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Important Dates

January 27, 2016 - NFC PTA School of Information, 9AM Networking, 9:30 - 11:30 Meeting & Presentation @ Johns Creek Environmental Center (8100 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Alpharetta)

March 19, 2016 - District 10 Spring Conference, time & location TBD

April 27, 2016 - NFC Presidents & Principals Luncheon, 11-1:30 @ Country Club of the South (4100 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek)

May 11, 2016 - Transitional Training for new local unit officers, 9-11:30, location TBD.

"Always believe something wonderful is about to happen."* ~Sukhraj S. Dhillon

"Joy is increased by spreading it to others."
~Robert Murray McCheyne

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year! We know that the wonderful events you put on during the first semester brought joy to many in your school communities.

As you wind down for the winter break, it is time for some transition housekeeping - take a little time to update notebooks, think about your board replacement, find a nominating committee, etc. Just like you, North Fulton Council is also doing these things. At our January Sol, we will be electing our nominating committee. We need five people to sit on the committee; we are looking for representation from all high school clusters in North Fulton. This is a short-term position - only about 6 weeks. If you know a wide variety of people in your school community, we need you! If you can serve, please email us (president@nfcpta.com).

We are excited to have Dr. Dana Rickman from the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education presenting on "The Top 10 Issues to Watch in Education 2016" for our January 27, 2016 School of Information. What are the hot topics in 2016 that will impact our children and schools? Funding? Assessment? Evaluations? Reforms? The SOI is open to the community - be sure to advertise it. The better informed we are, the better we can support our students, teachers, and schools. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, January 27.

Thank you for all you've done this first half of the year. We hope you enjoy your well-deserved winter break. Looking forward to seeing you in 2016.

Happy Holidays,

~Diane Jacobi & Vickie Riccardo
Co-Presidents

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Membership

Could your PTA use \$1600? Georgia PTA is sponsoring a "Membership Madness Tournament" in which your unit can compete to win \$1,600 in cash and an in-school assembly with the Harlem Wizards. How do you qualify? Below is a summary of how the selection process occurs. All qualifying units must have their members submitted by December 31, 2015. Please visit Georgia PTA's website for details. Georgiapta.org

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- Georgia PTA will select ONE school in each District with the highest total number of members.
- ONE school in each District will be selected in the tournament based on the largest number of membership increase over last year.
- To fill out the bracket, the remaining schools entered into the top 32 will be the PTAs with the highest total members, regardless of District.

Treasurer's Corner

Can our PTA purchase gift cards?

Answer: According to the IRS; non-profit organizations cannot purchase gift cards. The risk here is individual or member benefit, which is cause for the IRS to remove the non-profit status. Your members including teachers or individuals cannot benefit personally. The other problem is that when using gift cards, it is truly the same as giving cash. There is no itemized receipt for what was actually purchased with PTA funds. It is recommended to find other ways to show appreciation.

In lieu of the gift cards, we would recommend directly purchasing items to hand out - flowers, food, books, classroom supplies, etc. We always want to find ways to

support and show our appreciation for school faculty and staff, but we also do not want any PTA to jeopardize its non-profit status.

Another example to show Teacher Appreciation is that the PTA could provide volunteers to cover classrooms and then cater a luncheon in support of the teachers.

More Gift Card information is available on the NFC PTA website

Please contact me if I can provide more information at treasurer@nfcpta.com

Christine Hall

NFC PTA Treasurer

Regards,

North Fulton Council PTA



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