

# The PTA Link



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## Hamilton County Council

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### Upcoming Events

**September:** PTA Membership Drives begin

**September 7:** HCC PTA General Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Local Unit Round Table Q & A training (Central Office)

**September 17:** Teacher Supply Depot Opening Day for Teachers 8 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Garber School

**September 24:** PTA Day at Lake Winnepesaukah 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

**September 24 & 25:** HCC PTA will have a booth at the Hamilton County fair, Chester Frost Park from 10am-6:00pm.

## From the President

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Badiema Waldrep and I am serving as the new President of the Hamilton County Council of PTAs. This begins my eighth year on the council and my tenth year in PTA. I am the mother of two sons, one is a fourth-grader and the other is a ninth grader. I have had the great pleasure of working with many of you in the past, and look forward to getting to know and working with all of you this year. I would also like to welcome all of the new local unit leaders that have taken office, and hope that this is an enjoyable school year for all of you.

It is the duty of the PTA to advocate for the children, and to plan, organize and execute projects that will aid in improving our children's lives and educational process. It is our responsibility as parents, guardians and community members to see that each and every one of us is working together toward ensuring positive learning experiences for the children.

I would like to welcome and encourage you all to become active volunteers this year and to let you know that the PTA Council's Board and myself are ready and willing to assist you in any way that we can.

If your local unit needs assistance this year with any PTA matter please contact us and let us know. We are here to help you and offer training as needed.

I look forward to a great year as your council president and working with all of you to make our schools great places for our children.

Sincerely,

Badiema Waldrep, President  
Hamilton County Council of PTAs

## The PTA Council's Board

There are twenty four members on the Hamilton County Council of PTAs Board of Managers this year. We are very fortunate to have such a great slate of officers to start off this exciting and challenging school year. Our council is striving to make everyone feel welcome and wish to encourage your participation and positive suggestions.

### Executive Board Members:

**President** – Badiema Waldrep  
**President-Elect** – Dwight Hunter  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President** – Susan Patton  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President** – Scottie Summerlin  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President** – Diane Winne  
**4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President** – David Hampton  
**Secretary** – Lisa Moore  
**Treasurer** – Ellen McCollum  
**Parliamentarian** – Lee Ann Hammer  
**Immediate Past President** – Tim Hixson

### September Meeting

Our next Council General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7 at 11:00 a.m. The program for this meeting will be a Q & A round table training for all of our local unit boards. The meeting will be in the Central Office Board Room.

The PTA Council's Board of Manager's will meet at 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the board room prior to the general meeting.

## PTA Purposes

To Promote the welfare of children and youth in places of home, school, community and the 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 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.

### The PTA Link Newsletter

The PTA Link is a newsletter published by the Hamilton County Council of PTAs. This letter will contain vital information to the PTA local units in Hamilton County. Listed in each newsletter will be deadlines, reminders, updates and information about news and events.

Your article and editorials are welcome. Please send them to:

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Scottie Summerlin at [scottiepta@gmail.com](mailto:scottiepta@gmail.com)

## Contests Awards and Scholarships

### Citizenship Contest "I am a good citizen because..."

Deadline for entries to the HCC PTA Council:  
**Friday, January 14, 2012**  
(HCC Chairman: Connie McNamara)

**Reflections Contest  
"Diversity Means..."**  
Deadline for entries to the Hamilton County PTA Council:  
**Monday, December 13, 2011**  
(HCC Chairman: Christy Sylman)

**Health/Safety Poster Contest  
"Playing it Safe in the Car"  
(Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
"Arrive Alive...Don't Text and Drive"  
(8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**  
Deadline for entries to the Hamilton County PTA Council:  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**  
(HCC Chairman: Kris Badger)

**Awards/Scholarships**  
All applications for awards that are presented at the Principal's Dinner in April have a deadline of:  
**March 1, 2012.**

Scholarships include the Eula A. Johnston Scholarship Application and the Sandra A. Black Scholarship.  
(HCC Chairman: Tracey Freeman)

**Please note that your PTA has to submit their membership to the HCC PTA by November 16, to qualify for contest participation and awards on the Council level. If entries are sent directly to the TN PTA they do NOT qualify for HCC PTA awards in the spring.**

The deadlines for entries on the Council level contests are listed above. The Council will have the entries judged, and returned back to the local units in time to enter them in the state PTA contest.

The top five Council entries will be forwarded to the state contest by the Council Chairmen.

The Council will present awards to its winners during the Student Awards in the month of May.



## Membership Reminder!

September is PTA Membership Month. Hopefully by then your PTAs Membership drive will be in full swing! The first membership deadline to the Hamilton County Council of PTAs will be **October 1!** All PTAs making this deadline will qualify for Early Bird status! Please remember the dues increase this year before you begin your membership drive. The breakdown for membership to the council, state and national PTAs are as follows:

Council - .25  
TN PTA – 1.00  
National PTA – 2.25

### HCC PTAs Website and Blog

The Hamilton County Council of PTAs has a website! The site can be accessed at <http://hcptacouncil.org>.

We also have a blog that can be accessed from the website. The web site also has an image gallery; a section about what the council is working on, links to newsletters, contest deadlines and much more!  
Keep yourselves and your PTA informed by visiting our website

### Teacher Supply Depot

Welcome TSD Chairman Jimi Crooks! The depot will be having an opening on Saturday, September 17, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for Hamilton County teachers that are PTA members. Please watch the HCDE website for registration dates and times.

## Get Ready Parents!

Move over summer – a new school year is here! Each school year bring on new schedules, school functions, meetings, car pools, after school activities, and much more. Start planning and take steps to get organized now for any easy transition into the school year. Posting a family event calendar on the refrigerator to keep track of everyone's busy schedules is a great way to start!

To avoid a hectic first day of school, start easing your children back into a school year routine gradually. For example, start waking up earlier, eating breakfast and preparing lunch; that way your child will start to come out of "summer vacation" mode and get into "back to school" mode.

JOIN PTA  
TODAY!

**parent:**  
**a person who brings up and cares for another.**

*The word "parent" is used throughout our council newsletters to refer to all those who are involved in a child's education, because PTA recognizes that today other adults such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, stepparents, and guardians may also carry the primary responsibility for a child's education and development.*

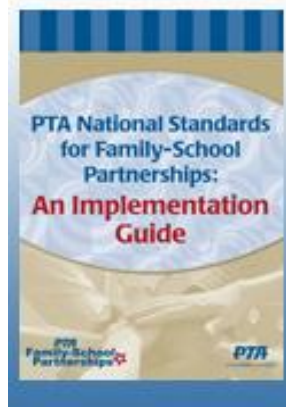


### Connect for Respect

In March 2011 National PTA® launched an initiative to encourage PTAs across the country to lead conversations in their school communities about bullying, how it is affecting their communities, and to develop solutions that they can implement collaboratively together. For tools and resources that PTAs can use to plan their **Connect for Respect** events go to [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).

### PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships Implementation Guide,

a tool for empowering people to work together with an end goal of building family-school partnerships and student success. The benefits of family-school-community partnerships are many: higher teacher morale, more parent involvement, and greater student success are only a few.



## GOOD NEWS!

The council is happy to announce that we have partnered with All Pro Dad! All Pro Dad serves as the ultimate resource for men who want to become better fathers by offering practical fathering assistance. At the heart of the program are more than 60 All Pro Dad spokesmen, including NFL players, coaches and alumni. All Pro Dad spokesmen speak out about the importance of being a good father.

As the county's largest child advocacy organization the PTA can take the lead in helping our dads understand the impact that they can have on their children.

For information on how your PTA can bring this program to your school, contact our Special Project's Vice President David Hampton at [hccptaspecialprojectsvp@comcast.net](mailto:hccptaspecialprojectsvp@comcast.net)



**Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.**

**William James**