
 Cybertraps for the Young (CPDU 1.5)
 Diversity, Inclusion, and Multiculturalism
 Grant Writing 101
 Let's Move in School Initiative (CPDU 1.5)
 Making Membership Matter
- Half Time:** Lunch Event 12:30pm – 1:30pm
 "Viewing of How to Lobby the PTA Way."
- Third Quarter** (see details on page 7) 2:00pm – 3:30pm
 Creating a PTA Community
 Effective Leadership
 Give your Child the Gift of Communication
 Grassroots Advocacy Training: Part 1 (CPDU 1.5)
 Involving Men in PTA
 PTA Publicity from A to Z
 Resolutions – What they are/Why they are Important

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012 – Game 1 continues

- Time Out** 4:00pm – 7:00pm
 Exhibitor Hall Reception till 6pm
 Dinner on your Own
- Fourth Quarter** 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 Keynote Speaker: Scott Huse
 Presentation of the Best of the Best in PTA Programs
 Presentation of MVP PTA Program Awards

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

Game 2 – Let's hit the court

- Registration** 8:00am – 2:00pm
- Reflections Showcase** Open All Day
- Exhibits** 8:00am – 11:00am
- Welcome First Timers** 8:30am – 8:50am
- First Half** (see details on page 13) 8:45am – 10:15am
 Grassroots Advocacy Training: Part 2 (CPDU 1.5)
 How Can I Grow in PTA?
 How to Work Well with Your School Board
 Inspiring Character and Confidence in Our Children:
 Part 1 (CPDU 1.5) – Teachers Only
 Making the Case for PTA Membership
 Myth Busters: Schools and Families Engaged
 The Springfield Scene
- Second Half** (see details on page 14) 11:00am – 12:30pm
 Best Practices for Boosting Parent Participation
 Cultural Competency (CPDU 1.5)
 Dangerous Behavior Trends with Adolescents (CPDU 1.5)
 Fantastic Fundraising
 Inspiring Character and Confidence in Our Children:
 Part 2 (CPDU 1.5) – Teachers Only
 It's on the Way! Common Core Standards (CPDU 1.5)
 No Child Left Inside
 Reflection Program Recap
- Region Caucus** 12:45pm – 2:15pm
- General Session** 2:30pm – 6:00pm
- Election Polls Open** 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Race to Nowhere Screening** 6:30pm – 9:30pm
 (Includes dinner, keynote, movie viewing and discussion)

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

All-Star Game

- Student Reflections Awards** 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Enjoy the Reflections Exhibit

Throughout the Convention Site!

This is a tentative convention schedule and is subject to change. All changes will be posted on the website.

2012 Workshop Line-Up

PRE-Game Warm Up

Thursday, March 8, 2012

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

- ❖ **Making a Difference for Kids: Advocacy 101** – Building an effective voice in your schools and community takes practice. Learn first-hand how you can develop a model that can be implemented at every level—local, state and national—to speak up and speak out on behalf of children and youth. Gain an understanding of the policies and positions of the PTA and how your PTA can use that information in *Making a Difference for Kids*. *Presenter: Barb Quinn, Illinois PTA Legislative Advocacy Director*
- ❖ **PTA Money Matters 101** – This course will take you through everything you will be responsible for as a PTA treasurer or President including how to prepare a budget, conduct an audit, fundraising, managing money and bank accounts, electronic banking, treasurer's financial reports, accountability to members and the government, and how to protect your 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. It is suggested that all PTA treasurers and presidents take this course, but it would be beneficial to any PTA officer.) *Presenter: Nan Tharp, Illinois PTA Treasurer*
- ❖ **PTA Road to Success** – Do you have the keys that are necessary to make your PTA the best it can be? Follow the road to success by learning about PTA policies, structures, governance and parliamentary procedure. This workshop is essential for all PTA officers and future officers. All members will learn something in this course. This course is a requirement in the Illinois PTA University Program. *Presenter: Brian Minsker, East Central Illinois Region Director*

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

- ❖ **President's Course/Chit Chat with the Chief** – The PTA President's course is designed to help make president the easiest job in the PTA. The PTA president's course covers a variety of subjects that will ensure a successful PTA experience. Attendance at the PTA presidents' course is one of the requirements for the Illinois PTA University Bachelor's Degree. This course will include a conversation with Question and Answer by the current Illinois PTA President. *Presenter: Nicole Fentem, Northwest Cook Region Director; Bruce Bohren, Illinois PTA President*
- ❖ **PTA Money Matters 201** – (Prerequisite: Money Matters 101) This course will take you in depth into some of the legal issues you may encounter as a 501(c)(3) association, including IRS audit, PTA as a contractor or employee, regulations surrounding games of chance (gaming fundraisers), corporate sponsorships, vendors, US Postal regulations, copyrights, lobbying, school tax referenda, and more. It is suggested that all PTA treasurers take this course, but it contains many legal issues that other PTA officers should be aware of. *Presenter: Nan Tharp, Illinois PTA Treasurer*
- ❖ **PTA Camino Al Exito** – Tiene usted las llaves necesarias para hacer su asociacion lo major possible? Siegue El Camino Al Exito para aprender acerca de las polizas, las estructura, la gobernanza, y el procedimiento parlamentario de la asociacion de padres y maestros. Este curso es esencial para todos los directores de la asociacion y directores futuros. Es las combinacion del Curso de informacion y el Curso Avanzado, que son requeridos para todos los PTAs. (Este curso se presentara en ingles y en espanol). *Presenter: Matthew Rodriguez, Illinois PTA Juvenile Protection Director*

Are You the "T" in PTA? Calling all Teachers/Educators!

Did you know that Illinois PTA is a certified provider for the ISBE and allows you to earn professional CPDU credits through some of our seminars and workshops! Check out some of what we will have available for our education professionals at convention:

PTA and the Working Parent

Friday, March 9 @ 9:00 am

Character in the Classroom

Friday, March 9 @ 11:00 am

Cybertraps for the Young

Friday, March 9 @ 11:00 am

Grassroot Advocacy Training

Friday, March 9 @ 2:00 pm and
Saturday, March 10 @ 9:00 am

Common Core Standards

Saturday, March 10 @ 11:00 am

Review the 2012 Schedule At-A-Glance on page 3 for all seminars and workshops that allow you to earn CPDU credits.

9:00 am – 10:30 am

- ❖ **Arts & Education Exchange Initiative** – Almost all principals and superintendents in Illinois agree that the arts are essential to a well-rounded education, yet one in five students in the state go from Kindergarten to graduation without ever learning to paint, picking up a guitar, taking a dance class, or acting in a Shakespeare play. This workshop will highlight how the exchange works and show members of the PTA how they can take action to infuse their children’s school with quality arts education. *Presenter: Ra Joy, Executive Director and Scarlett Swerdlow, Advocacy & Communications Director for Arts Alliance Illinois*
- ❖ **Best Practices in Bullying Prevention (CPDU 1.5)** – We will discuss the causes and realities of bullying, as well as best practices adults can use to intervene in and prevent bullying. Participants will learn about effective bullying prevention; what it is and what it is not; and the powerful role bystanders can have to stop bullying. *Presenter: Karin Stortz, LSW*
- ❖ **How to Supercharge Your PTA with Social Media** – Facebook, Twitter, blogs and more! Simple success strategies, best practices and cautionary tales for using Social Media and free websites to reach more parents and engage them in supporting our schools and children. A fun, hands on action-learning activity will be included if enough participants have connected smartphones or laptops. *Presenter: Karen Bantuveris, VolunteerSpot*
- ❖ **Introduction to Money Matters** – This course, originally called “Money Matters”, is an introduction to financial information for any PTA member, board member, or officer. It covers the very basics of budgeting, auditing, treasurer’s reporting, governmental reporting, record keeping and pitfalls or ethical dilemmas to be aware of. *Presenter: Nan Tharp, Illinois PTA Treasurer*
- ❖ **Nominations and Elections** – Effective leadership teams don’t just happen! They are the result of deliberate action taken to plan for the future of your PTA. Understanding the “can do and cannot do” of the nominating committee is one key ingredient to building a successful team. How to move from the nominating process to the election procedure will also be discussed. *Presenters: Barb Quinn, Illinois PTA Legislation Director; Nicole Fentem, Northwest Cook Region Director*
- ❖ **PTA and Support for Military Families (CPDU 1.5)** – Military families bring unique concerns to any school. Come learn how your PTA can effectively support military families in your schools and develop a strong community base for our military members and families. *Presenters: Ann Kondziela, Great Lakes Naval Base; Cindy Doil, Scott Air Force Base*
- ❖ **PTA and the Working Parent (CPDU 1.5)** – How to engage parents for involvement in your PTA and school. Helping more parents find reasons for saying yes to volunteering and leadership. Developing a PTA team that expands and thrives with each new year. *Presenter: Jerry Criss, Past Illinois PTA Parent Education and Involvement Chair*

Special Event Line-Up

Friday, March 9, 12:30pm—1:30pm

- Legislative Luncheon
- Viewing of “How to Lobby the PTA Way” Video

Friday, March 9, 7:00—9:00pm

- Keynote Speaker: Scott Huse
- Best of the Best in Illinois Programs Idea Swap
- Program MVP Awards Presentations

Saturday, March 10, 12:45pm—2:15pm

- Region Meetings

Friday, March 9, 4:00—6:00 pm

- Exhibitors Reception for Delegates
(Door Prizes / Special Guests)

Saturday, March 10, 2:30pm—6:00 pm

- Keynote Speaker: Otha Thornton,
National PTA President-Elect
- General Session and Business
- PTA Awards Presentations

Saturday, March 10, 6:15pm—9:30pm

- Keynote Speaker: Ellen Pritchard Dodge
- Race to Nowhere Screening, Dinner and Panel Discussion

**Don't Miss
These
MUST-See
Events!**

11:00 am – 12:30pm

- ❖ **Bylaws Workshop** – Are you unsure about how to update your PTA’s bylaws, then this is the workshop for you! The panel will cover the process of updating your PTA’s bylaws and the things to consider when doing so. If you have a question about bylaws, bring it with you, as we will be answering questions from the audience as well.
Presenters: Darcy Killigrew, IL PTA Secretary; Brian Minsker, East Central Region Director
- ❖ **Character in the Classroom** (CPDU 1.5) – Teaching our children good character helps to build a firm foundation to establish strong civic values and build good citizenship. A Promising Practice recipient program will help highlight ways to foster good character in our students today. *Presenters: Jenny Downey, Executive Director and Joni Downey, President and Founder, Characters of Character NFP, Inc*
- ❖ **Cyber traps for the Young** (CPDU 1.5) *Presenter: TBA*
- ❖ **Diversity, Inclusion, and Multiculturalism** – Many PTA leaders increasingly recognize the challenges around what is necessary to build a diverse volunteer base, work with members from differing cultural backgrounds and, in general, lead change to promote diversity within our organization. Come learn about strategies to help your PTA expand your capacity to reach out to your own diverse populations in your school community. *Presenter: Cynthia Flowers, Illinois PTA Educational Issues Director*
- ❖ **Grant Writing 101** – Come learn about grant resources for non-profits, basic information on how to formulate your grant applications, general language and rules about grants and where to find those free funds for your PTA. *Presenter: Jennifer DeFranco, Illinois PTA Membership Marketing Director*
- ❖ **Let’s Move in Schools Initiative** (CPDU 1.5) – Come find out why it is important to move in schools and how to assess if your school is participating in LMIS. The session will also look at how to talk to school staff about signing on to LMIS and producing an event the school and PTA can collaborate on and be proud of. *Presenter: Gina Parker, Let’s Move in School Initiative State Coordinator*
- ❖ **Making Membership Matter** – Learn tips to market your PTA to your parents, students, staff and community and as a result grow your membership. *Presenter: Jean Donovan, DWR Director; Kathy Gotter, Wiesbrook PTA President (100% Membership Award Winner—2010)*

Keynote Corner

Introducing some of our keynote speakers for
Convention 2012

Throughout our Convention we will have the opportunity to hear some amazing speakers on various topics. They will energize us, entertain us and guide us through our PTA game plan and show us that Together Everyone can Achieve More! Check them out here!

Scott Huse

Chief Inspirational Officer, Schools and Families Engaged

Scott is NOT perfect, which means he is full of experience! Scott is a loving son, husband, father, leader, entrepreneur and dynamic speaker. For three years, Scott led a national organization focused on increasing father involvement in schools to the tune of nearly 30,000 men volunteering thru 2007. Now, he is the Chief Inspirational Officer for Schools And Families Engaged (known as S.A.F.E. TEAM on campus). Their mission is to support family engagement and a safe-learning environment in every school so all students can achieve academic success. He is married to his Kansas City high school sweetheart and they are raising their family—one son and two daughters—in Northwest Arkansas. You can see Scott speak on Friday, March 9 at 7:00 pm.

Ellen Pritchard Dodge, M.Ed CCC-SLP

Kimochis...Toys with Feelings ®

Ellen is a recognized leader in character education and communication skills in the classroom. Ellen has published numerous books and articles, has given over 300 workshops, and teaches in public schools in Northern California where her communication curriculum won a National Character Education award. Ellen with Dr. William Pollack, author of *Real Boys*, collaborated to create classrooms that are academically and socially engaging for boys through Supporting Our Sons. Since 2008, she has been the educational director and curriculum author for Kimochis...Toys with Feelings Inside ®. You can hear Ellen’s Keynote address on Saturday, March 10 at 6:15 pm.

Game Time – 3rd Quarter

Friday, March 9, 2012

2:00 pm – 3:30pm


- ❖ **Creating a PTA Community** – Learn how to work with feeder schools and same level schools within your school district to share programming, calendar scheduling and collaboration in the hopes of limiting duplicate events and event conflicts, developing partnerships and building future leadership. *Presenter: Jean Donovan, DuPage West Region Director*
- ❖ **Effective Leadership: What does it look like and how does it work?** – Qualities and characteristics of good leadership will be discussed, with particular attention to running a meeting without getting “bogged down.” How do you see yourself in a leadership role? How do others see you in a leadership role? This is your opportunity to self-evaluate your leadership skills. Tools, tips and resources will be provided. *Presenters: Peg Staehlin, Illinois PTA President-Elect; Barb Quinn, Illinois PTA Legislative Advocacy Director*
- ❖ **Give your Child the Gift of Communication** – Raising children can be difficult and is full of emotions for both parents and child. This practical workshop will demonstrate seven (7) Keys to Communication which help parents and children build a strong, happy, and healthy connection that can handle upset emotions. Parents will leave with effective communication strategies to help their child manage their emotions. *Presenter: Ellen Pritchard Dodge M.Ed., CCC-SLP, Educational Director at Kimochis-Plushy Feely Corporation*
- ❖ **Grassroots Advocacy Training – Part 1** (CPDU 1.5) – Advocacy is the core foundation of the PTA. Come learn the basic skills needed to develop and execute a successful advocacy campaign. This workshop will cover the strategy and coalition modules of the National PTA training program. There are 5 modules to the program. *Presenter: Jennifer DeFranco, Illinois PTA Membership/Marketing Director and National PTA Advocacy Trainer*
- ❖ **Involving Men in PTA** – Ten easy strategies to involve more men in your PTA. Key techniques to engage men for leadership. Finding the right events that motivate men to become better involved as parents and PTA leaders. *Presenter: Jerry Criss, Past Illinois PTA Parent Education and Involvement Chairman*
- ❖ **PTA Publicity from A to Z** – Get ready for a fun and fast paced workshop full of publicity ideas, tools, and strategies that you can take back to your school and start using immediately. Learn how to creatively and inexpensively get the word out about your PTA, your programs, and your events. From social media to sign boards and from posters to press releases, real-world, applicable ideas will be discussed. Become the publicity pro for your PTA! *Presenter: Joan Scovic, Publicity Chair, Northwest Suburban Council PTA and Marketer for South Barrington Park District*
- ❖ **Resolutions: What they are and why they are important to PTA** – Learn the process in which resolutions are written, submitted, and adopted in PTA. Also learn what PTA does with resolutions that are submitted and how we use them to further advocacy work in Illinois. *Presenter: Lisa Garbaty, Illinois PTA Resolution Director*

Friday Night MVP Awards!

“Creating a T.E.A.M. culture in your PTA” – what does it take to create a successful environment for your PTA? Come hear dynamic keynote speaker, **Scott Huse**, lead us on a path to victory with proven solutions to our common PTA concerns. Immediately following the keynote, Scott will moderate a new segment at the Illinois PTA Convention:

Best of the Best in PTA Programs Idea Swap and MVP Awards

Join us as we learn about the best programs from across the state that are currently being used to engage families, promote juvenile justice, communicate with parents, fundraise, family event nights, membership marketing plans and more! Additionally, state awards for these areas will be awarded during this segment so plan to get your award applications in so you can accept your congratulations among the best of the best! You can plan to leave this session with multiple programs you can take back to your local units and begin using immediately! Materials will be provided on disk for all attendees to take with them and implement at their own units!



You Asked...
We delivered...
Now more time to
share ideas with
other PTAs!

STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED

2011 – 2012 AWARDS

Does your PTA:

- Bring Environmental Concerns Programs to your students?
- Focus on a Healthy School Environment?
- Publish a newsletter to get information out to your membership?
- Sponsor programs that teach kids how to deal with bullies, internet safety, physical safety, or school violence?
- Help parents deal with the day to day stresses of raising children?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then please take the time to look over the Illinois PTA Award Packet available on our website www.illinoispta.org. Complete the application and share your successes with the Illinois PTA!!

Outstanding Council

Outstanding COUNCILS will be chosen on the basis of their efforts in promoting the welfare of children and youth.

Environmental Concerns

The children of this world are very concerned about making our earth a healthy place for themselves and future generations. They ask questions, make suggestions, and initiate projects every day and their ideas are innovative and exciting. Projects do not need to be elaborate, but must involve the students in all phases of the project.

Healthy Students

Our children's health has been getting a lot of attention from our legislators and the media. Now more than ever, PTAs have a golden opportunity to impress upon their members what they can do to keep their children emotionally and physically healthy.

Hearst Awards

To better celebrate PTAs for implementing the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships, the Phoebe Apperson Hearst-National PTA Excellence in Education Partnership Award and Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification have merged to create three new levels of recognition.

Juvenile Protection and Safety

A safe environment allows children to flourish and grow free from violence, drugs, gangs, and other dangers. PTA offers resources, support and guidance, so that we can make a difference in our homes, schools and communities.

Legislation

The Legislative Partnership Award is one of the ways the Illinois PTA can recognize and applaud your efforts in Ensuring Every Child's Future by Engaging Every Child's Parents. Often, it seems as though our efforts are minimal and we are uncertain about the impact we have. This Legislative Partnership Award Application can be used as a self-evaluation tool, as a guide to planning future events, and as a means of sharing your stories with other PTAs.

Membership

100% Membership Award – one paid membership for every child enrolled in the school associated with your local unit.

Newsletter

Outstanding PTA Newsletter Awards presented in the categories of Local Unit, Council, and District.

Website

Local Units, Councils, and Districts may apply.

**We are the
Champions!**

MVP Awards Presentation

Friday, March 9, 7:00 pm

Environmental Concerns Awards
Healthy Students Awards
Juvenile Protection and Safety Awards
Newsletter Awards
Website Awards

General Session Awards

Presentation

Saturday, March 10, 2:30 pm

Legislation Awards
Outstanding Council Awards
100% Membership Awards
Hearst Awards
Illinois PTA Advocate of the Year Award

**If you don't enter,
you can't win!**

All Award Applications must be postmarked no later than February 14, 2012

You must submit a separate registration form for each person registering.

REGISTRATION FORM
 110th Annual Illinois PTA Convention
T.E.A.M. PTA: Together Everyone Achieves More!
 March 9-10, 2012

Delegate Information

Local Unit, Council or District _____

PTA District # and Region Name _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

To be a VOTING delegate at the Illinois PTA Convention, you must secure a CREDENTIAL CARD from your local unit, council or region president.

Emergency Contact Information:

Person Name/Relationship _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Please list registrant's special needs, if any:

T.E.A.M. PTA - Convention 2012

Fees and Dining Options

1-2 Delegates	\$80.00 Each	\$ _____
3-4 Delegates	\$75.00 Each	\$ _____
5+ Delegates	\$70.00 Each	\$ _____
Grand Total:		\$ _____

The following activities are all included in your registration fee but require an RSVP to ensure we have enough space and materials for all attendees. Tickets will be issued for each event and will be required as you enter.

Legislative Lunch

Friday, March 9, 12:30 pm — 1:30 pm
 I will participate
 I will not participate

Exhibitor Reception

(Appetizers will be included. Cash bar will be available.)
 Friday, March 9, 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm
 I will participate
 I will not participate

Pizza and a Movie: Race to Nowhere Movie Screening

Saturday, March 10, 6:15 pm — 9:30 pm
 I will participate
 I will not participate

Descriptions of each event can be found in the detailed program information in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

To Pay by Credit Card you must register online at www.illinoispta.org

ALL FEES MUST BE INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION
 Make Check or Money Order payable to **Illinois PTA**.
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WORKSHOP PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

In order to better guarantee correct material quantities, adequate space requirements and a great convention experience for all our delegates, we are requesting your pre-registration at convention workshops for 2012. All delegates will be pre-registered in each session that they designate below. If a session is cancelled you will have the chance to change workshop assignments on-site. If you change your mind on topics you want to attend, workshop space will be available on a first come, first serve basis at convention. Some workshops fill up quickly, so don't delay in reserving your spot!

Delegate Name: _____

Local Unit, Council or Region Name: _____

Thursday, March 8, 2012

3:30 PM — 6:00 pm

- Making a Difference for Kids: Advocacy 101
- PTA Money Matters 101
- PTA Road to Success

7:00 PM — 9:30pm

- President's Course/Chit Chat with the Chief
- PTA Money Matters 201
- PTA Road to Success (Spanish)

Friday, March 9, 2012

9:00 am—10:30 am

- Arts & Education Exchange Initiative*
- Best Practices in Bullying Prevention
- How to Supercharge your PTA with Social Media
- Introduction to Money Matters
- Nominations and Elections Nominations and Elections
- PTA and Support for Military Families
- PTA and the Working Parent*

11:00 am—12:30 pm

- Bylaws Workshop
- Character in the Classroom*
- Cybertraps for the Young*
- Diversity, Inclusion and Multiculturalism
- Grant Writing 101
- Let's Move in School Initiative*
- Making Membership Matter

2:00 pm—3:30 pm

- Creating a PTA Community
- Effective Leadership: What does it look like?
- Give Your Child the Gift of Communication
- Grassroots Advocacy Training – Part 1*
- Involving Men in PTA
- PTA Publicity from A to Z
- Resolutions: What they are and why they are important

7:00pm—9:00 pm

- Delegation Idea Swap Session:
The Best of the Best in PTA Programs
& Presentation of PTA Program Awards
- I will participate
 - I will not participate

Saturday, March 10, 2012

9:00 am—10:30 am

- Grassroots Advocacy Training – Part 2*
- How Can I Grow in PTA?
- How to Work Well with your School Board
- Inspiring Character & Confidence in our Children**
- Making the Case for PTA Membership
- Myth Busters: Schools and Families Engaged
- The Springfield Scene

11:00 am—12:30 pm

- Best Practices for Boosting Parent Participation
- Cultural Competency*
- Dangerous Behavior Trends in Adolescents*
- Fantastic Fundraising
- Inspiring Character & Confidence in our Children**
- It's on the Way! Common Core Standards*
- No Child Left Inside
- Reflections Program Recap

*CPDU Seminars/Workshop

**2 part course for Teacher/Educators only (CPDU 1.5)

You can find detailed descriptions of each workshop, including presenters, in the Program Overview throughout this publication.



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We extend to you a most cordial invitation to achieve more from your convention experience by volunteering at the 110th Annual Illinois PTA Convention!!

Like your local unit, Illinois PTA Convention relies on the time and talent of its members to assure its success. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to cultivate the skills that have been bursting at your local unit, council, or district by being an active participant at the 110th annual convention by volunteering for just one or two hours of your time.

Set the tone for your convention experience:

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Friday, March 9 through Saturday, March 10, 2012

Please complete and return the bottom portion of this form no later than Monday, February 20, to ensure yourself a place on the **Illinois PTA Volunteer Team!**

Looking forward to connecting with you in Schaumburg!

Sincerely,
Michele Sheppard
General Arrangements Coordinator

I can't wait to achieve more from my convention experience by volunteering in the following area(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Host/Hostess |



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PTA Vision

Making every child's potential a reality.

PTA Mission

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

Objects/Purposes of the 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 of this nation.

The Illinois PTA Charter Rules are:

1. To carry on constructive work for better parenthood, better homes, better schools, and better communities.
2. To refrain from all partisan and factional political activities.
3. To refuse consideration by the association of personal grievances.
4. To participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education.
5. To cooperate with the superintendent, principal, and teachers in promoting the best interest of the school and community.

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Thursday, March 8, 2012

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or even a Doctorate

PTA ROAD TO SUCCESS

PTA MONEY MATTERS

9:00 am – 10:30am

- ❖ **Grassroots Advocacy Training – Part 2** (CPDU 1.5) – You must have attended the prior segment which included the Strategy and Coalition modules in order to attend this workshop. It will bring the National PTA Advocacy training to your own backyard and teach you the needed tools to implement an effective advocacy campaign at any level. This workshop covers the following modules: Recruiting and Organizing, Media as a Tactic and Meeting with Decision Makers. *Presenter: Jennifer DeFranco, Illinois PTA Membership/Marketing Director and National PTA Advocacy Trainer*
- ❖ **How Can I grow in PTA?** – PTA is known for providing excellent leadership training that supports parents to advocate for their children and others. Have you wondered how you could develop your passion for parent advocacy and support others in a leadership capacity? Are you interested in serving on a state or national level? Do you have questions but didn't know who to ask or require a mentor? Learn where and how you can develop your talents in the PTA. *Presenters: Panel includes Illinois PTA Board Development and Nominating Committee: Debbie Scollard, Cynthia Flowers, and Bill Vest Jr.*
- ❖ **How to Work Well with your School Board** – Come learn how to effectively work with your local school board, get questions about school boards answered and find out how collaboration with PTA and your school board can benefit your local unit. *Presenters: Bruce Bohren, Illinois PTA President; Rhonda Jenkins, Illinois PTA VP of Programs; Debra Strauss, National PTA Board Member; Lyndise Morris, Illinois PTA Chicago Region Director (all panelist have served on or worked actively with their local school boards)*
- ❖ **Inspiring Character and Confidence in our Children: The Kimochis® Way (Part 1)** – CPDU (1.5) – This workshop is designed specifically for educators. A full description of this workshop is in the box to the right. It is a 2 part workshop which will provide 1.5 CPDU's for each part. Part 2 will be held from 11:00am – 12:30pm. This is a Just for Educators Course.
- ❖ **Making the Case for PTA Membership** – Come learn the personal, professional, and persuasive reasons people join PTA. Understand the importance of knowing what membership dues fund. Determine the best way to define and deliver the value of PTA to others. *Presenter: Nore Hare, National PTA Service Representative*
- ❖ **Myth Busters: Schools and Families Engaged “The Right Combination for Education”** – Two myths: 1. Every father and family member is involved. 2. It will never happen at our school. Participate in this interactive workshop focus on ALL communities, ALL grade levels and ALL types of families. What does academic success mean at your school community? What roles do active family engagement and safe-learning environments have in achieving success. The S.A.F.E. TEAM program is making a positive impact during the school day and at school-related events. *Presenter: Scott Huse, CIO at Schools and Families Engaged*
- ❖ **The Springfield Scene** – Does the legislative process in Illinois seem unfathomable to you? Here's your opportunity to see how an “idea” moves through the legislative process and becomes law, how the Illinois PTA determines which bills to “monitor”, and how we establish our position on specific pieces of legislation. Springfield “education insider,” Jim Broadway, has been invited to join us to navigate the Springfield scene. *Presenter: Barb Quinn, Illinois PTA Legislative Advocacy Director*

**Just for
Educators!**

**Inspiring Character and
Confidence in our Children...**

The Kimochis® Way!

Saturday, March 10
9:00 am — 12:30pm

Kimochi (KEY.MO.CHEE) means “feeling” in Japanese. This is a 3 hour workshop that will introduce participants to the Kimochis® Educational Toolkit, a prevention and early intervention curriculum that provides intentional instruction to teach children how to communicate their feelings effectively and make positive behavioral choices. Ellen Pritchard Dodge, M.Ed CCC-SLP, will lead a fun workshop on how to use interactive learning experiences and Kimochis®...Toys with Feelings Inside to engage children and support social emotional health and learning. Join Ellen and the Kimochis® for this groundbreaking presentation that addresses the changing needs of our children. Together we can empower children with the character and confidence to be happy and successful as we enter the 21st Century!

11:00 am – 12:30pm

- ❖ **Best Practices for Boosting Parent Participation** – Get the school year off to a great start with maximum parent participation! Success stories, best practices, and tips and traps for engaging a diverse parent population and building participation and ownership in your school community throughout the year. Session includes action-learning activity drawing from the collective wisdom of the room. *Presenter: Karen Bantuveris, VolunteerSpot*
- ❖ **Cultural Competency: “Exploring the Visible and Invisible Aspects of Culture”** – We will discuss culture and identify types of cultural groups; the features and dimensions of culture; discuss the process to becoming culturally competent and effective approaches to positive interactions with an identified cultural group. *Presenter: Otha Thornton, National Parent Teacher Association President-Elect*
- ❖ **Dangerous Behavior Trends with Adolescents (CPDU 1.5)** – A panel of experts will discuss the Choking Game, Alcohol Gummy Bears, and other dangerous trends in adolescent behavior. *Presenters: TBA*
- ❖ **Fantastic Fundraising** – Looking for “Fundraising with Heart?” Come hear about fundraising programs that can support the mission of PTA while bringing revenue to your unit. *Presenters: Anna Weselak, Past National PTA President—True Care; Lori Price, Past President at Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA—Viridian Energy; Pride Fundraising*
- ❖ **Inspiring Character and Confidence in our Children: The Kimochis® Way (Part 2)** – (CPDU 1.5) – This workshop is designed specifically for educators. You can see a full description of this workshop in the Just for Educators box on page 13. This is the second part of the workshop and would require attendance at Part 1 to take this course. This is a Just for Educators Course.
- ❖ **It’s on the Way! Common Core Standards (CPDU 1.5)** – This workshop will spark your enthusiasm and knowledge to gear-up in preparation of the 2014 Common Core Standards and the new 2014-2015 State Assessment for Illinois students. Participants will receive fun, concrete, hands-on activities so your PTA/school can host your own parent/teacher nights. *Presenters: Debra Strauss, Immediate Past-President, Illinois PTA and National PTA Board of Directors, 2011-2013; and Linda Reabe, Illinois State University Center for the Advancement and Support of Educational Initiatives*
- ❖ **No Child Left Inside** – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Education provides materials and programs for educators and others to use statewide. Additionally, there are programs that PTA’s can utilize for family activities and more! Come learn more about these fabulous resources and how you can help your school, PTA and community. *Presenters: Valerie Keener, Illinois Department of Natural Resources; Heather Miller, Illinois PTA Environmental Education Director*

Post Game Show

Join us for Dinner and a Movie

FREE TO REGISTERED DELEGATES**Saturday, March 10, 2012****6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

(includes dinner, keynote, screening, and town hall discussion following)



A concerned mother turned filmmaker aims her camera at the high-stakes, high-pressure culture that has invaded our schools and our children's lives. *Race to Nowhere* points to the silent epidemic in our schools: cheating has become commonplace; students are disengaged; stress-related illness and depression are rampant; and many young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired. *Race to Nowhere* is a call to action for families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens.

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:
\$10 per person**

This special event will be open to the public and will require online registration prior to the event. Visit

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to register or to obtain more information about this film.



General Session

**Saturday, March 10, 2012
2:30pm – 6:00pm**

YOUR DECISION! YOUR VOTE!

This is the time in the convention which enables you to speak on behalf of your local unit, council, district, and region to enable us, together, to lay the groundwork for our next year of efforts on behalf of kids. Who better to decide our future undertaking than you, those that work with the children, schools, and communities we serve.

During General Session, as a delegate:

- you will be asked to adopt policies and rules to ensure that our convention is run smoothly and with respect for all in attendance
- you decide how membership dues will be disbursed to promote our mission and purposes through the adoption of our budget
- you decide how our scholarship program will be implemented through the adoption of our scholarship budget
- you will give the State Board of Directors clear directions on our duties and responsibilities through the decisions made on bylaw amendments (see page 17)
- you will decide on how our strong voice for children will be heard during the legislative implementation of current pending bills and adoption of resolutions

Review convention information, proposed bylaw amendments, and proposed resolutions with your board prior to convention. This information can be found on our website. We are counting on you to share their perspective with us through your vote and voice during the important portion of convention.

Illinois PTA Proposed Admission Policy For Children and Youth — 2012

The Illinois PTA Annual Convention has been designed as an information and decision-making conference. For the safety and protection of the family, children and youth attending the convention, the following admission policy has been developed:

- A. All family, children/youth who are attending the convention as delegates must be registered and shall wear a badge while attending all convention activities.
- B. All family, children/youth non-delegates must be registered as registrants or non-members and shall wear a PTA badge at all times. For safety concerns, this badge will not carry the family, child/youth's name.
- C. All registrants and non-member children/youth attending the general session shall sit with delegate parent(s) or caretaker(s).
- D. All children under the age of twelve (12) are required to be supervised and accompanied by their parent(s) or caretaker(s) at all times.
- E. Parent(s) or caretaker(s) are financially responsible for any and all damages to the convention site caused by the child(ren) under their care.
- F. To ensure the safety and comfort of all convention attendees, if any child creates a disturbance, the accompanying adult will be asked, by the ushers, to remove the child.
- G. To ensure the safety and comfort of all convention attendees, no wheeled cart or stroller will be allowed in the PTA Store area or the exhibit hall.
- H. All registered family, children/youth registrants or non-members may attend exhibits and designated workshops.
- I. All children/youth registered as registrants or non-members will not receive a convention bag and materials.



Illinois PTA 110th Annual Convention Hotel Information

Chicago Marriott Schaumburg
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Schaumburg, IL 60173
847-240-0100 or 888-236-2427

RESERVATIONS:

Room Rates – \$107.00 plus tax which is currently 14%. Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out is noon. Delegates must reserve rooms by February 14, 2012 to guarantee the special rate is provided. When calling to make reservations, be sure to mention *Illinois PTA* to receive the guaranteed rate. NOTE: Payment for room and tax and all incidental charges is due in full upon check out. Payment can be made by cash, certified check, credit card, or PTA check. A limited number of rooms for guests with special needs, in accordance with ADA, are available. Please contact the hotel reservations department to confirm your arrangements.

All guestrooms offer

- Marble bathroom with Shower/Tub combination
- Bathroom amenities (Bath and Body Works)
- Hair dryer
- Chair, oversized with ottoman
- Alarm Clock Radio
- Safe, in room
- Desk, moveable, with ergonomic chair, and electrical outlet
- Iron and ironing board
- Room service
- Coffee maker / tea service
- Instant hot water Phone features: voicemail, and phone lines
- High-speed, wired, wireless and dial-up Internet, for a fee
- TV features: remote control, 32in/81cm, and LCD screen with Cable/satellite; channels include CNN, ESPN, and HBO, and pay-per-view Movies.

Additional hotel amenities:

- Hotel Fitness Center
- Indoor/Outdoor Connecting Pool
- Whirlpool

COMPLIMENTARY PARKING is available in the outdoor parking lot.

DIRECTIONS

The Chicago Marriott Schaumburg is in a great location right off Rt. 53. For driving directions, go to

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Proposed Amendments to the ILLINOIS PTA BYLAWS – 2012

I. ARTICLE VI – DIVISIONS, DISTRICTS, Section 22, d add “(that is a District shall not impose any action on the local PTA/PTSA units.)” to read:

- d. Districts shall not legislate for the local PTA/PTSA units. (that is a District shall not impose any action on the local PTA/PTSA units.)

Rationale: To clarify what legislate means.

II. ARTICLE VI – DIVISIONS, REGIONS, Section 23, c add “(that is a Region shall not impose any action on the local PTA/PTSA units.) to read:

- d. Regions shall not legislate for the local PTA/PTSA units (that is a Region shall not impose any action on the local PTA/PTSA units.)

Rationale: To clarify what legislate means.

III. ARTICLE VI – DIVISIONS, Proviso strike in it’s entirety.

Rationale: Date has passed.

IV. ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP, ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT, #Section 5 delete “chairmen” and insert “position” to read:

#Section 5.

Only a dues paying member of a local PTA/PTSA unit may be eligible for election or appointment to office or position in the Illinois PTA or any of its divisions.

Rationale: Generalizing the term to cover more options.

V. ARTICLE X – BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE insert a new Section 5 to read:

VACANCY

Section 5.

- a. Local PTA/PTSA units shall be notified by the secretary when vacancies occur due to resignations, convention or caucus action and shall be allowed thirty (30) days to submit advisory recommendations.
- b. The election shall take place at the regular meeting of the state board of directors following the date on which the vacancy occurs. Election to fill a vacancy shall require an affirmative vote of the majority of members present. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Voting shall be by ballot.

Rationale: All other positions describe how to fill vacancies.

VI. ARTICLE XVI – DUTIES OF REGION DIRECTOR, Section 2. d insert “and councils” to read:

- d. organize new local PTA/PTSA units and councils in districts where there are no district directors;

Rationale: Clarifies who has the duty when there is no director.

VII. ARTICLE XVI – DUTIES OF REGION DIRECTOR, Section 2. f delete “and” at the end of the sentence to read:

- f. submit an annual report to the appropriate vice president in accordance with procedures established by the state board of directors;

Rationale: not necessary with the addition of new “h”.

VIII. ARTICLE XVI – DUTIES OF REGION DIRECTOR, Section 2. g add “and” at the end of the sentence to read:

- g. represent the local units, councils, and district directors at meetings of the State Board, and

Rationale: added a new “h”

IX. ARTICLE XVI – DUTIES OF REGION DIRECTOR, Section 2. Insert new “h” to read:

- h. approve all materials sent out by the District Director.

Rationale: This was the intent when the PTA was restructured last year and what was communicated to local units.

X. ARTICLE XVIII – DUTIES OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS, section 2, d delete “in areas where there is no Region Director” to read:

- d. Organize new local PTA/PTSA units

Rationale: Editorial. The intent was for the District Directors to form new units. Under Regional Directors it says they are to do it where there is no District Director.

XI. ARTICLE XIX – COMMITTEES, renumber section 4 and section 5 to section 3 and section 4 respectively.

Rationale: Editorial. As it is right now there is no 3.

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