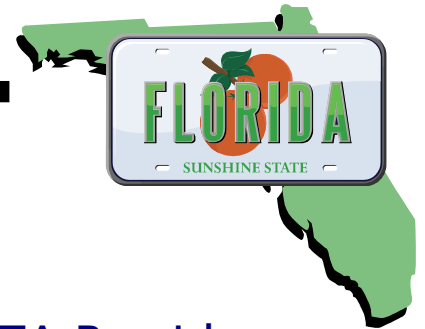




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A message from our SCCPTA President

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Happy New Year! 2011 is just a few days old, and the SCCPTA and Florida PTA are off and running! I attended the Florida PTA Winter Meetings this past weekend, and have so much to share with you all.

Now is the time to elect your Nominating Committee for the slating of next year's officers, and to review your budgets, and revise them if needed. It is also time for you to start applying for Seminole County Council and Florida PTA Awards. SCCPTA Awards applications as well as the Florida PTA Awards applications, can be found on the SCCPTA website.

It's also a great time to do a little "housekeeping". Review your bylaws, just to make sure that they are up to date, and make sure everyone on your board has a current, updated, and approved copy for their procedure books.

If you have not paid any dues to Florida PTA (\$3.00 per membership sold), do it NOW! This year's membership drive ends on March 31, and if you have not submitted payment for the cards you have sold, you must pay for the cards you have sold as soon as possible, and return the membership cards that you did not use. If you do not return the unused cards to Florida PTA, you will be billed to pay for them! Get your dues in now so that your local unit will be eligible for the Reflections Program at the State and National level, and to be eligible for SCCPTA and Florida PTA Awards!

Yours in service AND ADVOCACY, Laura Joralemon, SCCPTA President

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Save The Date:

Thursday, January 20, 2011----Oviedo HS PTSA invites you to their program, "Living Debt Free", presented by Tranquility Financial Visioning, LLC, and sponsored by the Citizens Bank of Oviedo. Program starts at 7:00 PM and will be held in the Oviedo High School Media Center. Gifts and light refreshments will be offered.

Thursday, January 27, 2011----SCCPTA General Meeting at 7 PM. Winter Springs High School Media Center. Our 2011 Nominating committee will be elected, Awards will be handed out, and 2 Programs will be offered.

Thursday, March 24, 2011----**Rally in Tally.** Please contact SCCPTA if you wish to join us in Tallahassee, and would like to reserve a spot on the bus. Departure information will be sent to those who have RSVP'd to attend.



Please pass this newsletter along to your Board Members and your Principal.

The deadline to apply for an SCCPTA Mini-grant has been extended to February 28, 2011. The Mini-grant application can be found on the SCCPTA web site.

Join the Florida PTA Facebook page, as well as the Seminole County Council of PTA's page. The Florida PTA Advocacy Partners also have Facebook pages: Children's Movement of Florida and Fund Education Now. Keep up-to-date on what is happening around the state!

Leadership News

Happy New Year!

Start off the New Year by marking your calendar for our upcoming General Meeting on Thursday, January 27th and participate in a fun program to learn how to communicate more effectively with everyone! Whether you feel you're a master communicator or not, you will be sure to take away some beneficial tips from this session.

We all know how some people are just so easy to get along with and others, well let's face it, with others it can take a little bit more to figure them out and often times quite a bit more to work with them. As PTA members we need to work with everyone and frankly, sometimes it can be challenging! This session provides valuable insight into different behavioral styles and aids in understanding how to work and interact with people of different personalities. Once people understand behavioral styles they can work more effectively with others, individually, and in teams.

I will be presenting the ***Communicate Effectively with Everyone*** program that I've presented at the Florida PTA Leadership Conference for several years (always to a packed crowd) and look forward to being able to bring this program home to our own Seminole County PTA members. Be sure to invite your Board Members to take part in this program – it's a great step in making communication among your Board much more effective (and at times, more fun!)

Looking forward to seeing you then!

Tammy Potosky, VP-Leadership

Treasurer's Message

It's not too late to donate to the SCCPTA Scholarship Fund!

By donating to the SCCPTA Scholarship Fund, you are helping several Seminole County students start their college careers. Any amount will help. Last year we were able to help five students, and this year, we'd like to help more students from our area. When you review your budgets, please consider making a donation today. Donations are accepted through March 31, 2011. A Scholarship Fund submission form is located on the SCCPTA website, www.sccpta.com, under "forms".

Reminders:

If you have not done so, please pay your County Council Dues to SCCPTA and your State and National dues (\$3.00 per membership) to Florida PTA. The SCCPTA dues form is located on the SCCPTA web site and the State/National dues form is located in the Kit of Materials.

If you have any questions, you can call me at (407)-610-4580.

Patty Novak, SCCPTA Treasurer

Arts Alive Update

Arts Alive in Seminole 2010

The 14th annual **Arts Alive in Seminole** was held December 3 at the Westin Lake Mary. This event, sponsored by the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, celebrates and supports the arts in our schools. It showcases performances by talented SCPS students, teachers, and staff, displays of visual art by high school AP art students, and table centerpieces created by art students in elementary and middle schools. Since it began in 1997, **Arts Alive in Seminole** has donated nearly \$1 million to arts programming in our public schools. This money is used to fund district-wide programs such as the Elementary All-District Chorus; the Seminole Marching Band Festival; and the Art See program. Art and music teachers have been able to attend professional development workshops, funding has been provided for dance and drama programs, and art supplies have been donated to students in the district's Families in Transition program. These are just a few of the programs supported by Arts Alive. In addition, each school receives a check to be used in its arts curriculum.

This year's Arts Alive was a huge success, and over \$100,000 in proceeds will be distributed. This money is raised through ticket sales, monetary donations, and donations of items for the evening's live and silent auctions. SCCPTA donated several auction items, and many of our local PTA/PTSA units made donations as well. We are so proud of the commitment that our county PTA has made to keeping the arts a strong and vibrant part of our children's education. Our thanks to: Carillon Elementary PTA, Chiles MS PTSA, Forest City Elementary PTA, Hagerty HS PTSA, Heathrow Elementary PTA, Indian Trails MS PTSA, Markham Woods MS PTSA, Oviedo HS PTSA, Partin Elementary PTA, Sabal Point Elementary PTA, Seminole HS PTSA, Teague MS Parent Association, and Wekiva Elementary PTA.

Thank YOU for keeping the arts alive in Seminole County!

Jan Harmon, SCCPTA Cultural Arts; Foundation for SCPS Board, Arts Alive committee

SCCPTA Bylaws Update

It is very important that all schools review their Bylaws at this time. We have several Local Units in Seminole County whose Bylaws are not compliant with the requirements of Florida and National PTA. If your Bylaws have a date with the year ending in 2007---you are overdue and noncompliant. If your Bylaws have a date with the year 2008, NOW is the time to create a review committee and review or revise and submit the signed original and a copy to Florida PTA. Remember, if you make any changes, it must be voted on by your general membership at a General Meeting.

If your Bylaws are not current your local unit will be ineligible to participate in the Reflections Program and will be unable to apply for Awards at the County and State PTA levels.

Please contact SCCPTA if you have any questions, need help in updating, or acquiring a copy of your Bylaws.

Kathy Foulk, SCCPTA Bylaws Chair

A Word from the SCCPTA Awards Committee

Dear PTA Presidents,

The Awards Celebration Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The selfless dedication in meeting the needs of your school through programs, projects, and services – deserve recognition. As the New Year begins, please begin to select programs to submit for the Awards applications. Remember SCCPTA Award applications must be postmarked by **April 10, 2011**. You can find the applications at our web site: www.sccpta.com. Please mail your completed applications to **SCCPTA, c/o Awards Committee, P. O. Box 197165, Winter Springs, FL, 32719**.

The hard work and service that your local unit provides to your school and community deserves to be rewarded. We look forward to your applications, and Good Luck!

Thank you,

Angela Murray, SCCPTA Awards Chairperson

News from our Friends at SCPS Food Services!

January

Start the Year Off Right *with Breakfast*

Wouldn't it be nice to be on the 2011 perfect attendance list or honor roll for excellent grades? Well, studies have shown that students who eat breakfast miss fewer days of school and focus better in class than students who skip breakfast. Therefore, SCPS offers breakfast at each school to give all students a chance to begin the day with the nourishment they need to perform at their best. No matter, if students eat at home or at school, a great school year starts with a balanced breakfast.

For more information about breakfast at your school, visit our website: <http://foodservice.scps.k12.fl.us/>



Seminole County Council of PTA's
Annual Vendor's Event
Saturday May 21, 2011
10 AM – 12 PM
Lyman High School Cafeteria

865 RONALD REAGAN BLVD
LONGWOOD, FLORIDA 32750

ATTENTION:

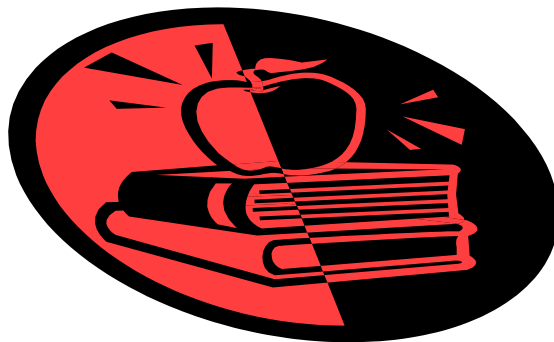
Teachers, PTA's, Booster Clubs, Sport Groups, Scouts...

this upcoming event is for you! This is a great opportunity to look for new ideas for your fundraising/program needs.

Mark your calendar! This event is open to all groups, clubs, and the general public. Bring your fundraising chair, program chair and committee members! It's **free** to come and view all the vendors.

For more information contact:

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Michelle Morrison, Principal at Winter Springs Elementary School. She is a Finalist for the Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership, presented by the Florida Department of Education.

German Salazar, Jr., a 9th Grade student at Oviedo High School, was selected the overall winner of the National Association for Pupil Transportation's (NAPT) annual school bus safety poster contest. German was awarded a \$1,000.00 savings bond and his entry, "Be Aware – Know the Danger Zone" will be showcased during the 2011 National School Bus Safety Week, to be held October 16-22, 2011.

Congratulations to the Altamonte Elementary PTA for being awarded the Florida PTA Safety Award, at the Florida PTA Legislative Convention. Their award application is on the SCCPTA web site, under the "Great Stuff" tab.

Last But NOT Least!

Congratulations to our own Tammy Potosky, VP-Leadership and Misa Mills, SCCPTA Reflections Chair. Tammy was asked to serve on the Florida PTA Awards Committee, and Misa was selected to serve on the Florida PTA Cultural Arts Committee. So proud of these hard working and dedicated ladies!

And, Laura Joralemon, SCCPTA President, and Ginger Flynn, Florida PTA Secretary/SCCPTA Lead Area Coordinator were nominated and elected to represent Florida PTA with 18 other delegates at the 2011 National PTA Convention to be held June 9-12, 2011 at the Coronado Springs Resort at the Walt Disney World Resorts, in Orlando!

I know they will represent us well! Make us proud, ladies!



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