



Plano ISD Council of PTAs Newsletter

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Back to Basics

Right now it is so cold outside, the only thing I can think about is keeping warm. **Basic.** When my kids come home from school, the only thing they think about is food. **So basic.** In the morning, my husband hops in his car, turns the key and he is off to work. **Also basic.**

But many Plano families are living without **the basics**. It is surprising, because Plano was recently named the wealthiest large city in America. But did you know that 24% of our Plano students qualify for free or reduced lunch? For the "wealthiest city," we have a lot of poverty. I think it is surprising, but the face of poverty may also not be what you expect. It may be a family in your neighborhood that depended on one income and has experienced a job loss, leaving the family with no income, but plenty of fear for their future. Their need to visit a food pantry for a first time may be embarrassing and foreclosure may loom around the corner. It may be a single mom, just barely getting by, who had an unexpected car repair, and is now faced with the choice of being able to pay for rent or food. Or it may be an immigrant family with limited language and education dreaming of a better life but not finding the stability and opportunities expected.

Featured Article



Membership News - January 2010

Getting "Back to Basics" by continuing to recruit more members into your PTAs!

Every year local PTAs have the opportunity to honor extraordinary volunteers, staff or community partners that have made a significant impact on their PTA at the

The safety net for Plano's neediest families and students is weak. Food stamps are backlogged for several months, and when you're hungry, waiting 100 days doesn't fill your stomach. The Samaritan Inn, Collin County's only homeless shelter, is at capacity. Several of our food pantries have had bare shelves as the number of clients has increased each month. The Salvation Army in east Plano generously opened its doors as an emergency shelter this week during the cold spell, but it is day-to-day availability.

Texas PTA's theme "**Back to Basics**" is a philosophy that fits our community today. Our PTAs are involved in "**the basics**" of student programming, parent education and advocacy, but helping our community discuss "**the basics**" and how we help our families in poverty is a goal we can't ignore. Too many of our students and families are going without "**the basics**" of heat, food, shelter and transportation.

On January 14, Plano PTA Council is sponsoring, along with the PISD Diversity

Texas Life Member Banquet. This year our event will be a celebration not a banquet. That means there will be NO dinner. You should already know who your honorees are and then notify me of their names and bios through Survey Monkey by the extended deadline of January 10th. It is imperative that you order your TX PTA LM

Certificates and Pinettes ASAP or you may not receive them by the date of the celebration.

Invitations will arrive at your schools inter-school mail box to PTA Membership by January 25th.

Please get your RSVP's in order by Feb 10th so that everyone has a place to sit at the celebration.

Banquet Details

Monday, February 22, 2009

6:30 p.m. @ Plano West Senior High Auditorium on West Parker Road.

There is no ticket price. Guests will be seated in rows.

Honorees are encouraged to bring spouses and of course Principals, PTA Presidents, Membership Chairs and Board members are welcome too.

Invitations to the banquet will be sent out in January.

Advisory Committee, a Poverty Simulation program. I invite you to attend and experience a program that will open your eyes to some of the challenges faced by our community (details below).

PTA is just one small piece of the puzzle, but with 36,000 members in Plano ISD, we can help get the conversation started and perhaps the combination of linking programs, resources and organizations with the ideas and passion of our volunteer base will put the basics within reach for more families. Unfortunately, the issue and solutions aren't "**Back to basics**" - they are really complex. I hope you will join us and find a way to continue making a difference in our community in 2010!

Sincerely,
Cara Mendelsohn
president@planopta.org

Poverty Simulation Program

Don't miss a program you'll never forget!

January 14, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Administration Building, Board Room

2700 W. 15th Street, Plano, 75075

The community is invited to experience first-hand how those in poverty deal with hunger, disability, unemployment, transportation and much, much more by simulating a month in the life of someone less fortunate. The event is intended to increase the understanding of the struggles of our students who live in impoverished situations.

Attend this powerful "Poverty Simulation" program on Thursday, January 14th, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Plano ISD Administration Building.

Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. We recommend a donation of \$5 be given to CITY House, the only homeless shelter for children in the Collin County area.

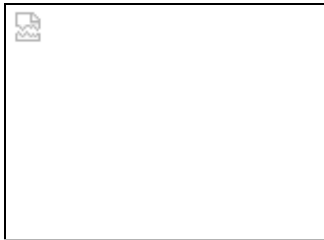
For more information or to register to attend, please contact: KT Handley at specialevent@planopta.org or 214-437-9629 with your name and email address. Space is limited, so please sign up early.

The simulation will be facilitated by the Region 10 Education Service Center (<http://www.facebook.com/l/344c2;www.region10.org/nclb/ThePovertySimulation.html>), which has facilitated poverty simulations across Dallas, Richardson and Plano. Mayor Phil Dyer will give opening remarks about the changes in demographics in Plano. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Sponsored by the Plano ISD Council of PTAs and the Plano ISD Diversity Advisory Committee.

KIDS VISION FEST

Please make sure you get your RSVPs in ASAP after receiving the invitation!



SKI PLANO

The Plano ISD Education Foundation Hosts 14th Annual Ski Plano Event

Ski Plano 2010, the annual fundraiser benefitting the Plano ISD Education Foundation, will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010, at Southfork Ranch in Parker, Texas. Those in attendance will be seen wearing an array of ski attire including ski sweaters, scarves, and hats to warm themselves at this annual event benefitting the students, faculty, staff and schools of Plano ISD.

At least 800 guests, including business and community leaders, school board members, Plano ISD administrators, principals, and parents are expected to attend the event.

The evening's activities will feature a seated dinner, entertainment and dancing to the music of Mars Hill, live auction and silent auction. The cocktail hour will include entertainment by "Classic Jazz", a band composed of Plano ISD employees who are outstanding performers!

Free festival to offer free eye screenings to all kids and free exams and glasses to those who qualify, plus book readings, educational activities, games and entertainment. In an effort to eliminate poor vision and its lifelong consequences, Essilor Vision Foundation and the Kids Vision for Life Coalition will host Kids Vision Fest on Tue., Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (1515 Young St., Dallas, 75201). Free and open to the public, the event will offer free vision screenings to all children and free eye exams and glasses to qualifying children ages 4 - 12. Also planned are educational activities, games and entertainment. Children's authors and illustrators will be on site for book readings throughout the day. Kids also will enjoy educational vision-related activities and entertainment, plus contests, giveaways, prizes and more.

Details at essilorvisionfoundation.org

PTA Council Meetings

PTA members across Plano are welcome to join us for the next PTA Council regular meeting. Along with our regular business, we'll have guest speakers MaryBeth King, Plano ISD Trustee, speaking about the State Board of Education and Paul Weaver, PISD Director of Guidance and Counseling, speaking about College Readiness for PISD students.

January 19, 10-noon
Plano ISD Administration Building, Board Room
2700 W. 15th Street, Plano, Texas 75075

You ARE an Outstanding PTA!

One of the best things about our Council is the continued efforts to recognize our local units and their membership for the wonderful things they accomplish each year. The highlight comes at our May Regular Meeting with the awarding of the Outstanding PTA honors. Certificates are given for honors at both the elementary and secondary levels and special awards are handed out for the best at each level. One Plano ISD PTA is honored as the Outstanding PTA for the 2009-2010 school year. Let that PTA be yours!



How can your PTA be recognized? Visit the Council website and click on the Outstanding PTA award application on the home page. Save it and fill it out with all the great programs and achievements of your PTA. Turn in 4 complete sets of the application (including the online form, a sample newsletter, a letter of recommendation and answers to the essay questions).

Who fills out the form? This can be done by the President, any Board member, or it can be done by committee. Get together a group of interested PTA members and make it an event!

This year will be the exciting debut of the Neiman Marcus Avalanche. The Live Auction includes unique and exciting items such as a Lexus "Super Model Sampler" 12 month Lease donated by Park Place Lexus, a \$3,000 shopping spree - including a limo and lunch for 4 at Mariposa at the Shops at Willow Bend, a dinner for 10 catered by Central Market's Executive Chef, a Napa wine country tour package, and MORE!

"The uniqueness of this event is its boldness in being a casual gala", says Lisa Raskin, 2010 Ski Plano Chairman. "The timing is in late January after the hustle and bustle of the holidays has waned. People are ready to come back out for an event and the fact that it is casual dress makes the event that much more appealing. Our guests and sponsors help us fund critical programs for our school district as the proceeds from this event benefit our administrators, our teachers, our children...our future."

Please gather your friends and purchase a table!! Information, including ticket requests, is available by calling (972) 248-8252 or visiting the Plano ISD website at www.pisd.edu.

The Plano ISD

What is the application deadline? The 4 identical application packages must be submitted to the Aide to the President by March 23, 2010. This is the date of our Regular Council Meeting, so the President or Delegate can bring it along. If not, it can be delivered to Dana Bilbray's home at 1200 Balboa Circle, Plano, 75075 by midnight on the 23rd. If circumstances cause you to panic, feel free to call Dana at 972-467-5339.

What if I have questions? Call Dana at the above number or email her at bilbray@verizon.net

Remember that you cannot receive an award if you do not enter and this one is a wonderful tool to evaluate your PTA year. Much of the form can be filled out now, so get started!

Dana Bilbray
Aide to the President

Subscribe to the Council Site Update Feed

Did you know you can be 100% up-to-date on the latest PISD PTA Council news without checking the website, or waiting for the next newsletter? It's true! By subscribing to our Site Update feed, you'll receive an email anytime the Council website is updated. The latest award application information ... new scholarships for students ... meetings and more! To subscribe, go to www.planopta.org and click the "Subscribe to Feed" link in the left margin. Type a little, click a little, and voila! You current little thing, you!

Plano Celebrates National Inclusive Schools Week

For the third year in a row, PISD proclaimed the first week of December **Inclusive Schools**

Week district-wide as part of a national celebration. Coordinated through the PISD Council of PTA's SAGE Committee, many campuses implemented programs to help students celebrate the importance of welcoming and including students of all abilities, race, ethnicities and socio-economic status across their campus.

At Rice Middle School, students in the HOPE program (which stands for Helping Our Peers Excel) teamed up with students in the special education program and the PACE program to create posters, poems and inspirational essays focusing on their own personal experiences with feeling included - or not - with their peers. Each day several of these messages were shared with the entire student body during announcements before being posted in the hallways for everyone to read. In addition, each student, teacher and staff member was given a strip of paper to create a link in a paper chain on which they could complete the following phrase: "At Rice Middle School, I feel included because ..." Nearly 1200 strips were linked together and are currently displayed in the Rotunda of the school - enough to go around almost twice. The highlight of the week was an early morning donut party for the students to celebrate their connections. It was heartwarming watching nearly 600 students with different abilities, cultures and interests coming together to celebrate their connections to one another!



Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission to help all students in Plano public schools achieve their full potential by providing financial support to educators and programs.

Quick Links...

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[Area 15](#)

[Texas PTA](#)

[National PTA](#)

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The next big project for the SAGE Committee is the upcoming 2nd **Annual Summer Camp Vendor Fair** coming on March 27. Last year, more than 75 camps from across the Metroplex -- and across the country -- presented their programs geared for kids in the gifted education programs to kids in the special education programs and every student in-between. This year's event is shaping up to be just as big and just as exciting. Watch for more details as they unfold.

Scholarships Available from PTA partner AXA Foundation!



The AXA Achievementsm Community Scholarship program offers \$2,000 college scholarships to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. The scholarships are sponsored by the AXA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AXA Advisors, LLC.

Applicants must be United States citizens or legal residents, be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States by fall 2010, be ambitious and motivated, as evidenced by **outstanding achievement** in school, community, or work activities, and be recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to the student's achievement.

More than 300 students, to be known as AXA Achievers, will be selected to receive a \$2,000 award. An AXA Achievementsm Community Scholarship must be used for education-related expenses for the 2010-2011 academic year. For more information about all AXA Achievementsm Scholarships, see this link: [AXA Foundation](#)

Reflections - Council Results

By: Jan Barber

We had a tremendous response to the Reflections Program this year. Fifty-six Plano schools participated in this year's program with 2,697 entries being received. On December 9th, 562 entries that advanced to the Council level were judged. The distribution of awards is as follows:

Award of Excellence advancing to State judging	57
Award of Excellence	43
Award of Merit	102
Honorable Mention	<u>153</u>
Total Awards	355



The complete list of award recipients, by school and award category can be found on the PTA Council website (www.planopta.org).

There will be an Awards Reception for the award recipients and their families on the evening of Wednesday, April 14th at Sockwell Center, where we will present the students with their Council Award ribbons.

Thank you to all of the local Arts in Education Chairmen, Reflections Chairmen,

and parents for all of your support for this program. Congratulations to all of our very talented students who participated in this year's "Beauty is..." program!

Please Give Your Input to Early Childhood Intervention Services!

The Texas
Department of
Assistive and
Rehabilitative



TEXAS
Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

Services Division for Early Childhood Intervention (DARS ECI) is a statewide program for families with children, birth to three, with disabilities and developmental delays. ECI supports families to help their children have the resources they need to reach their goals.

Because the program is serving an increasing number of children and families with limited resources, they are gathering information to plan and prepare for the future. DARS is asking for input from stakeholders about ECI, especially families who have received ECI services, on how it can best use limited resources to provide those services most important to children and families.

You can help by telling DARS ECI representatives your thoughts and suggestions. Comments on all areas of the ECI Program are welcomed, but there are certain questions that need more focus: Comments on all areas of the ECI Program are wanted, but there are certain questions that need more focus:

Which ECI services are most important to you?

What are the strengths and challenges of ECI that affect the quality of the program?

What other services (not offered by ECI) provide added support for families?

What changes would you make to the ECI system for the future?

If not all children could be served with available resources, which children would be prioritized to receive ECI services?

Do you have any other comments about ECI, in general?

Written suggestions and comments may be emailed by January 30, 2010 to DARS.inquiries@dars.state.tx.us or mailed to: Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Division for Early Childhood Intervention Services 4900 N. Lamar Boulevard, MC 3029, Austin, Texas 78751-2399

You are also invited to attend an in-person meeting at one of the two area locations:

January 25, 2010-Dallas, Texas, Lakewest Family YMCA, All Purpose Room, 3737 Goldman, Dallas, Texas 75212

January 27, 2010-McKinney, Texas, Collin College, Pike Hall Auditorium, 2200 W. University Drive, McKinney, TX 75070

If you need additional information or require special accommodations, please contact the DARS Inquiries Line at 1-800-628-5115, TDD/TTY 1-866-581-9328 or email requests to DARS.inquiries@dars.state.tx.us within five business days prior to the meeting.

Have you completed your 2009-2010 Student Directory?

If so, now's the time to forward a copy to Council for judging. The deadline to receive the Directory is March 1, 2010, but don't delay!

Send your Directory via interschool mail to: Cherie Tipsword, Plano Council of PTAs, Admin Building. Achievements (Highest Honors, Honors, Honorable Mention, as well as Overall Best Directory Elementary, and Overall Best Directory Secondary) will be announced at the Officer and Chairman training in May. Questions may be referred to Cherie Tipsword at directory@planopta.org.

2010 Public Policy Agenda Released!

National PTA has released its [2010 Public Policy Agenda](#) outlining policy priorities and recommendations for the second session of the 111th Congress. Bolstered by research to back up the recommendations, the 2010 Public Policy Agenda focuses on three key priorities:

1. ***Family Engagement in Education***

PTA looks forward to the opportunity to strengthen parent involvement and family engagement in the upcoming reauthorizations of the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA-NCLB)** and the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**.

2. ***Opportunity and Equity for All Children***

PTA will advance its opportunity and equity platform with the implementation of state advocacy efforts for the **Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI)**, the reauthorization of the **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)**, and **federal appropriations** to support student achievement and family engagement.

3. ***Child Nutrition Act***

In 2010, PTA will advocate to improve child health and wellness through the reauthorization of the **Child Nutrition Act**.



Selection of these priorities is based on the timeliness of the issue as it relates to actions being considered by Congress and the Administration, opportunities for National PTA to provide leadership and expertise to lawmakers, alignment with National PTA's mission and resolutions, and ability to achieve a meaningful policy change that will produce positive results for children and their families.

PTA Legislative Alert



Dear PTA members and friends,

WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!

PLEASE Contact your State Board Of Education (SBOE)

Representative
before Wednesday!

Individual and Team Sports P.E. courses are being considered for elimination beginning 2010-2011 school year. A message from you can make an important difference at this point in the process.

Here's what you need to know:

On Wednesday, January 13, 2010, the State Board Of Education (SBOE) will make several decisions related to High School PE:

They will decide whether to eliminate individual and team sports PE courses. They will decide whether to standardize 1 PE requirement for each of the 3 diploma options, rather than require 1.5 credits for 2 of the diploma options.

(Links to the proposed amendments are found at the bottom of this alert.)

According to the proposed amendments, the only High School P.E. courses offered would be Foundations of Personal Fitness, Aerobic Activities and Adventure/Outdoor Education. Health course would be eliminated. If the amendments pass as written, students who do not qualify to play competitive athletics but are interested in learning a lifetime sport such as tennis, golf, swimming, basketball, softball, etc., would have to sign up for an Athletics I-IV class in order to learn that sport.

We believe many non-athletic students would be hesitant to sign up for an athletics course when they do not even know how to play the game. By structuring and naming the new courses Athletics I-IV, the SBOE would inadvertently limit the ability for non-athletic students to learn lifetime team or individual sports.

Athletics courses often focus on only one activity (i.e., football), and are not required to provide principles of a healthy lifestyle. In addition, athletics courses are often restricted to students participating on athletic teams so, without changes in policy, these courses would not be open to everyone since students can't just "sign up" for athletics; they must have coach approval. Non-athletic students would be denied the opportunity to learn about individual and lifetime sports and team sports if the only courses they could take that teach sports are athletics courses.

The recent F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies are failing in America 2009 report indicated that one of the main factors behind the obesity epidemic is the reduction in the amount of physical education, recess, and recreation time as well as limited health classes. Additionally, research at the University of Illinois reported in the April 1, 2009 edition of Science Daily indicated that physical activity may increase students' cognitive control and ability to pay attention and result in better academic performance.

Here's what you can do:

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL YOUR SBOE REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE WEDNESDAY!

Who Represents Me link here: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/>

Follow the directions below to email:

Email [Follow this email link](#) The email is rules@tea.state.tx.us

In the subject line write: Comment on Text of Proposed Amendments to

19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapters E & F RE: physical education changes

In the body of the message: RE: Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements,

Graduation Requirements for Physical Education: E -74.62 (7),74.63

(7), & 74.64(7) and F -74.52 (7), 74.53 (7), & 74.54 (7)

Write your email using message points below.

Be sure to include your email address so a receipt can be acknowledged.

Message Points for call or email:

I urge you NOT repeal Individual and Team Sports courses from the TEKS:

Taking athletics as a PE class may not be an option for many of our students due to: finances, interest, their need to be at a job or their need to be home right after school and on weekends. Yet, these same students may wish to learn more about soccer, tennis, or disc golf or other team and individual sports.

Individual and Team Sports as a PE course offer students activities that are more recreational/lifetime in focus.

Team and Individual Sports courses have very different goals and assessments than an athletic class would have. Athletic classes' primary focus tends to be the win concept, not the lifelong health lessons, teambuilding and/or self-esteem lessons, or basic knowledge of how to play the game(s).

Many coaches of athletics are NOT certified P.E. teachers and do not possess the necessary background to offer quality physical education concepts.

I urge you not to reduce PE and health requirements to 1 credit across all diploma plans:

Academically and physically, children and youth need physical education and health courses as part of their education experience. Kids who are unhealthy, undernourished and physically inactive do not learn as well or as easily.

Maintain the 1.5 credit hours of physical education and .5 credit hours of health course for the distinguished and minimum high school degree plans.

This is a critical time for students, and without a Health requirement, essential information they need to make healthy choices and be well informed will not be available. Health class is where students learn the impact tobacco, alcohol and drugs can have on their lives. They learn about nutrition, have discussions about peer pressure, analyze and apply strategies for avoiding violence, gangs, and weapons.

Below are links to the proposed amendments:

Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapter E

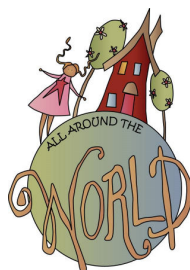
[<Subchapter E link>](#)

Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapter F

[<Subchapter F link>](#)

Thank you for speaking out for the youth of Texas!

Cultural Diversity News



Happy New Year - Sun Nien Fai Lok (Cantonese) - Xin Nian Yu Kuai (Mandarin) - Bonne Année (French) - Nayya Saal Mubarak (Urdu) - Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu (Japanese) - Feliz Año Nuevo (Spanish) - Nava Varsh Ki Haardik Shubh Kaamnaayen (Hindi) - Ein Gluckliches Neues Jahr (German) - Kull 'Aam Wa-Antum Bikhayr (Arabic) - Aïdee Shoma Mobarak (Farsi) - Felice Anno Nuovo (Italian) - Saehae Bock Mani Ba Deu Sei Yo (Korean)

Mark your calendar to attend these FREE Plano Community Events to celebrate the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MLK "Walk for Non-Violence" and City Hall Program Saturday January 16, 2010 at 8:45 a.m.

Health Fair at Douglass Community Center gymnasium on Saturday January 16 from 11-2 - Douglass Community Center 1111 H Avenue, Plano - (972) 941-7174

Collin College Monday January 18, 7:30 a.m. **Leadership Power Blog Breakfast** at Spring Creek Campus Conference Center
2800 East Spring Creek Parkway Plano, Texas

The Plano Independent School District invites families and friends to **"FREE TO LEAD"** a tribute to the great American leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the many outstanding leaders in Plano ISD and the community

6:30 p.m. Pre-program salute to students leaders

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Program showcasing hundreds of students performers

Thursday, January 21, 2010 Collinwood Hall at Plano Centre
2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway Plano, Texas

Graciela Katzer
Council of PTAs Cultural Diversity Chair
[214 495 7838](tel:2144957838)

Candidate Meet and Greet



Plano ISD Council of PTAs invites you to a Meet & Greet for Education Candidates!
Tuesday, February 16th, 2010

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (you are welcome to come & go)

7 p.m. - 3 minute candidate speeches

SMU in Plano

5232 Tennyson Parkway, Plano 75024

Come meet and talk informally with candidates that will affect education in our community and state. This is your chance to get to know the candidates, ask questions and share your concerns and priorities with future decision makers. Come make your voice heard!

Refreshments served

SMU in Plano is located on Tennyson Parkway, between the North Dallas Tollway and Preston Road, near the former EDS campus and across from the YMCA.



Plano Independent School District

Art Competition for High School Students



High school students are invited to submit original artwork for the annual Congressional Art Competition. Teachers and parents should call the local office for Congressman Sam Johnson at 972.470.0892 to enter the student's name, hometown and school.

ACTION REQUIRED: Important Information about Web sites through Web PTN

Web PTN has provided free Web sites to Texas PTA since 2007. Texas PTA communicated some time ago that this free service would unfortunately come to an end at some point in time.

Effective January 1, 2010, Web sites through Web PTN will cost \$150 for a 12-month (year) subscription renewable every January 1.

Web PTN is a proven vendor that has provided free service for two years. Texas PTA's relationship with Web PTN will continue - with some changes.

To renew your current web site or to request a new web site, [click here](#).

What if...

Your PTA has an existing site through Web PTN?

- Open registration for renewing Web site: January 1 - March 31, 2010
- Your members can enjoy uninterrupted service if your PTA completes the form attached and remits \$150 no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010
- Send completed form along with a check made payable to Texas PTA to the attention of Alex Peterson, Texas PTA, 408 W. 11th Street, Austin, TX, 78701
- If \$150 (annual fee) is not received by March 31, existing sites will be deactivated at midnight on March 31, 2010
- Sites will not remain active unless full annual payment is received (\$150)
- Starting in 2011, site must be renewed with payment received no later than January 15 (your PTA will receive an invoice)

Your PTA is currently chartered, but does not have a site through Web PTN and would like to register?

- Send completed form, along with a check in the amount of \$150 (annual fee) made payable to Texas PTA, to the attention of Alex Peterson, Texas PTA, 408 W. 11th Street, Austin, TX, 78701 (Sites will not be activated without full annual payment - \$150)
- New sites will be activated by Web PTN within 5 business days of receipt of payment by Texas PTA
- Starting in 2011, site must be renewed with payment received no later than January 15 (your PTA will receive an invoice)

Your PTA is chartered after January 1, 2010?

- Your PTA will receive one complimentary Web site for the calendar year in which they are formed
- To be eligible, a PTA's complete organization paper work must be submitted to the Member Services Department at Texas PTA
- This offer is by calendar year, so for example, if your PTA is chartered in October, the free Web site is only good through December 31. On January 15, your PTA will owe \$150.
- New sites will be activated by Web PTN within 5 business days of notice from Texas PTA
- Starting in 2011, site must be renewed with payment received no later than January 15 (your PTA will receive an invoice)

Demo Site Available

Web PTN is providing a free demo site to PTAs who may be interested in this feature. You can log on to the demo site to test the features of the site, make any changes and work with the formatting. The demo site is programmed to reset itself every hour on the hour, so any information added or submitted will be lost after one hour.

[Click to try the Texas PTA-Web PTN Demo Site](#)

Additional Information

- Support requests will be responded to within 48 hours and should be sent to webmaster@txpta.org
- All site maintenance will be performed during night hours

PTA Mission

PTA is
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.

PTA Vision

Making every child's potential a reality.

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