

# The PTA Link

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Hamilton County Council

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## Upcoming Events

**September 11-16.** Email vote on proposed Council bylaws.

**September 30.** Early Bird Membership reports are due into Council office.

**October 5, Board Room:** October General Meeting, State of the Schools, Supt. Kirk Kelly

**February, TBD.** Founders and Student Awards Celebration Meeting.

**March 1, Board Room.** March Annual Meeting with program on elections and audits.

**April 3, Choo Choo.** Principal and PTA Appreciation Dinner.

**May 3.** May General Meeting. Information from State Convention

## Message from the Council President Lee Ann Hammer



Welcome all Hamilton County PTA Members!

My name is Lee Ann Hammer, Hamilton County Council PTA President for the 2016-2017 school year.

I am looking forward to working with and for each of you this year. My goal this year is to get back to basics in PTA. It is important that all members, whether it is a parent, student or member of your community, have a voice in our school system. The Hamilton County Council is here to provide the support needed to have a functioning PTA in each school. Please feel free to contact us with your needs.

Thank -you for supporting the students of Hamilton County,  
Lee Ann Hammer  
HCC PTA President

**New Officer Form.** This form needs to be filed each year even with no changes. The State of Tennessee requires this for all nonprofits. Please fill out this form **as soon as possible** and send to the Tennessee PTA state office. Also, send a copy to the county council. Form can be downloaded at <http://tnpta.org/news/officerinformationform.pdf>

**Follow us on Facebook.** The council is on Facebook at [facebook.com/hcptacouncil](https://www.facebook.com/hcptacouncil)

**Stuff the Bus at the Chattanooga Market.** United Way of Chattanooga sponsored the annual Stuff the Bus event Sunday, August 14th at the Chattanooga Market! Thank you United Way!

All school supplies and donations go to the Council's Teacher Supply Depot. Teachers are able to receive school supplies from the Depot for their classrooms.

# **Hamilton County PTA Council**

## **Membership Deadlines**

Early Bird: September 30, 2016

Required: November 14, 2016

(to be a unit in good standing - send a membership report on or before this date)

Last Awards report: February 15, 2017

Final report: May 3, 2017

## **County PTA Council Reflections**

### **Deadline:**

November 29 through 30, 2016

## **County PTA Council Citizenship Essay and Safety Multimedia Deadline:**

February 1, 2017

## Treasurer's Corner

As of July 31, the Council had a checking account balance of \$3,978.38.

Karen Jenkins,  
Council Treasurer

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## 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.

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## Web Links

Council Website: [hcptacouncil.org](http://hcptacouncil.org)

Tennessee PTA: [tnpta.org](http://tnpta.org)

National PTA: [pta.org](http://pta.org)

**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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[hcptas@hcde.org](mailto:hcptas@hcde.org)

## Proposed Council Bylaw Vote

The proposed Council bylaws were announced at the August 10 meeting. With a 30-day notice being given, the vote on the bylaws will be by email through Survey Monkey.

PTA presidents and council board – be on the lookout for the email for the week of September 11 with vote closing after September 16.

The proposed bylaws were posted on the Council website on August 10. Direct link:  
<http://hcptacouncil.org/news/proposedaugust2016bylaws.pdf>