

FINNEYTOWN SECONDARY PTA NEWSLETTER

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PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

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Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for the school year. My name is Sandy Haskin. This is my second year as Secondary PTA President. I am looking forward to working with the teachers and supporting the students and families in Finneytown. The PTA would also like to welcome our new teachers to Finneytown. Can you believe we're 5 weeks into the 1st quarter and interim reports are going out? Be sure to look for them!

Do you know our Secondary PTA relies on parents and guardians like you for our budget needs? (See our budget on page 3.) We can't do it without your help. Here's how you can help our students and school community:

- 1) Kroger gives generous funds to the PTA based on the number of Kroger Plus cards registered to PTA. You must register your card each year online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. You will not lose your fuel points. Check your Kroger receipts to make sure "Finneytown Secondary PTA" is printed on the bottom.*
- 2) Phone Books are only a \$5.00 donation and a great way to connect to others in our school community. We have over 500 families. Do the math to see a great potential here! Will you help?*
- 3) We are growing other fundraisers, like the Flower Sale, but we are careful to avoid competing with other important volunteer groups like Boosters, FAA, and FMPA because we're all in this together! In fact, many families volunteer for two or more organizations supporting your students! How can you help?*
- 4) Remember, our membership is only \$5.00 and meeting attendance is not required even though we'd love to see you there! Our next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7 pm in the Media Center.*

So please help our PTA support our students and teachers!

Sincerely,

Sandy



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AFTERPROM UPDATE

Submitted by Veronica Bishop

After Prom is Saturday, April 25-26th this year. Meetings are the 3rd Wed of the month at 7 PM in the MP conference room. No meeting in November! We are coordinating three large fundraising events; an Artist/Vendor show and bake sale on Sat. Nov 8th, A Wine Tasting/Silent Auction on Sat. Jan 24th, a stand-up comedy show and the popular Mike's Car Wash Coupon Sale in March. We need parents to decorate a room, brainstorm ideas, or help with set up, clean up, baking and getting information out in the community. Let's work together to keep this amazing tradition alive!

Contact:

finneytownafterpromcommittee@gmail.com

STUDENTS MAKING NOISE!

Janelle Bouman, Ben Burton and Luke Steimle have been named National Merit Semifinalists and **Maureen Hickey** as Commendable from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Did you know **The Finneytown Marching Wildcats** received first place overall in class B and out scored 12 other Bands (some of which have a school enrollment of over 2000, grades 9-12)? **Janelle Bouman, Maureen Hickey, Jack Ryan and Alex Brown** qualified for the Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra. **Jacob Heinold, Joel Steimle, Luke Brueggemeyer, Corinne Saul, Katherine Germann, McKenzie Jones, Julia Brueggemeyer, Ariana Bonds, Alexia Bond, Blake Bryant, Talia Ahlers** are medaling at XC meets this season. **Courtney Chambers** submitted a Youth Service America grant and won \$1,000 for Sparkle Cats last year! **Conner Zimmermann** is working as a Communications Intern. **Sparkle Cats** were recognized by the Ohio School Board Association as exemplary!

Visit www.finneytown.org for school district news & updates!

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS

The National PTA annually sponsors an arts program entitled, REFLECTIONS. The goal of the program is to encourage creative expression in the areas of Literature, Music, Photography, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography and Film/Video Production. The program is set up as a competition, but the purpose is to have students create ORIGINAL works of art in response to a specific theme. ALL WORK MUST BE TURNED IN BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th to Room 110. Please follow category rules and include a completed entry form! This year's theme is: *"The world would be a better place if..."*

Arts Areas: Students may submit works in any of the six arts areas: Literature, Musical composition, Photography, Visual arts, Dance Choreography, or Film/Video Production. Finneytown limits students to FIVE (5) entries in each art area. Only two (2) entries per art area can be winners. Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme are acceptable.

Originality: Each entry must be the original work of one student only. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student's individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. This includes the use of copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material in visual arts or photography entries. Musical composition and literature entrants are not to borrow from copyrighted material either.

Children with Disabilities: National PTA believes it is the right of parents to place their child in the Reflections Program grade division that best reflects the child's developmental age. There is also a Special Education Category that can be selected.

Entry Form: (See insert) All participants are required to fill out and sign the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM in its entirety. Students who have not completely filled out the form will not be eligible for the program. In situations where a student cannot fill out the entry form or write legibly, a parent may complete the form. **For a complete list of rules, please go the school office or go to <http://www.finneytownpta.org> or (MS/HS rm. 110) ~ Submitted BY Elise Fessler, 931-4234**

LOOK AT CLASS OF 2014 & PTA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Class of 2014 Graduates Thalia Hansen-Stuart (NKU) and Kara Sauer (Miami U.) for receiving the Finneytown Secondary PTA \$500 Scholarships. Hamilton County Council PTA awarded to Colleen Sauer (OSU) \$1000.00 scholarship.

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PTA IS PROUD TO HONOR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THE "PTA FRIEND TO CHILDREN" AWARD. Our Mr. Dan Hubbard who retired last year was one recent recipient. He was honored by PTA at a teacher's meeting. This year, several parents who go above and beyond the call of duty will be honored at an upcoming School Board Meeting. Please check our SECONDARY PTA FACEBOOK page, your email (if you are a member), or SCHOOL announcements on www.finnestown.org webpage for the meeting date and time.



Finneytown Secondary PTA Board & Standing Committees 2014-15

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APPROVED BUDGET 2014-2015

Receipts

Administrative, Interest (all accounts - quarterly)	\$ 5.00
Community Service	\$1,500.00
Fundraiser, Donations - General (ongoing)	\$400.00
Fundraiser, Flowers (spring) Projected net \$800.00	\$3,000.00
Fundraiser, Phone Books (fall) Projected Net \$500.00	\$ 600.00
Kroger	\$5,500.00
Other fundraiser (projected net \$800)	\$1,000.00
+ available funds	\$4,601.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$16,786.00

Expenses

Administrative, Supplies	\$250.00
Administrative, Insurance	\$300.00
Administrative, President's Discretionary Fund	\$200.00
Administrative, Principal's Discretionary Fund	\$300.00
Administrative, Sunshine (sympathy)	\$100.00
Administrative, Postal Service & Newsletters	\$500.00
Fundraiser, Flowers	\$2,200.00
Fundraiser, Phone Books	\$100.00
Fundraiser, Kroger payout, FBOE (carry over)	\$1,043.00
Fundraiser, Kroger payout, D.C. trip (carry over)	\$2,216.00
Other Fundraisers	\$1,000.00
Community Service, (donations)	\$1,500.00
Community Service	\$1,800.00
Community Service, After Prom	1,800.00
Community Service, Parent recognition	\$100.00
Community Service, Reflections (art program)	\$75.00
Staff, Open House Hospitality	\$100.00
Staff, Conference Dinners	\$200.00
Staff, Staff Recognition	800.00
PTA, HCC Events/Dues/Subscription/Pres. Pin	\$100.00
PTA, OPTA events	50.00
PTA, Programs	\$100.00
Scholarship, HCC	\$ 100.00
Scholarship, High School 2@\$500 each	1000.00
Scholarship, 8th grade/D.C. Trip (3 @ \$600 each)	1,200.00
Scholarship, Mini Grants	\$1,200.00
Scholarship, Friend of Children Award	\$50.00
Students, Recognition (Certificates/Pins)	\$500.00
Students, Recognition (Senior Pins/Ribbons/Signs)	\$450.00
Students, Recognition (High School Yearbook Ad)	\$125.00
Students, Recognition (Graduation Reception)	\$200.00
Students, Test incentives	\$600.00
Students, Spirit (Miscellaneous)	\$236.00
Student Mini Grant	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,786.00

All job descriptions, operational procedures, and committee guidelines are available in the FSPTA Bylaws and Standing Rules. For a copy, please contact Sandy Haskin or go online to:

Finneytown PTA www.finneytownpta.org



ENROLL NOW FOR THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.

Book Fair will be held on the Secondary Campus for grades 7-12 during the week of December 8-12 from 8-4 daily. Evening hours will be held on the Thursday, Dec. 11th from 4-8:00. Books make excellent holiday gifts!!! Hope to see you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct. 16 & 23 - Secondary Campus Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 19 - Meet the Candidates, Springfield Twp. Senior Center 7 pm
- Oct. 20 - Board of Education meeting @ 7:30
- Oct. 21 - Secondary PTA meeting @ 7:00
- Nov. 3-7 - Report Cards
- Nov. 11 - Reflections Entry Due
- Nov. 12-15 - 8th grade trip to Washington DC
- Nov. 18 - Secondary PTA meeting @ 7:00
- Nov. 17-25 - PTA Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Nov. 26- Dec 1 - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 8-12 - Book Fair 8-4 daily (Dec. 11 from 4-8 pm)
- Dec. TBA - Week of Giving & Wrap Party TBA



Mini Grants Volunteer Needed

This year, the Mini-Grant Coordinator position is OPEN to a PTA member. Responsibilities require that teachers are notified of the grant opportunity, deadline, and approval through email. It also requires guiding the review committee. It is a rewarding experience that takes very little time if you are organized. Contact Sandy Haskin if you are interested.

A heart-felt thanks to our PTA family donating items for the "District-Wide Breakfast" in August. To Jack Fisher more thanks and appreciation for your tenure as principal & supporting PTA especially during our new Kroger campaign. To Don Behm, PTA Teacher Rep, thank you for being the best Rep! Special thanks to hospitality diva, Jen Rapp, who put the "A" in teacher appreciation for 3 years!! And, Thank You to Michael Perry for serving as PTA Treasurer for 2 years and to the Perry Family for sharing your Dad!

Contact Donna Saul to be removed from future FS PTA mailing.