

# Harford County Council of PTA's eNewsletter

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## REMINDERS

### **FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER & COUNCIL MEETING**

March 26, 2015  
6:30pm-8:30pm

### **REFLECTIONS CEREMONY & COUNCIL MEETING**

April 23, 2015  
7pm-9pm

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING & COUNCIL MEETING**

May 21, 2015  
6pm-9:30pm

## ***A Message from Sandra Monaco-Burton, HCCPTA President***

Despite all the challenges created by weather-related school closures and delays, the PTAs and PTSAs in Harford County have been very productive. Details on informative presentations, dances, movie nights, bingos, spirit days, family fun events, faculty/student games, prom nights, etc., constantly light up my Facebook feed and email. In particular, I would like to congratulate the collective membership efforts of our 48 units—as of January 3, we are the only PTA Council in Maryland that has increased its membership over last year. Thank you for continuing your membership campaigns throughout the year and keep in mind that all memberships sold through March 31 will be used in Maryland PTA's membership award calculations.

As you know, the school system passed a \$451 million operating budget for the 2015-2016 school year; \$253 million of this would come from the County, which reflects a \$29 million increase over this year's budget. In reaction to the school system's budget, Harford County Executive Barry Glassman said during his first state of the county address that HCPS leaders “need to come to grips with shrinking enrollment and flat revenues” and that the current financial climate requires “new thinking”. Now more than ever we encourage you to discuss priorities with your school communities and then communicate them to the County Council, County Executive and Board of Education members. Make appointments as soon as possible to have discussions with your elected reps and speak up at the county council and BOE meetings. The county's proposed funding for the school system will be presented in mid-April.

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**PTA REFLECTIONS**

## ***Let Your Imagination Fly***

### **PTA Vision**

*What the future will look like if PTA accomplishes its mission. 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 well-being of every child.*





## Treasurer's Corner

by Harford County Council PTA Treasurer, Bruce Butz



The year is rapidly winding down. June will be here before you know it. Let's recap some important document requirements. Did you:

- Complete and file with IRS (with a copy to Maryland PTA) the 990-EZ with all of the required schedules or the 990N?
- Complete and file with the Secretary of State (with a copy to Maryland PTA) the Annual Renewal or Registration along with the COF-85 or 990-EZ or the Exempt Organization Fund Raising Notice?
- Complete an audit of your PTA records for 2013-2014 and remit a copy accompanied by your Annual Financial Report to Maryland PTA in accordance with your bylaws?
- Complete an IRS 1099-MISC, if applicable, to those individuals or LLCs to whom you paid \$600 or more in the calendar year 2014? Check Cash Encounters to determine who qualifies. If you did, did you complete and submit the accompanying 1096 to IRS?
- Review your budget to see if any amendments are necessary?
- Remit payment of \$0.50 for each membership sold to HCCPTA? The number of memberships reported to HCCPTA should equal the same number reported to Maryland PTA. As a reminder - **Not reporting the portion of the dues you collected on their behalf is withholding money that rightfully belongs to them and is considered fraud by IRS.**
- Receive the 2015 Personal Property Report form from the Department of Assessments and Taxation? These are mailed in early February to organizations who have not forfeited their incorporation in the state of Maryland. They have a return due date of April 15 and can be completed online in mid-February and mailed. Be sure to submit a copy of that report to Maryland PTA. You can view your status by searching the website of the Department of Assessments and Taxation at [www.dat.state.md.us](http://www.dat.state.md.us).

And finally a reiteration of the Sales Tax situation: **PTAs are not collecting sales tax on items they sell unless the customer is paying the vendor directly by way of check, vendor's website, or vendor's credit card.**

*HB0232: "This bill exempts from the State sales and use tax sales made by a parent-teacher organization or other organization within an elementary or secondary school in the State or within a local school system in the State." Passed July 1, 2013.* **First option:** For now, in lieu of paying sales tax to the vendor, issue them a Blanket Certificate of Resale (located in Cash Encounters and the Sample Reports booklet). The use of the Certificate is limited to a \$200 minimum purchase from the vendor. It is required that you have a Sales and Use Tax License. You will need to continue filing zero on your scheduled sales and use tax reports. **Second option:** Pay the vendor the sales tax and then request a refund of that sales tax from the State on Maryland. This option would only be used for purchases under \$200 or for businesses that will not accept the Blanket Certificate of Resale and only for items that the PTA is going to re-sell. You will need to continue filing zero on your scheduled sales and use tax reports. The State Comptroller's Office has posted some Frequently Asked Questions about Sales by Parent-Teacher Organizations and Other Organizations. Questions regarding these FAQs, or questions in general should be directed to the Comptroller's Office Taxpayer Center by calling 410-260-798, or go online to

[http://taxes.marylandtaxes.com/Business\\_Taxes/Taxpayer\\_Assistance/Business\\_Tax\\_FAQs/Sales\\_and\\_Use\\_Tax/Parent\\_Teacher\\_Organizations\\_FAQs/](http://taxes.marylandtaxes.com/Business_Taxes/Taxpayer_Assistance/Business_Tax_FAQs/Sales_and_Use_Tax/Parent_Teacher_Organizations_FAQs/). To clarify the Third Party section of the FAQ, the State Comptroller's office states if the PTA is the point of sale, they are selling the items and the money is going into the PTA account, no sales tax would need to be collected. If the company is the point of sale and is collecting the money directly from the consumer, sales tax should be collected. The company, in this case, would be making a "donation" to the PTA with the percentage of sales agreed upon. The PTA should continue to use the Blanket Certificate of Resale until the State Comptroller has something more tangible to offer.

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## Treasurer's Corner



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**Third option:** Apply for your own Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate. You are not permitted to use the School's Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate. This exemption will eliminate any necessity to pay sales tax in the state of Maryland. To obtain the Sales and Use Tax exemption, PTAs using this option will have to complete the current year Combined Registration Application (CRA), which may be found on the web at [http://forms.marylandtaxes.com/14\\_forms/CRA.pdf](http://forms.marylandtaxes.com/14_forms/CRA.pdf). Since January 1, 2014, the 2014 CRA is required and is available at [www.marylandtaxes.com](http://www.marylandtaxes.com). PTAs should complete all required sections and follow the Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate (SUTEC) checklist on page 4 for additional information required. The checklist will help guide you in completing the application. Subordinate organizations, such as PTAs covered by Maryland PTA's group determination letter must also provide a copy of the group determination letter and a letter from the parent organization on letterhead specifying that the particular organization is covered by your group determination. These letters can be obtained by contacting Maryland PTA. In addition to the 501(c)(3) letter and letter from holder of IRS group determination (mentioned above), the following information is also required:

- The completed CRA
- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws

The exemption will take approximately 6- 8 weeks to review and will be valid until 2017 when it will be up for renewal. Also, please note that two individual officers will be required to provide their social security number for the application and will have to remember to have that number removed from the application when their term expires. This can be accomplished with a letter to the department.





*Harford County Council of PTA*

Cordially invites you and your family to attend our

*Founder's Day Celebration*

March 26, 2015, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
in the Bel Air High School Cafeteria

Dinner will be catered by **Scotto's Café**

Musical entertainment will be provided

**Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 for two**  
**Children: \$5 (free under age 5)**

Presentation of Honorary Lifetime Membership Awards and  
County Membership and Advocacy Awards

Proceeds Benefit HCCPTA's Betty Bull Scholarships

RSVP by March 21 to: [president@hccpta.org](mailto:president@hccpta.org)



## Standards of Affiliation

*Reprinted from your Bylaws*

A local PTA in order to meet the standards of affiliation shall:

- Adhere to the purposes and basic policies of the National and Maryland PTA;
- Remit the national and state dues to the Maryland PTA office by dates designated;
- Have bylaws approved every three (3) years according to the procedures of Maryland PTA;
- Have a minimum of twenty-five (25) members;
- Shall submit the names and contact information including phone number, address and email address of all elected officers to the Maryland PTA office within two (2) weeks of election;
- Remit bonding, liability and directors and officers insurance premiums by the date designated;
- Have an EIN (Employer Identification Number) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on file with the Maryland PTA;
- Maintain its status as a corporation, have as required by MD Non-Profit law, at a minimum a president, secretary and treasurer;
- File the appropriate tax forms, by the required dates, with the IRS and submits a copy to the Maryland PTA office within 30 (thirty) days of filing;
- Each local PTA shall submit a copy of its annual financial review, to Maryland PTA within one hundred twenty (120) days following the end of the local's fiscal year; and
- File all appropriate state forms with the appropriate state authorities by the required date and submit a copy to the Maryland PTA office within 30 days of filing.

### HCCPTA Newsletter

Edited by Tracy Worley and Sandra Monaco-Burton

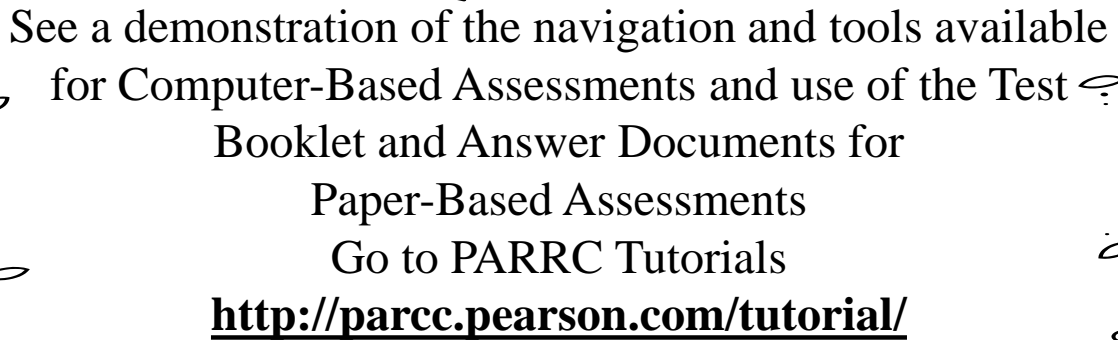
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Be sure to visit the HCPS website home page at [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) (at least monthly) and click on the "Request for Public Comment" link (bottom right corner of the homepage).

The community can provide direct comment on each policy being proposed or revised before the members of the Board of Education vote on the adoption of the new policies.





See a demonstration of the navigation and tools available  
for Computer-Based Assessments and use of the Test  
Booklet and Answer Documents for  
Paper-Based Assessments  
Go to PARRC Tutorials  
**<http://parcc.pearson.com/tutorial/>**

### ***Did you know...?***

...that if you have two vice president positions, your bylaws should address the duties of each? Here's an example:

#### *Section 2. The vice president(s) shall*

- *act as aide(s) to the president*
- *in their designated order perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to serve; and*
- *perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by this local PTA/PTSA or by the board of directors.*
- ***The 1st VP shall be the membership chair and handle all membership drives and records.***
- ***The 2nd VP shall be programming chair and handle all programs and events held in conjunction with meetings.***



**Visit our Website at [www.hcc-pta.org](http://www.hcc-pta.org)**

#### **Do you want to share your successes and solutions with us?**

Send in a brief article to be printed in our next "eNewsletter." Tell us what works, what doesn't....Let's make it easier for the next PTA volunteers!

Email us your news to [HCCPTA@hccpta.org](mailto:HCCPTA@hccpta.org) Attention: Communications Chair

**Next deadline is May 15, 2015**



# News from Our Local



## News from Fallston High School PTSA:

by *Cristine Maranville*

The Fallston High School PTSA held its annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb 17th at the Fallston United Methodist Church. Amidst the school closings and a snow storm to start the day, the PTSA ended the evening with a great turnout from the community. With a lot of other pancake suppers canceled due to the weather, Fallston was extremely busy all night long serving up homemade pancakes and sausage while diners listened to various singers perform. Numerous parent and student volunteers helped to ensure everyone had a great time. All proceeds will benefit the end of year events for the Senior Class at FHS. The PTSA extends a heartfelt thanks to Fallston United Methodist Church for their wonderful generosity and hospitality.



## News from Patterson Mill Middle/High School PTA:

by *Tammy Michaels and Larissa Soos*

*Celebrate My Drive* is a grant program powered by State Farm and sponsored by local agent, Bryan Michaels. The program encourages safe driving habits with teens and encourages everyone to drive 2N2 - 2 hands on the wheel, 2 eyes on the road. Patterson Mill PTSA placed in the top 50 grant applicants, and received a \$25,000 grant. The PTSA thanks everyone for all their help and commitments for *Celebrate My Drive*. Every month the PTSA hosts family dinner out fundraisers at various local establishments. With the proceeds, gift cards are purchased to give away to PTSA teacher members as a means to show appreciation for their support. The PTSA also changed its Rose sale to Carnation sale and raised more money for programs, allowing them to fund 4 scholarship grant of \$500 to qualified seniors.



## Youth's Benefit Receives PTA Outstanding Local Advocacy Award

from *PTA.org*

On March 11 during the PTA Takes Action Dinner at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA, Youth's Benefit Elementary School will receive the 2015 Outstanding Advocacy Award from the National PTA. Youth's Benefit Elementary School PTA is being honored for its efforts and success in advocating for a new building for Youth's Benefit Elementary School. Members of the PTA educated themselves on all aspects of the capital project selection process, county budget process and state funding process for capital school projects. After nearly four years of ongoing advocacy efforts, the project was approved for construction and funding was made available for a new facility.



## ***A Message from Sandra Monaco-Burton, HCCPTA President***

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We are very proud to announce that Youth Benefit's Elementary School PTA will be recognized by National PTA with the "PTA Outstanding Local Advocacy Award" at the Legislative Conference in March. (See story inside for details about the award.)

HCCPTA will be presenting several of our own awards at our annual Founder's Day Dinner and Awards Ceremony on March 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bel Air High School in the Cafeteria. Please join us for an evening of celebration which will include recognizing local unit's efforts in Membership and Advocacy, as well as bestowing a few Lifetime Achievement Awards on some special volunteers. Dinner will be catered by Scotto's and entertainment will be provided by students. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the HCCPTA Betty Bull Scholarship Fund. We hope every unit will be able to send a few representatives to Founder's Day.

Thank you to everyone who nominated a candidate for the Maryland PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. Keep in mind that any PTA can bestow this honor on a deserving volunteer; the application can be found under the "Membership" tab at [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org). (Proceeds from these awards benefit Maryland PTA's scholarship program.) In addition, consider creating your own award (s) to recognize the individuals who make outstanding contributions to your school.

Once again our Harford County artists created some impressive entries for the Reflections Programs. County-level judging was completed in January and the winners of our round of competition will be recognized at Council PTA's Reflections Ceremony on April 23 at Patterson Mill Middle/High School, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Media Center. Sixty-six works of art were sent on to the state level of competition and we are confident that some of these will move on to the national round!

For those units with elections this spring, make sure you get your nominating committees in place at your March meeting. If you need recruiting ideas or assistance, please let us know. All units should be encouraging committee chairs to file monthly and end-of-year reports. The reports serve as a complete record of each committee's tasks, timeline, expenses and volunteers and will make planning and budgeting for next year easy.

Our final 2014-2015 training will be on May 21 and we would appreciate hearing from you about topics and issues you think we should include. If you think your board of directors or officers could use some individualized training or new ideas/approaches, please reach out. We are able to come to your location and work through any issues or questions you may have. Thank you for all you do to provide unique and rewarding opportunities that enrich the lives of our children and thank you for advocating on their behalf. Council PTA is here to assist you through all your efforts. Please contact me at any time with any concerns or questions ([monaco\\_sandra@yahoo.com](mailto:monaco_sandra@yahoo.com)), and I look forward to celebrating with you on March 26.



# PTA News

## SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOL

### What is Smart Snacks?

As part of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) included guidelines for "competitive foods" known as Smart Snacks for all foods and beverages sold to students throughout the school day. The new Smart Snacks guidelines apply to "competitive foods" that are not a part of the School Breakfast Program or National School Lunch Program. Smart Snacks rules set limits on calories, fats, sugar and sodium and encourage the consumption of dairy, whole grains, protein, fruits and vegetables.



### More Resources

National PTA has officially launched our Smart Snacks webpage where you can find many resources regarding Smart Snacks. You can access these resources [PTA.org/SmartSnacks](http://PTA.org/SmartSnacks).

A number of tools and resources are available to help schools identify food items that meet Smart Snacks criteria. See the resources for info about the Smart Snacks requirement, helpful tools and ways to encourage children to make healthier snack choices that give them the nutrition they need to grow and learn on the [USDA website](http://USDA website).

View a recording of the [Smart Snacks Overview webinar](#) and click [download the Powerpoint presentation](#). If your state or local PTA would like a web or in-person training, please email [schoolfoods@pta.org](mailto:schoolfoods@pta.org). For additional resources and more info on Smart Snacks, please visit [PTA.org/SmartSnacks](http://PTA.org/SmartSnacks).

### **SAVE THE DATE!** **2015 National PTA Convention and Exhibition** **June 25-28** **Charlotte NC**

The convention will be your opportunity to network with more than 1,000 PTA members and partners and hear from experts in the PTA and education community in a robust offering of inspiring education sessions and special guest speakers.



# Celebrating 100 Years of Advocating for Children

## Maryland PTA is Recruiting Team Members!

In 2015 the Maryland PTA celebrates 100 years of advocating for children and youth. As a volunteer association it has lasted a century because of the strength and commitment of its members.

The Nominating and Board Development Committee's responsibility is to seek individuals who would like to continue the Maryland PTA legacy by joining the Leadership Team.

Please consider applying for one of the many positions available:

*President Elect*

*Vice President for Leadership Development*

*Vice President for Legislation*

*Vice President for Councils*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

*3 members to the Nominating*

*Board Development Committee*

*2 Student Representatives*

**The deadline for applying is close of business  
4:30 pm on Monday, March 30, 2015**





<b>Dance Choreography</b>		
<b>Primary</b>		
Award of Excellence	Elena Ramirez	Emmorton Elementary
Award of Excellence	Maureen McMennamin	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Excellence	Lorelai Glenn	North Harford Elementary
Award of Merit	Esther Lim	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
<b>Intermediate</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Amanda Poling	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Excellence	Paige Rhoten	North Bend Elementary
Award of Excellence	Olivia Nelson	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Merit	Maggie Lamb	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Merit	Hanna Lurz	Bel Air Elementary
<b>Middle</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Emily Slater	Bel Air Middle
Award of Excellence	Jaden Morton	Bel Air Middle
Award of Excellence	Abby Hartlieb	Bel Air Middle
<b>Senior</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Madalyn Rupprecht	North Harford High
<b>Film Production</b>		
<b>Primary</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Annie Donohue	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Excellence	Julian Ramirez	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
<b>Intermediate</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Daniel Truxel	North Bend Elementary
Award of Excellence	Jenna Kohler	Emmorton Elementary
Award of Excellence	Allison Coyne	North Harford Elementary
Award of Merit	Alex Wittstadt	Youth's Benefit Elementary
Award of Merit	Brynn Hoffman	North Bend Elementary
Award of Merit	Colin Dombeck	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Merit	Marley Rose	North Bend Elementary
Award of Merit	Julia Blondell	Prospect Mill Elementary
<b>Middle</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Maxfield Henkel	North Harford Middle
Award of Excellence	Sigourney Soriano	Bel Air Middle
<b>Literature</b>		
<b>Primary</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Advaya Kausik	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Excellence	Danya Khwaja	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Excellence	Emma Ingram	Darlington Elementary
Award of Merit	Xavier Moaddel	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Merit	Erin Connolly	Emmorton Elementary
Award of Merit	Sam Levi	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Merit	Carley Jehnert	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Merit	Sofia Gallahue	Bel Air Elementary
<b>Intermediate</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Swetha Pallerla	Fountain Green Elementary
Award of Excellence	Jake Medvetz	Youth's Benefit Elementary
Award of Excellence	Courtney Baker	Emmorton Elementary
Award of Merit	Emily Moaddel	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Merit	Sydney Barker	Red Pump Elementary
Award of Merit	Jaansi Parsa	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Merit	Erica Otte	North Bend Elementary
Award of Merit	Mickey Reese	Bel Air Elementary
<b>Middle</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Anastasia Bekker	Edgewood Middle
Award of Excellence	Catherine Catrambone	North Harford Middle
Award of Excellence	Marian Schwartz	Bel Air Middle
Award of Merit	Dominick Adeyemi	Edgewood Middle
Award of Merit	Katelyn Anderson	North Harford Middle
Award of Merit	Maryam Khan	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Merit	Brian Thompson	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Merit	Angelini Mussini	Bel Air Middle
<b>Senior</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Amanda Saikali	Aberdeen High
Award of Excellence	Abby Mervine	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Excellence	Elizabeth Eakes	North Harford High
Award of Merit	Rosina Bray	Aberdeen High
Award of Merit	Tymalik Garrison	Aberdeen High
<b>Special Artist</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Lauren Showalter	North Harford High



# 2014-15 Reflections

# Harford County Winners

<b>Music Composition</b>		
<b>Primary</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Esther Lim	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Excellence	Esther Lim	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Excellence	Roxie Jakubowski	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Merit	Alice Morrison	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Merit	Milana Boesch	Prospect Mill Elementary
<b>Intermediate</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Jaansi Parsa	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Excellence	Kylie Redding	North Harford Elementary
Award of Excellence	Faith Smeltzer	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Merit	Maggie Donohue	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Merit	Kara Bauer	Bel Air Elementary
<b>Middle</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Toby Ziegler	North Harford Middle
Award of Excellence	Kylie Mika	Bel Air Middle
Award of Excellence	Jason Walter	Bel Air Middle
<b>Photography</b>		
<b>Primary</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Ruthann Steele	Abingdon Elementary
Award of Excellence	Isabella Leon	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Excellence	Matthew Corcoran	Emmorton Elementary
Award of Merit	Brynn Raedeke	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Merit	Xavier Moaddel	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Merit	Albert Ball	Darlington Elementary
Award of Merit	Benjamin Tyndall	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Merit	Anna Sadowski	Darlington Elementary
<b>Intermediate</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Ryan Kydd	Hickory Elementary
Award of Excellence	Tia Gay	North Harford Elementary
Award of Excellence	Mekenzie McCann	Norrisville Elementary
Award of Merit	Reilly Holmstrom	North Bend Elementary
Award of Merit	Emily Moaddel	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Merit	Sophia MacKinnon	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Merit	Gabriel Leon	Homestead Wakefield Elementary
Award of Merit	Emily Moaddel	Prospect Mill Elementary
<b>Middle</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Matthew Funk	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Excellence	Emily Linz	Bel Air Middle
Award of Excellence	Brian Thompson	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Merit	Matthew Funk	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Merit	Jenna Lyttle	North Harford Middle
Award of Merit	Zachary Hricz	Bel Air Middle
Award of Merit	Emalee Belinski	Bel Air Middle
Award of Merit	Emalee Belinski	Bel Air Middle
<b>Senior</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Abby Mervine	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Excellence	Abby Mervine	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Excellence	Abby Mervine	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Merit	Hannah Vacovsky	Fallston High
Award of Merit	Abby Mervine	Patterson Mill Middle/High
Award of Merit	Rachel Donohue	Fallston High
Award of Merit	Rachel Estremsky	Fallston High
Award of Merit	Matthew Davis	Aberdeen High



## 2014-15 Reflections

## Harford County Winners

<b>Visual Arts</b>		
<b>Primary</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Ethan Johnson	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Excellence	Katelyn Hagstad	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Excellence	Aidan Fisher	Emmorton Elementary
Award of Merit	Delaney Reynolds	Red Pump Elementary
Award of Merit	Xavier Moaddel	Prospect Mill Elementary
Award of Merit	Albert Ball	Darlington Elementary
Award of Merit	Augustus Anastasi	Darlington Elementary
Award of Merit	Kaitlyn Primus	Emmorton Elementary
<b>Intermediate</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Emma McNeirney	Abingdon Elementary
Award of Excellence	Molly Abrams	Bel Air Elementary
Award of Excellence	Averil Wright	Abingdon Elementary
Award of Merit	Jordyn Kendall	Ring Factory Elementary
Award of Merit	Reilly Holmstrom	North Bend Elementary
Award of Merit	Lily Grissom	Abingdon Elementary
Award of Merit	Claudia Gerry	Youth's Benefit Elementary
Award of Merit	Tsambika Anastasi	Darlington Elementary
<b>Middle</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Ariel Tugado	North Harford Middle
Award of Excellence	Amelia Svoboda	Bel Air Middle
Award of Excellence	Nathan Beck	Magnolia Middle
Award of Merit	Madison Fetherston	North Harford Middle
Award of Merit	Heather Wheeler	Bel Air Middle
Award of Merit	Hannah Donohue	Fallston Middle
Award of Merit	Chloe Henkel	North Harford Middle
Award of Merit	Sarah Nelson	Fallston Middle
<b>Senior</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Rachel Donohue	Fallston High
Award of Excellence	Isabelle Cochran	Fallston High
Award of Excellence	Isabelle Cochran	Fallston High
<b>Special Artist</b>		
Outstanding Interpretation	Ivy Young	North Harford High
Award of Excellence	Justin King	North Harford High
Award of Excellence	Lauren Showalter	North Harford High
Award of Merit	Anna Dufour	North Harford High





**BETTY BULL AWARD**  
**Harford County Council of PTA, Inc.**  
**2015 Award Application Process Cover Sheet**

The Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. is pleased to announce its scholarship program for the 2014/2015 school year in which up to six (6) \$500.00 awards will be presented (dependent on sufficient funding).

The purpose of this award program is to provide financial assistance to students of the Parent Teacher Student Association who are pursuing their goal toward advanced education.

**Eligibility:**

1. Must be a senior in a Harford County public high school.
2. Must have applied and been accepted at a post secondary institution, e.g., college technical school, etc.
3. Must have achieved a minimum GPA of 2.0.
4. A copy of the student's PTA/PTSA membership card, the parent's or legal guardian's PTA/PTSA membership card, or the signature of the President verifying PTA membership of a sponsoring PTA/PTSA only must be provided with this application.
5. Money awarded by the scholarship must be used for tuition, transportation, books and other associated materials, room and board to a college or technical school.

**Selection Criteria:**

(Rating for Award applicants is based on a scale of 100%.)

1. Goals (40%)
2. Volunteer work/Extracurricular activities (30%)
3. Grades (GPA counts as 10% of the final process)
4. Written application (10%)
5. Letters of Reference (5%)
6. Financial need (5%)

**Procedure:**

1. Complete the application, also available online at [www.hcc-pta.org](http://www.hcc-pta.org).
2. Verify that all supporting material required below is submitted in your packet.
3. Mail to:

Betty Bull Award Selection Committee  
Harford County Council of PTA, Inc.  
P. O. Box 435  
Bel Air, MD 21014

**Deadline:**     **Application must be received by April 1, 2015**

**SUPPORTING MATERIAL REQUIRED:**

1. Completed application Parts I, II & III by the deadline date (April 1, 2015).
2. Sealed Transcript of high school credits earned, including senior year 1st semester and GPA.
3. Two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, sponsor, etc. (Family members may NOT be included as references)
4. Copy of current PTSA or PTA membership card or **signature of only a PTSA/PTA President** verifying PTA membership of student, parent, or legal guardian.





## 2015 Legislative Conference Workshops

Workshops will be offered in 2 Session Blocks on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Members may choose only one workshop per session.

Session 1 - 8:45am to 10:15am

Session 2 – 10:45am to 12:15pm

Registration Fee: 295.00 USD



Register online at

**<http://www3.pta.org/Ebusiness/Default.aspx?TabID=229>**

## Awards & Grants

### Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award

Recognizes PTAs that best demonstrate outstanding achievement in the areas of diversity and inclusion, as well as efforts to end discriminatory practices. The award will be presented to one state PTA and one council or district PTA, and one local PTA at the Annual National PTA Convention, June 26-28 in Charlotte, NC. **Apply by March 20.**

### Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant

Provides matching dollar funding to local PTAs to support in- and after-school arts enhancement projects within their communities. PTAs serving at-risk student populations are particularly encouraged to apply, beginning in January 2015, for projects starting the following school year. **Apply by March 13.**

### Male Engagement Award

This celebrates the state PTA making significant strides to increase male membership and engagement in schools and communities, which helps nurture children's intellectual, physical and social development. The winning state PTA will receive \$1,000 and be announced at the annual National PTA Convention in Charlotte, N.C. **Apply by April 30.**

Go to **<http://www.pta.org/members/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2915>** for details