



# COUNCIL OUTREACH



*May 2017  
A Newsletter for  
Frederick County  
Local PTA Units*

*PTA Council of  
Frederick*



Happy Spring!!

I am so excited about warmer days and more opportunities to be outside. As we head into May, a lot of us are heading towards some sort of transition. Whether you are leaving office or just coming into office remember that we all need a bit more understanding this time of year.

I am excited about our “Take a Bite out of PTA” event in June. It is going to offer new training that I believe will help leaders get on the right track. Our committee is working hard to make this event something you will all enjoy; great food, PTA Awards, and great vendors. Then there are always the opportunities to network with other leaders. This is your opportunity to get the training you and your officers need before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I would also like to send a huge “THANK YOU” to Karen Johnson at Oakdale Elementary School PTA for coming up with the great name for our event! Karen, you inspire me as a true leader in PTA. You have risen to the challenge at Oakdale ES and I cannot thank you enough for your dedication to PTA.

I hope you all have a wonderful spring and remember to take some much needed time for yourself.

Always,

*Traci Tatum*

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## ...RECOGNIZING KYLE BOSTIAN...

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 1 – Summer Reading Challenge begins at FCPL. Sign up at your local library branch!

May 9 – Superintendent’s Chat, the last one of the school year, at Green Valley ES, 10am.

May 12 – 2 hr. early dismissal.

May 22 – Council General Meeting at Monocacy MS, 6:30 pm

May 26 – 2 hr. early dismissal.

May 29 – Memorial Day, schools closed.

June 9 – Last day of school!

June 10 – Take a Bite Out of PTA! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual summer training and networking event (see page 3 for details).

July 27-29 MD PTA Convention, held at the Sheraton in Columbia, MD; <http://www.mdpta.org> for more information or to register.



During our March 27<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, we honored Kyle Bostian, Council’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, with the Maryland PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is the highest honor from PTA and it recognizes someone who works daily towards a commitment to the well being and advancement of children. Kyle personifies this, as evidenced by his work for family involvement in FCPS and by his presence in BOE meetings and PTA meetings across Frederick County and beyond. We were especially honored to have his mother, Debbie Bostian, take part in the ceremony. She is a Past President of both PTA Council of Frederick County and Maryland PTA, and has devoted countless hours to our youth. If you see Kyle, please congratulate him!

### NUTRITION AND WELLNESS:

Start your Wellness Team now and plan for next school year! It’s vital to have parents across our entire county involved in the health and wellness of our children. Reach out to parents and teachers who are willing to speak up about the importance of a quality school lunch, getting more physical activity, and all-day access to drinking water. Contact Beth Herndon, [ptacouncilwellness@gmail.com](mailto:ptacouncilwellness@gmail.com) for guidance.

### TREASURER’S CHECKLIST:

By now you should have filed the MD Personal Property Tax Return. If you have questions about this or any other treasurer related duty, please contact Jennifer Sunday at [treasurer@frederickpta.org](mailto:treasurer@frederickpta.org).

## SAVE THE DATE:

The Council is pleased to announce that the June PTA Training and Networking event is returning this year! Last year was our first year holding the event, and we found that local PTA officers really appreciated the chance to get training done before the start of the new school year. It also helped the local units with planning over the summer. We strongly encourage all incoming presidents and treasurers to attend the training, and welcome all other board members and committee members. This year we are again including Reflections training, because Reflections planning needs to begin in August so that the program is ready to go as soon as school is in session. This will be especially important for the upcoming school year with its post-Labor Day start. Breakfast and lunch are on us. We just ask that you RSVP so that we have a good count for food purchases. [RSVP at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9FREJL2](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9FREJL2)

## THANK A TEACHER:

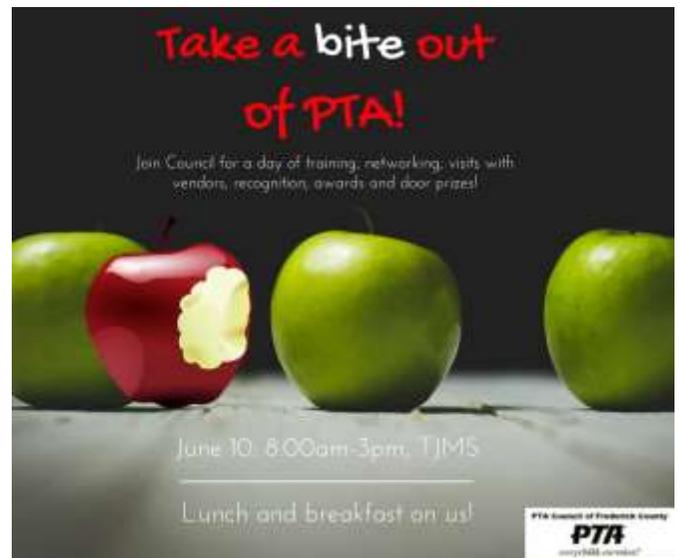
The PTA Council of Frederick County recently partnered with the Frederick County Teachers Association (FCTA) for the *2017 Thank a Teacher Campaign*. We will be recognizing the work teachers do every day for our children throughout the month of May. For instance, you will see Frederick County Transit buses carrying our #ThankATeacher message around the county!

We will also be posting messages from elected officials, noted community members, parents, and other educators. Follow us on Twitter @myfcta and

@FrederickPTA, and on Facebook at “Frederick

FCTA President Missy Dirks and PTA Council of Frederick County President Traci Tatum

Join us by thanking your children’s teachers for their dedication to your children’s education!



### Remind!

We are happy to announce the Council is now using Remind for real-time updates and announcements! Please have your council delegates sign up for reminders. Simply send a text to **81010** and in the body of the text type **@fredcopta**. Remind apps are available for both iOS and Android.

## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS:

As many of you know, MD PTA keeps records to ensure compliance of local units for the following items, due annually: dues payments, officer contact list, insurance, audit, IRS-990, MD Charitable Form, By-Laws, and MD Personal Property Tax Return.

JoAnn Howell, our Local Outreach chairperson, has been working very hard over the past school year to get Frederick County local units up to date on all of the forms required to be copied and sent to Council and MD PTA, ensuring compliance. She has made great strides and we are almost at 90% compliance as a county! While it may seem tedious, or even a bit like babysitting, sending copies of these materials helps Council and MD PTA to help local units keep their 501(c)3 status. Having these requirements up to date helps to ensure that the local unit is running properly.

If you have any questions about the process, or any of the requirements, please contact JoAnn at [outreach@frederickpta.org](mailto:outreach@frederickpta.org).

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### COUNCIL SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR FY 2018:

President – Traci Tatum	Treasurer – Jenni Gilroy
1 <sup>st</sup> VP – JoAnn Howell	Secretary – Saleena DeVore
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – vacant	

We also have a number of committee chair positions, which are only one term in length. If you are interested in serving on the Council Board, please contact Traci at [president@frederickpta.org](mailto:president@frederickpta.org).

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