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Broward County Council

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Now is the time for all parents to come to the aide of their child's school and ultimately their education. Your presence is needed in Tallahassee, your voice is needed in Tallahassee, and your spirit is needed in Tallahassee. Broward County Council PTAs is making it possible for YOU to be heard. Join the Council on a bus trip to Tallahassee to show the Florida State Legislatures we mean business.

Words from the President

Dear PTA Leaders,

As PTA members we meet with our school board members, advocate to legislators, and try to raise the level of parent involvement in our communities. We're ambitious and hard-working busy people. Always, remember every ounce of effort we put in has a direct impact on our children achievement. That includes helping with homework, volunteering for field trips, and participating in various activities at our schools. That's the best part of volunteering with PTA.

PTA is the largest child advocacy & family engagement association in the country and it's no coincidence that the very first topic you'll find on PTA.org is "student success." The correlation between engagement and achievement is so great our organization on the national level created the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships so that every community in America could have guidelines for engaging families. I encourage your unit to continue your membership drives, (State & National Dues deadline is March 31) inviting others to join our association, who can promote the mission and goals of PTA. I can't stress enough how important it is that we invite everyone to join PTA, even if it means making special allowances for dues. There are so many great ideas out there in our communities to help students succeed—we just need the people who will put them into action.

By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have received information from the BCCPTA Nominating Committee. Now is the time to nominate yourself or anyone, you feel would serve and represent Broward County. BCCPTA has a new website (ptabroward.org) that we're constantly updating with information. Please check the website often to keep up to date on what is happening at County level. Your suggestions, ideals and comments are always welcome.

Thank you again for your commitment as we continue to speak for every child with one voice.

*Bernie Kemp
Broward County Council of PTAs/PTSAs*

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Rally in Tally
March 25, 2010
YOU'RE INVITED

Last year's rally was an overwhelming success. You made a huge impact in Tallahassee. We need you to join us again on March 25, 2010, on the steps of the Capitol as we continue to advocate for children and education.

Your voices are needed now more than ever, as the budget battle continues. The federal stimulus dollars that are currently funding Florida's education will run out next year. The Legislature needs to take action in 2010 to secure a stable and adequate source of funding for education.

Our Theme for 2010

Article IX, Section 1
Your Oath: Your Duty

The rally will be preceded by an orientation/advocacy training session on March 24, 2010 from 3:30-6:30 PM. We encourage all of you to attend the orientation if possible. We will update as more information is available, so please keep checking the web site. The rally information is available on our website at the following link

<http://www.floridapta.org/Legislative%20Information/rally%20information.pdf>

Join Broward County Council of PTAs

Florida PTA 2010 Rally in Tally

March 25, 2010

11:30 am to 1:30 pm



The Broward County Council of PTAs is offering TWO (2) planned choices for the trip to Tallahassee for your review. Please examine BOTH choices and let us know which trip suits YOUR needs the best. The Broward County Council is trying to get as many people as possible to Tallahassee for the Rally. With this in mind, we are setting up a day trip and an overnight trip.

Option # 1: The Bus departs from Lockhart Stadium at 12midnight 3/24/10, traveling 8 hours, with periodic stops through the night, arriving in Tallahassee at 8am-9am the morning of Thursday, March 25, 2010. Breakfast will be coordinated and people will be asked to meet on the steps of the Capital no later than 11:30am for the Florida PTA Rally. The Rally will take place from 11:30am-1:30pm. The group will then be gathered back onto the bus for the ride home. Leaving Tallahassee at 2pm and arriving back at Lockhart Stadium at 10:30pm-11pm with one stop for dinner. The cost of this trip would be: \$45.00 per person. Total passengers: 55, includes bus rides, water, snacks, t-shirt, breakfast in Tallahassee.

Option # 2: Trip Two: The bus departs from Lockhart Stadium at 5am Wednesday, March 24, 2010, traveling 8 hours with periodic stops through the day, arriving in Tallahassee at 1pm-2pm. People are directed to hotel check-ins and told to gather at 3:30pm-6:30pm for the Florida PTA Orientation. After Orientation the group has free time. The group reorganizes the next morning on the steps of the capital for the Florida PTA Rally. The Rally runs from 11:30am-1:30pm, the group is then gathered to the bus for the trip back to Lockhart Stadium. The suggested departure time: 2pm, arriving in Ft. Lauderdale around 10:30pm-11pm, with a dinner stop along the way. The cost of this trip would be: \$90.00 per person **PLUS each person is responsible for their own hotel room and food for the TWO (2) days.** Total passengers: 55, includes bus rides, water, snacks, t-shirt, breakfast in Tallahassee.

Your response MUST be sent to LNestorBCCPTA@yahoo.com NO later than February 26. Any questions, please call Linda Nestor at 754-422-2018. Thank you in advance for your support. See you in Tallahassee!



Broward County Council of PTA/PTSA

Nomination of Officers for 2010-2011

To: Local Unit Broward County Council of PTA/PTSA Members
From: Nominating Committee
Date: February 17, 2010

The annual election of officers for the Broward County Council of PTA/PTSAs will be held at the April 13, 2010 meeting of County Council. A slate of officers will be presented at the March 9, 2010 County Council meeting.

The Nominating Committee is presently working to put together a slate of officers who will represent County Council during the next school year. All Local Unit Broward County Council of PTA/PTSAs members are invited and encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process. We need your input. In addition to the positions listed below, Zone Representatives for each area are needed. If you are interested in becoming a Zone Representative or serving on any of Council's committees, please include a note with this form. **Please** fill out the attached form and fax to Jaime Romano, nominating committee chairperson, at 954-597-1215 by March 4, 2010, or by e-mail to Jaime1213@aol.com. If you have any questions, please call Jaime at 954-448-4510.

The nominee must:

- Give their consent
- Be willing to carry out the duties of the office for a 1 year term (descriptions attached)
- Be willing to work as a team member to advocate for children
- Be a PTA member

Please take a moment to go over this with your Board and make recommendations. These officers are vital to the success of PTA in our County.

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Broward County Council of PTA/PTSA 2010 – 2011 Nominating Form

Please be sure to provide telephone numbers where nominees can be reached

Name of PTA _____

Name of Officer _____

Phone Number(s) of Officer _____

PLEASE PRINT

PRESIDENT _____ TEL. # _____

1ST VP _____ TEL. # _____

VP FOR
LEADERSHIP _____ TEL # _____

VP FOR
EDUCATION _____ TEL. # _____

VP FOR
ORGANIZATION _____ TEL. # _____

REC. SECRETARY _____ TEL. # _____

CORRESP. SECY. _____ TEL. # _____

TREASUER _____ TEL. # _____

N. AREA VP _____ TEL # _____

N.C. AREA VP _____ TEL. # _____

S. AREA VP _____ TEL. # _____

S.C. AREA VP _____ TEL. # _____

HISTORIAN _____ TEL. # _____

BCCPTAs/PTSAs Resources:

Reflections

The Clothing Bank

Networking Opportunities

The annual BCCPTA Handbook

Leadership Development

The Arrow Newsletter

Valuable PTA Training

Program Information

The PTA Boutique

Resource Library

Special Awards



Your Broward County Council of PTAs Executive Board for 2009/2010

President:	Bernie Kemp
1 st Vice President:	Linda Nestor
VP for Leadership:	Renee Grutman
VP for Education:	Ruthie Jones
VP for Organization:	Vacant
Recording Secretary:	Helen Cohen
Correspond Secretary:	Iris Connery
Treasurer:	Joyce Marks
North Area VP:	Maxine Lewers
Central Area VP:	Sammy Johnson
South Area:	Gerald Armbrister
Historian:	Dawn Yates

Please feel free to contact any member of the BCCPTAs/PTSAs with questions, concerns and or comments. They can all be reached through emails and telephone numbers listed on the BCCPTA web site.

We are here to support YOU!

THE ANN MURRAY BCCPTA CLOTHING BANK



The Ann Murray BCCPTA Clothing Bank was lucky enough to receive a large donation of clothing from a generous contributor. Volunteers will spend the next several weeks sorting through the clothes and retrieving uniforms from the donations. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers that make the Ann Murray BCCPTA Clothing Bank possible. The Clothing Bank will be closed over Spring Break and reopen on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. The Clothing Bank is open to any family in need of school uniforms. The uniforms can be picked up with a referral form from any school social worker. Contact your school counselor about getting a mandatory referral form for 2 **FREE** uniforms, and **FREE** clothing.

The Clothing Bank is also taking clothing donations. BCCPTA asks that all PTA schools coordinate a clothing drive either alone or in conjunction with another PTA event at your school. Once clothes are collected please contact: Linda Nestor 754-422-2018 or email: lnestorbccpta@yahoo.com for scheduling a pick-up place and time. If any adult/student is interested in volunteering at the Clothing Bank please contact Linda Nestor at the above address.

The new Clothing Bank hours are:
Mondays and Wednesdays 2pm-4pm, Saturdays 9am-12noon.

The Clothing Bank address is:
1441 South Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Telephone: 754-321-1275

The following pictures were taken on a Saturday at the Clothing Bank. A HUGE thank you goes out to all the High School students who gave up 3 hours on a Saturday to help sort the clothes and shoes, take out the trash and help parents looking for uniforms.



Bright Star

The Bright Star Credit Union will hold "Donate a \$1" to help Cosmo raise money for Broward County Council of PTAs' Ann Murray Clothing Bank. 100% of all proceeds go to the children helped by the Broward County Council of PTAs. Anyone can go into ANY Bright Star Credit Union and simply ask to donate a dollar to the Clothing Bank. Simple, easy and means so much to the children of Broward County. Once again, we must thank Renee Grutman for her coordination of the event. The event will be held during the months of March and April 2010. Please support the Broward County Council of PTAs by donating \$1.00.

Upcoming Events

March 9, 2010
March 25, 2010

BCC PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
Rally in Tally, 11:30am

Volunteer Resources on the Web



For all volunteer program information and materials,
Visit the Volunteer Services Department Online at---
www.getinvolvedineducation.com/volunteers