

# The PTA Link

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF PTAS  
"LOCAL UNITS EMPOWERED FOR SERVICE"

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Hamilton County Council

**PTA**

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## Upcoming Events

**October 1:**  
**Early Bird**  
**Membership Report**  
**Due to the Council**

**October 14:**  
**State of the Schools**  
**Rick Smith, Superintendent**

**Where:**  
**HCDE Board Room**  
**Time: 11:00 am-12:00 pm**

**November 14:**  
**Presidents Roundtable**  
**HCDE Board Room**  
**11:00 am-12:00 pm**

**December 3:**  
**Reflections entries from**  
**local units due to the**  
**Council office for county-**  
**wide judging.**

**January 6:**  
**Suicide Awareness**  
**HCDE Board Room**  
**11:00 am-12:00 pm**

## Message from the Council President Sherrie Ford

We had a great turn out for the September meeting. Thank you to all who attended. Karen Glenn of STARS and Catherine Wells of CBL presented a lot of very interesting and useful information regarding anti-bullying.

I hope you have saved the date – October 14<sup>th</sup> for the State of the Schools address by Superintendent Rick Smith. He will share information with us on how the school year has begun and where we are now.

Your first membership report was due to the Council on October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not already submitted it, please do so as soon as possible. The Council will forward the State and National Dues to the Tennessee PTA office for processing.

We have had two very productive workdays at the Teacher Depot. The transformation is amazing. Thank you to United Way, Elder's Ace Hardware, and the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints for their tremendous work to help us get ready for an opening for our teachers. (See pictures and more information on page 4.)

Mark your calendar for November 14<sup>th</sup> for the Presidents' Roundtable. This will be an opportunity to share ideas with other local unit presidents. We hope to see you there.

Thank you for all you do for the children of Hamilton County.

Sincerely,  
*Sherrie Ford*  
President Hamilton County Council of PTAs  
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THANK YOU!!!



## Access the National PTA Back-to-School Kit Online

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The 2015-2016 National PTA Back-to-School Kit is a set of up-to-date resources to assist PTA leaders as they serve their communities and manage their local units.

The kit includes:

- Easy-to-use guides for the president, board members, treasurer, membership and programs chairs
- Membership, fundraising and marketing tools
- Program and advocacy resources
- Special PTA-member-exclusive offers from our national partners

### What's NEW about the Kit?

This year's kit is all digital and completely mobile-friendly. We know you're extremely busy, that's why we made sure you can access the kit easily from your phone or tablet. All the information you need is right at your fingertips.

### Where is the kit?

This online Back-to-School Kit is one click away! Visit [PTAKit.org](http://PTAKit.org) to find everything you need.

It is a mystery why adults expect perfection from children. Few grown-ups can get through a whole day without making a mistake. - Marcelene Cox

### **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 is a newsletter published by the Hamilton County Council of PTAs. This newsletter letter will contain vital information to the PTA local units in Hamilton County.

Your articles and editorials are welcome.

## **We Need You!!!**

The Council Board of Managers has some chair position vacancies. Please consider joining us and being part of the PTA leadership for Hamilton County.

### **Vacant Positions**

**Chairs:** Health and Wellness/Safety, Resource Development, and Student/Council Awards, Teacher Supply Depot

Any current PTA member within Hamilton County can apply.

If you are interested, please email Sherrie Ford at [hccptas@hcde.org](mailto:hccptas@hcde.org)

### **Hamilton County Council of PTAs Executive Committee for the 2015-2017 Term**

President: Sherrie Ford ([hccptas@hccde.org](mailto:hccptas@hccde.org))

President-elect: Lee Ann Hammer

1st Vice President: Wayne Brown

2nd Vice President: Donna Aslinger

3rd Vice President: Katherine Smith

4th Vice President: Dana Price

Secretary: Jeanette Richards

Treasurer: Karen Jenkins

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# TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT

Two workdays down and one to go before we are ready to open to the teachers. We are so thankful for United Way for selecting the Teacher Depot as a recipient for the Day of Caring. Elder's Ace Hardware was our partner and we will never be able to thank them enough for all the work they did and all they accomplished at the Depot. They brought in tents, materials, and man (and woman) power to build shelves, organize, and clean up many areas. The shelving units were much needed and will make the supplies more easily accessible to the teachers when they are shopping.



# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR PTA

Family Engagement is difficult to define, but very important to PTA!

National PTA firmly believes that Family Engagement is the core of children's success.

Welcoming all families into the school is most important. They need to feel connected with other families, staff, faculty, and to what students are learning.

Greeters at the door always makes one feel wanted. Our Membership needs to increase so please try to sign up members for our PTA at the meetings.

Many of the Hamilton County Schools are in the process of planning their Fall Festivals, Carnivals! What a fun time to get our families involved.

Jo Minor, Chairmen of Family Engagement for Hamilton County Council of PTA. Call 364-4443 or [jochatt@bellsouth.net](mailto:jochatt@bellsouth.net)

## MCCONNELL ELEMENTARY'S MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

This is a great example of a creative membership campaign to help increase parent involvement and support for your local unit PTA. Way to go McConnell! Thank you for sharing your idea.

