



from the PTA President

Special Announcement:

It is with great sadness that we announce that Sue Reynolds has stepped down as President of the Ward PTA effective immediately. We appreciate all of her assistance and leadership this year and look forward to her continued support of the PTA.

My name is Angela Clark Greene and you may remember me as the VP of Membership (I was the one making sure that everyone signed in for the meetings); I will be assuming the post of President for the remainder of the term as per our PTA By-laws.

I have been a parent at Ward for the past 3 years and I have nothing but positive things to say about it! This is my first year participating with the PTA, and I must say it too has been a delight! I encourage anyone wanting to make a positive change in the lives of our young people to join in. We are currently in the process of opening nominations for several Officer Positions as well as committee leaders and teams. Many of these roles do not require an enormous amount of time but do require your commitment to excellence!

There is still quite a bit more school year left, and with that being said we are looking forward to our annual events such as Grandparent Appreciation, Teacher Appreciation, our fun filled Field Day activities and the moving on of our beloved 5th Graders. We are looking for a few GREAT volunteers to assist us with these and several more upcoming events; therefore, we are in the process of organizing a Volunteer Round Up to better identify individuals to assist. Please look out for more information to come home in student folders, the Ward PTA website, and Facebook!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA Board and committee members for their vote of confidence in assuming this role. I look forward to continuing to work with each of them, all of our parents, teachers and staff.

Yours in Service,
Angela Clark Greene, President
Ward PTA



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PTA Board Nominations



YOU are WANTED!

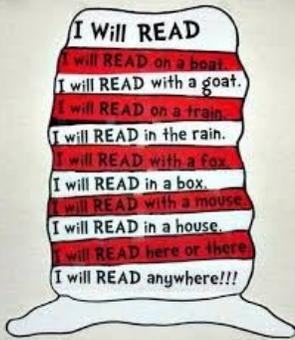
Looking for a few Good Men (and Women!)
To join the PTA Board and other committees. Nominations will be accepted for the following positions beginning March 10th through April 11, 2014:

- ⇒ VP Membership
- ⇒ VP Programs
- ⇒ VP Fundraising

We are also looking for leaders and individuals to serve on the following committees:

- ⇒ Volunteer Coordinator & Committee
- ⇒ Scholarships Coordinator & Committee
- ⇒ Box Top Coordinator & Committee
- ⇒ Field Day Coordinator & Committee
 - ⇒ Audit & Committee
- ⇒ Special Programs Coordinator & Committee
- ⇒ Communications Coordinator & Committee

Nominations can be sent via email to: WardPTAPres@gmail.com or in writing to the PTA mailbox in the main office.



BOX TOP CHALLENGE!



Beginning **Monday, March 17 thru Friday, April 11, 2014** the ONE (1) class that submits the most Box Tops will receive a SPECIAL recognition /award from the PTA!!

Take a good look at the boxes in your pantry. You'll find the Box Tops for Education label on many of them, and right now many brands have two. For each one you clip and turn in, the PTA receives 10 cents (or more) to put toward field trips, classroom items and more.

So, start searching and collecting!! Good Luck and Happy Clipping!!

PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

March 21, 2014 is the last day to submit photos for the yearbook this school year! If you have any pics of your child's class on a field trip, during a PTA performance or doing something fun in their classroom - please send your pics to

Diane Barnes @ keenanbarnes@comcast.net!



"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts."
-Dalai Lama



March 7th: Spring Pictures
March 18th - 21st: BOOK FAIR
March 21st: Grandparents Lunch

April 10th: 5th Grade Variety Show
April 11th: Career Day

May 9th: Field Day

June 13th: 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony

YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbook orders are available until April 28, 2014. Yearbooks can be ordered with cash/check envelopes or online. Information for the online ordering & the envelopes were sent home with the students. Yearbooks are \$15.

To order online please go to: www.strawbridge.net



from the Family Advocate



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 19th:
PTA program (3rd Grade Performance) at 7:00

March 20th:
Family Art Night from 5:45 to 7:00

March 21st:
Principal's Coffee at 7:30
Grandparents Lunch from 10:45 to 1:00

March 26th:
Dad's Drumming For Families from 6:30 to 7:00

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is staying warm and enjoying the school year and family time: I have been enjoying my visits with families and children and sometimes having the opportunity to read with children! It has been exciting to see how the older students help with the younger students in the mornings and afternoon time. If you missed our February SFEC meeting and Author night, you missed a real treat! Start getting excited because we will be having another workshop in March and April that will be exciting for the family!

- **3/11/14** - Man Up Test Preparation Workshop at Holladay Elementary. Please fill out your forms that were sent home with the flyer and return as soon as possible.

3/20/14 - Math & Craft Night with supper starting at 5:45. Our wonderful art teacher will be leading this workshop!

- **4/3/14** - Will be the rescheduled Health & Nutrition workshop, with Taco bar for supper. Our Physical Education teacher is the lead for this event and has a lot of fun planned for everyone.

Remember that the Family Advocate still needs moms and dads to volunteer at school! Many ways you can assist. Please do not hesitate to contact your Family Advocate if I can be of assistance to you.

Thanks for all you do!
Ellen Vaughan
Family Advocate



Read to Ride Across America

Hey there, Colts! From now until June we're starting a new reading program here at Ward – Read to Ride across America. Each class's goal is to read every night. At the end of every week, each class will add together the minutes students in that class read at home. Those minutes will equal miles on the map between state capitals. Starting in Richmond, we'll take a southwestern circle to each capital until we end up back in Richmond. That whole trip is 20,919 miles!

The first class to get to each state gets to show off the Golden Colt Trophy, and the class that gets to all 50 state capitals plus Washington DC gets to claim the Trophy for the rest of the year. The whole school will watch each class's progress on the "Read to Ride across America" bulletin board. Let's gallop together to each of the US state capitals!

What's GOING ON in the Library?

Holy Guacamole! There's a Reading Fiesta in the Library! Come check out the great new selections at our Spring Book Fair. Look for the Book Fair Flier to come home the second week of March. Students will come with their classes before the book fair starts to make wish lists. Younger children will get help from volunteers in filling out their wish lists. The wish list gives you an idea of your child's interests, but does not commit you to a purchase. **Sales days are Tuesday- Friday, March 18-21.**



Tuesday, March 18	Before school from 7:15-7:40 a.m.
Wednesday, March 19	Before school from 7:15-7:40 a.m. After school 2:15-3:15 p.m. PTA Night 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 20	Before school from 7:15-7:40 a.m.
Friday, March 21	LAST DAY! 7:15-7:40 a.m.

We can accept **cash or checks only**. Per HCPS policy, we cannot accept credit cards at school. Since we are required to charge **5.3% sales tax**, please be sure your child has enough money to cover the tax.

Online Bookfair! You or your child can't make it to the book fair at school? No worries! Just go to our online book fair site listed on the flier. You can purchase there with a credit card and your purchased items will be delivered to your child in his classroom! It just doesn't get any easier than that! The Online Book Fair is available March 12-April 1. Here's the link: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=wardelementaryschool1>

If you have any questions about the Book Fair, or would like to volunteer, please contact:

Andrea Velle	acvelle@henrico.k12.va.us	795-7030
Linda Atkinson	lwatkin@henrico.k12.va.us	795-7030

Author Kelly Starling Lyons – Ms. Lyons's visit was a huge success! Students got a look at her writing process and the artist's process, as well as a dose of African American history. The author shared personal stories as they related to the books she's written. Her books are available at <http://barnesandnoble.com> and www.amazon.com If you'd like to find out more about Kelly Starling Lyons and her books go to her website <http://www.kellystarlinglyons.com/> There are different activities for kids and she shares her recipe for the tea cakes from *Tea cakes and Tosh* (She recommends not rolling them out too thinly or they won't be cakey enough).



There are many ways to stay connected with your PTA this school year.

- Follow our blog to keep informed with the latest Ward PTA updates!
- From the blog, click on the Newsletter tab and sign up to receive our PTA monthly newsletter via e-mail!
- Facebook fans can also follow our *Henry Ward Elementary PTA* Facebook group.



Are you interested in serving as a PTA & school volunteer?
Need more information before committing?
Then join us on PTA night:
March 19th before the PTA performance
6:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria for
The Ward Volunteer Round Up!

Here you will gain additional information on school volunteer opportunities, receive volunteer descriptions and have the opportunity to sign-up!
We look forward to see you there!!



MARCH 9, 2014
DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FORWARD

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS **AHEAD** 1 HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT