

March 2021



President's Message

Happy Spring, PTA Families!

It's hard to believe that in March it has been a year since we have been in our normal routines. At this point it is easy and completely understandable to feel disoriented about what "should" be happening in PTA at this time of year. Let's get rid of "shoulds" and focus on where your PTA stands right now, and what you can do to finish the year in good shape:

NOMINATING / 2021-22 OFFICER ELECTIONS:

No matter where your PTA stands with having current officers in place right now, it's time to think about nominating people for officer elections to be held THIS SPRING so that you have a functioning board ready to step in on July 1, 2021 when the new PTA fiscal year starts. Even if your PTA was *finally* able to elect officers a few weeks ago for this school year, their terms only last until June 30th! They can serve a second term in the 2021-2022 school year, but *they must be elected again*. Please reach out to WCPTA if you have any questions, and start planning now!

ARE WE HAVING WCPTA NIGHT OF STARS THIS YEAR?

We have received this question from many of you. Sadly, we can't hold a fabulous, April, in-person event again this year due to pandemic restrictions. We are currently planning to combine recognition of Star Volunteers with our WCPTA officer elections / general membership meeting at a Virtual Spring Leadership Conference on **May 22**, so save the date! There will be information coming soon about submitting Star Volunteer nominees.

UNFINISHED PTA BUSINESS:

If your PTA has not yet submitted dues to NCPTA, completed a 2019-2020 financial review, filed your 990 tax form, or entered officer data into MemberHub, the time is now!! Taking care of this PTA business is what keeps you in good standing with NCPTA. WCPTA is here to assist you in staying in compliance and tying up any of those loose ends that have been challenging to complete this year, so PLEASE reach out to us!

Again, thank you to all of you who have stepped up and continued to lead this year! You are seen, and you are appreciated!

Warmest Wishes,

Amy

Health and Wellness

Over the next couple of months, Poe Education Center is offering a series of workshops for youths and adults.

For more information about this series, see

<https://www.poehealth.org/events/youthculture-spring-series-2021/>

#YouthCulture Spring Workshop Series

March 2 - May 4

This series is designed to empower **parents/guardians** by providing up-to-date information on substance use prevention, internet safety, and relationships to support healthy choices.

Programs for **youths** are also available.



Sign up today!

Advocacy

Committee Meeting March 15 at 7pm

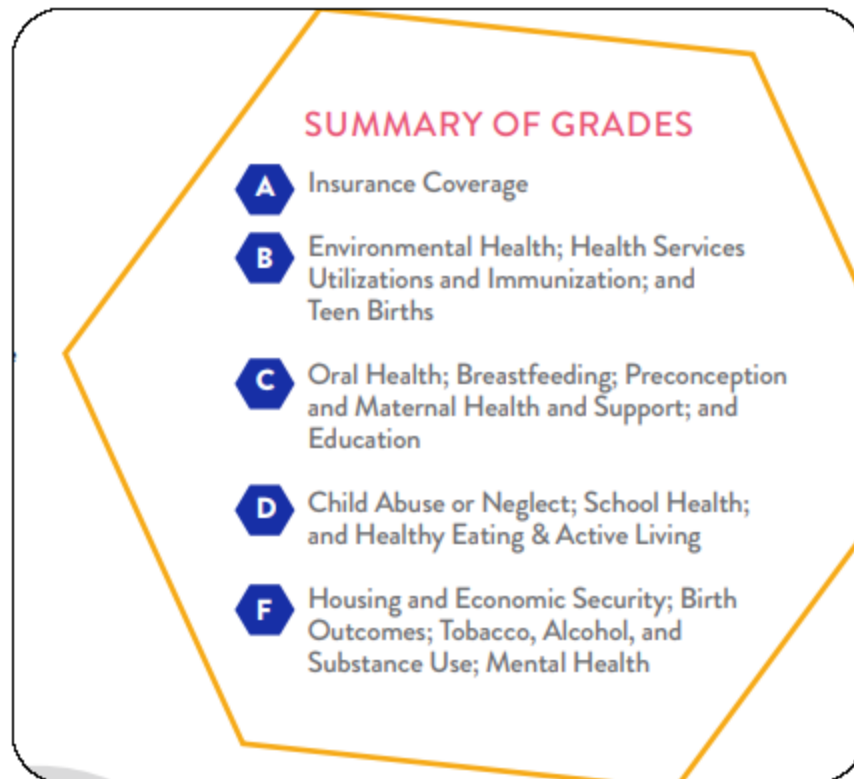
Our advocacy committee will be meeting Monday March 15 at 7pm via zoom. The link will be emailed out the week before, but you must have updated contact information in Memberhub for the Advocacy Chair, which is a required position per bylaws. Questions? Email Lisa at advocacy@wakepta.org

2021 Child Health Report Card - NC Child

The North Carolina Child Health Report Card, published biannually by the North Carolina Institute of Medicine and NC Child, tracks key indicators of child health and well-being in four areas:

- Healthy Births
- Access to Care
- Secure Homes & Neighborhoods
- Health Risk Factors

View the full report from <https://ncchild.org/public.../2021-child-health-report-card/>



Virtual FAFSA Assistance to Latinx Students

Ending March 7

In partnership with My Future NC, College y Consejos will offer Virtual FAFSA assistance to Latinx students, their families, and their counselors from February 21 to March 7. Sign up for one-on-one assistance using the link below! LatinxEd

<https://calendly.com/collegeyconsejos/fafsa-assistance?month=2021-02>



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Monthly Workshop, March 10

The next Wake PTA DEI committee monthly workshop will be on March 10th at 6:30 pm. If you have not already done so, please register through the following link: [Wake PTA DEI Committee Monthly Workshop Registration](#) Only those that have registered will receive the meeting link.

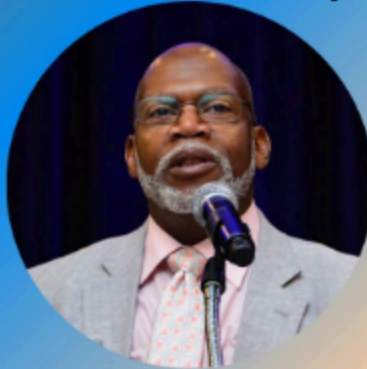
Wake PTA DEI Committee Conference: Building a Bridge for Family Engagement, March 20

This Virtual Conference will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will offer a variety of 45 minutes workshops during the day, with a special lunch and learn session taking place from 11:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Please register as soon as possible, the deadline is March 14, 2021. Registration link: [Wake PTA DEI Conference Registration](#) You must register to receive the meeting links.

**FREE
WAKE PTA
DIVERSITY AND EQUITY INCLUSION
CONFERENCE**

**"Building a Bridge for
Family Engagement"**

**March 20, 2021
9:00am- 2:30pm**



**Derrick W. Byrd, M.P.A.
Keynote Speaker**

**Registration Link:
<http://bit.ly/3bqf9oW>**

**There will be different topic
sessions about diversity, equity and
inclusion.**

**You don't want to miss this free
Conference with great presenters!**



If you have any questions, please reach out to Stephanie Mitchell at mitchellsteph2011@gmail.com.

Special Education Inclusion Committee

SEIC - Resource links for families

- <https://famielstogetherinc.org/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1FqY95X8-8&feature=youtu.be>
- https://youtu.be/E-NDECi_FkU
- <https://www.noodlenook.net/covid-19-social-story-free/>

Fri-YAY Shout Out!

Do you know of a Wake County PTA that is doing something amazing? Let us know!

This week is Read Across America week! So many PTAs are finding creative ways to celebrate! We'd love to hear your school's story.

[Please fill out this form](#), and send a photo to communications@wakepta.org.



Wake County Public Schools

Update on Asynchronous Days for the Second Semester

The school board recently added a couple asynchronous days to the calendar for the second semester. Here is the list of asynchronous days:

- March 3
- March 24
- April 14
- April 28
- May 5
- May 26

School Social Worker Week: March 7-13

As the pandemic has highlighted even more, school social workers are key to our school community! School Social Workers are able to light the way, emphasizing the whole child, collaborating with other professionals, and linking students and families with needed services.



NCPTA

NCPTA Special Education Virtual Town Hall *“Inclusion for ALL”-March 6, 2021*

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, March 3.

You must register to receive the event's Zoom link and other updates about the event including pre-registration for breakout sessions.

NCPTA SPECIAL EDUCATION INCLUSION COMMITTEE PRESENTS...



INCLUSION
for
ALL
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

**SATURDAY
6 MARCH
2021**
10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Breakout Sessions:

MAKING THE CONNECTION: COMMUNICATION IS KEY
by Beverly Robert

**TIPS FOR HELPING STUDENTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM IN A
REMOTE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
by Dr. Jill Howard

LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT: WHAT IT MEANS FOR ALL
by Dr. Kristin Bell & Wendy Vavrousek

REGISTER TODAY
<http://bit.ly/NCPTASpecEdIncTownHallMarch6>

You must register to receive the event's Zoom link and other updates about the event including pre-registration for breakout sessions.

Do You Have Any Further Questions About the Event?
If So, Then Please Write to specialeducation@ncpta.org.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:
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SARAH GREER KOENIG

Interested in Joining NCPTA? Click Here to Join

Kayate Speaker
Doreen Byrd
Senior Parent Educator at Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)

Beverly Robert
Family Engagement Manager, NCSP Coordinator at Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)

Dr. Jill Howard
Child and Adolescent Psychologist, Director of Early Intervention Services for the Duke Center for Autism and Brain Development

Dr. Kristin Bell
Executive Director for Exceptional Children's Programs with Durham Public

Wendy Vavrousek
Exceptional Children's Director for Elementary Schools with Durham

Guest MC:
Ryan Jor El
Author, Speaker, Host, Co-Host "Tending" on WCCB Charlotte/Author

**Reg. Deadline
March 3rd**

Lifeline for Leaders

Duties of Officers/Standing Committees & Fostering Positive Relationships with Administration and Resolving Conflict in your PTA

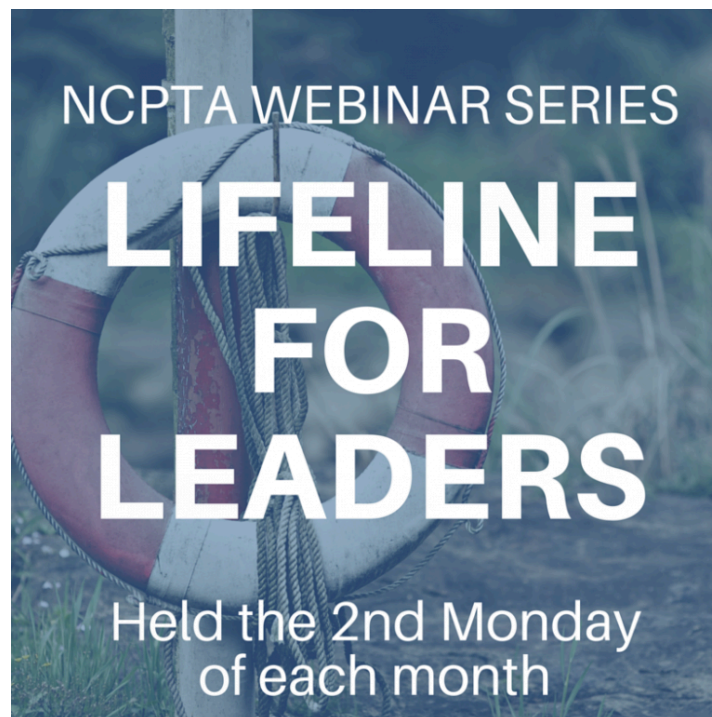
March 8, 2021

7:30 p.m.

[Click here](#) to register

Do you have questions about officer duties? Do you know who makes up your Board of Directors? Do you know the difference between a Standing Committee and a Special Committee? Join NCPTA as we review the duties of each officer, job descriptions for Board members, and committees.

We will also address what it means for the PTA and the Principal to work as partners? What do you do when conflict takes a hold of your board?



Awards Recognition Submissions Due March 31!

There are numerous ways to honor an outstanding teacher, principal, school administrator, volunteer, or your PTA. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to say “thank you” to deserving people who have contributed greatly to improving the lives of children.

Winners will be recognized during the 2021 Virtual Convention scheduled for May 14-15.

You must [apply online](#) for all of these awards. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2021.

[Click here](#) to start applying!



National PTA

Register for the Virtual National PTA Conference

March 9-12

LegCon is only a week away but you still have time to register!

Our very own Advocacy chair, Lisa Mead, will be presenting about her work on the school board candidate forms this fall. Way to go, Lisa!

For more information, see

<https://www.pta.org/home/events/National-PTA-Legislative-Conference>



Celebrating Our Diversity

Did you know that the [National PTA has developed a multicultural calendar](#) to make you aware of different cultural events and observances each month?

Here is a snapshot of the March calendar. See the National PTA site for the links.

MARCH 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month	United States	Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
All Month	Irish-American Heritage Month	United States	Irish-American Heritage Month
All Month	Women's History Month	United States	Women's History Month
8	International Women's Day	International	International Women's Day
11	Maha Shivratri	Hindu	Maha Shivratri
17	St. Patrick's Day	International	St. Patrick's Day
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	International	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
27	Pesach/Passover Begins	Jewish	Passover
28	Palm Sunday	Christian	Palm Sunday
28-29	Holi	Hindu	Holi