



from the PTA President

Happy April Ward Family!

As I sit down to write this entry for this month’s newsletter, I do so with watery eyes and a runny nose...These allergies are just awful!! J But seriously folks, it’s that time of year again where we start to plan for the next school year. We will be looking for new faces to fill some of our committees where chairs will be moving on and or aging out at the end of the year. If chairing a committee or helping out is something you would consider, please contact me. Everyone has a talent with the Ward PTA!!

Please come and see what we are all about. I would like to personally invite you to attend our next PTA Meeting on April 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym, just prior to our student performance. I hope to see you there!

I would also like to share the following announcements with you:

- The Ward ES PTA has selected Mrs. Lisa Beggs and Mr. Pete Philips as its nominees for the Henrico County Council of PTA’s Volunteers of the Year Award! They will be recognized at their annual banquet and award program in May! Congratulations Mrs. Beggs and Mr. Philips!
- The VEA (Virginia Education Association) and the VA PTA have joined forces to “Put Kids First”. You can learn more about this initiative and its planned rally of parent, students and community on April 18th (See flyer)!
- **SAVE the DATE!** A tentative date has been set for the Ward PTA Annual Planning Retreat for July 25, 2015. Time and location to be determined

On behalf of the Ward PTA Board and its members, I would like to extend to you a very pleasant, safe and enjoyable Spring Break and also . . .*Let the Easter eggs serve as your reminder that nothing can hinder you in fulfilling your dreams.*

Wishing you an extraordinary Easter!

Angela Clark Greene
President – Ward PTA

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2015-2016 PTA Officers & Committee Slate

Elections and nominations will be accepted during the April meeting.
 If you have any questions, feel free to contact Angela Greene @
 wardptapres@gmail.com.

See below for available positions



Ward PTA Slate of
 Officers & Committees for
 For 2015-2016



POSITION	CANDIDATE
PRESIDENT	ANGELA CLARK GREENE (Term ends 06/2016)
VP PROGRAMS	OPEN
VP FUNDRAISING	OPEN
VP MEMBERSHIP	OPEN
SECRETARY	OPEN
TREASURER	LISA BROOKS
*COMMUNICATIONS	OPEN
*BOX TOPS/LABELS	CHERI CHAPMAN
*SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR	CHERI CHAPMAN
*VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	OPEN
*COUNTY COUNCIL /SCHOOL BOARD LIASON	OPEN
*LAY ADVISORY	OPEN
*HOSPITALITY	OPEN
*ROOM PARENT	OPEN
*SCHOOL BEAUTIFULCATION	OPEN
*TEACHER APPRECIATION	OPEN
*YEAR BOOK	CINDY BLAKLEY
*Indicates a committee	

MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

I hope everyone is having a great start to their Spring! Just a quick reminder that it is never too late to join YOUR Ward PTA!

Membership is still only \$5 per member and is open to parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, etc. I will have a table set up at all remaining PTA meetings as well as at Kindergarten registration. You can also ask for an envelope in the main office at any time.

Thank you for all who have joined so far this year! Your engagement is much appreciated by all!

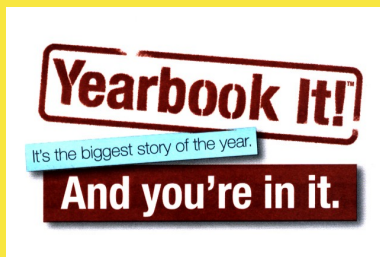


Happy Spring Break

We are busy working on the 2014-2015 Ward yearbook and want to capture all the great memories from this school year. Do you have pictures from field trips, spirit days, or other fun Ward activities? Email them to wardyearbook2014@gmail.com

Be on the lookout for yearbook pre-order forms to come home after spring break.

We are offering special feature this year parents of 5th grade students, as your child leaves Wards you can make their yearbook extra special with a congratulatory "shout out". Shout outs are for fifth grade students only as they leave Ward and will be printed in the yearbook. Order forms with the details have been sent home with 5th grade students.



Family Advocate

Oh! Wow! Almost spring time! Trees and flowers already looking really nice! I hope everyone will be enjoying spring break next week!

4/2/15: We will be having a parent "Money Games" event in the morning starting at 7:45am with representatives from Virginia Credit Union. Lots of fun with a light breakfast! Hope to see many of you there. Please send your response slips back if you have not done so!

Your Family Advocate is still taking applications for Pre-K classes for the 2015-16 school year! We need more! If you have a child or know of someone that has not completed an application they can contact me at 795-7030 to schedule an appointment and get a packet to complete. The child must be four on or before September 30th, 2015.

More information to come on a special dedication and opening ceremony for field day on 5/1/15. Flyers will go home on 4/22/15.

Please do not hesitate to contact your family advocate if, you have some time you can share as a volunteer during the day. There are many ways we can use your skills as a volunteer. Also you can contact the PTA if you would like to volunteer for the PTA or serve on one of their committees. Please contact me if I can be of help with family resources or assist with family concerns. Have a great month and have some family fun!

Your Ward Family
Advocate!

Ellen Vaughan



What's GOING ON in the Library?

The flowers are blooming; the birds are nesting – it must be Spring! Spring time is a perfect time to read...and practice responsible book care. Did your child bring home any library books? Please encourage her to keep them in her book bag at home when she's not reading them so they don't go missing during out of town trips. Doing any spring cleaning over break? If you are, we would like to ask you to check your homes for any stray library books.

Book Fair – A big thank you to all who made our Spring Book Fair a success. It takes a small village to run a smooth book fair. From staff to family volunteers, we couldn't have done it without these wonderful helpers – Krista Bayer, Etta Billips, Terri Hall, Janet Slater, Vanna Atkinson, Meghan Gouldin, Maripat Hyatt, Anna Korman, Pete Phillips, Betsy Pike, Mrs. Boone and Lauren Rice. Thank you!

Any orders that were placed online should be arriving soon; we will deliver them to classrooms as soon as they arrive.

Did you know? April is National Poetry Month. April is also School Library Month and National Library Week is April 12-18! All week long all types of libraries - school, public, academic, and special – participate. This year's theme is *Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library*. How has your library helped unlock possibilities for you? Let us know by creating a poem about what the library means to you and we'll display it on our bulletin board all month for everyone at Ward to see!



<http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek>



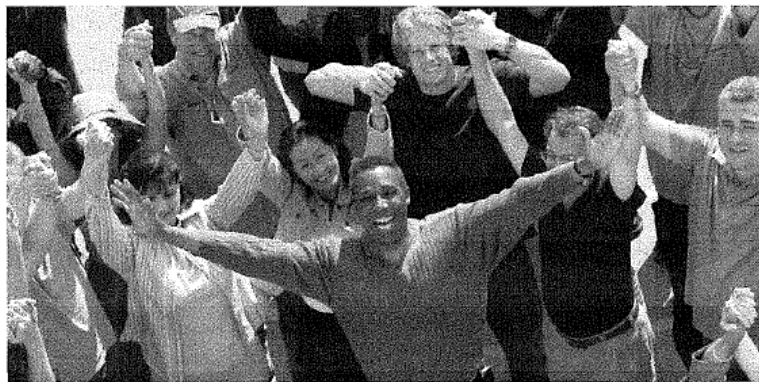
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There are many ways to stay connected with your PTA

- Follow our blog to keep informed with the latest Ward PTA updates! (<http://henrywardpta.wordpress.com/>)
- 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.

APRIL 18

Rally □ Richmond



1 p.m. Bus Drop-Off and Pre-Event Speakers □ Richmond Convention Center

2 p.m. March to Capitol

3 p.m. Rally at Capitol Bell Tower □ Franklin & 9th Streets

See other side for map and additional information.



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