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The Reporter

October 2024

T in PTA



**Our hope is to get people who influence others and our students are recognized in May with Akron Public School Board.

**We need completed forms though by February 3, 2025.

**ACPTA will select from those submitted to pass one onto Region 5.

**We will recognize all individuals submitted.

**Please submit copies to Breanna Lewis at Breana.Lewis@Outlook.com (subject line: unit and form title). A unit can submit as many as they desire.

Our next Virtual meeting will be on Nov. 4th at 7 pm.

Other meeting dates:

1/13 2/3 3/3 4/7 5/5

Virtual at 7 pm.





October News...

- ◆ ACPTA will be hosting the **Fall Conference** Sat. Oct. 5, 2024 9:30 am - 3:30pm .
- ◆ We voted to cover the cost of a 2nd person to attend from PTA/PTSA units. We have 1 unit taking advantage of this opportunity (1 person).
- ◆ We offered to cover schools that are looking to have a PTA/PTSA in their buildings since the Superintendent wants all schools to have a PTA unit in their buildings. We have a 2 schools that have shown interest in taking advantage of this opportunity (2 people).
- ◆ We offered to cover up to 2 people with 3 units that we are aware of whose finances were not yet able to be accessed or limited due to re-establishing their PTA. To date, 2 units took advantage of this opportunity (3 people).
- ◆ We had one unit who paid for a registered person independently and another for their initial person (2 people).
- ◆ We paid for 4 board members to attend.
- ◆ So if my math is accurate then 12 registered individuals for Akron in all.

More Happenings....

- ◆ All units have paid 2023-2024 dues to Ohio PTA .
- ◆ Several schools participated in a version of the Father's Walk.
- ◆ Some units are well on their way with having meetings and activities. Some units are just getting started while a few are struggling to even get a board in order to function.
- ◆ Finally, I attended a Chuck-E-Cheese fundraiser information session. I am hoping that a school just trying to get started with a PTA or other PTAs will take advantage of the information. Contact information below if interested.

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Silver Acorn Award

"Special Friends to Children"

PTA units and the Akron Council of PTAs give this award to people in their communities who have given outstanding service to children. The Silver Acorn Award can be given to anyone, not just PTA members and volunteers. For example: Scout Leaders, Policemen/women, Crossing Guards, Teachers, Bus Drivers, Custodians, School Health Aides, or anyone who has gone out of their everyday routine to help children.

The cost for each Silver Acorn Award is **\$25.00** and includes a certificate and pin. Recipients will be recognized at an APS Board meeting in **April 2025** with a certificate and **in the Akron Council of PTAs Recognition Night Booklet**. The unit giving the Award can honor its recipient with the Silver Acorn pin once the unit receives the pin.

Recipient Name: _____

PTA Unit Giving the Award: _____

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Pony to: _____

Please pony your completed form and check to:

Megan Moreland at Case CLC

(checks should be made payable to Akron Council of PTA and ear-marked Silver Acorn Award)

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| check #: _____ | dated: _____ | amount: \$ _____ | date rec'd by ACPTA: _____ |
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*Keep an eye open for an email about Scholarship Intent Form.

**You will need to respond as soon as possible / by Nov. 1st

***Make sure (if you are a high school) that the Graduating Counselor is spreading the word and encouraging the scholarship form to be completed.



◆ **Work on the SOA (Standards of Affiliation) checklist**

⇒ **File 990** by Nov. 15

⇒ **File the Charitable Trust** by Nov. 15

⇒ Please **enter Members** into Givebacks.

⇒ **Pay Membership Dues** to date for 2024-2025 by Nov. 30

⇒ Remember to **upload documents** into Givebacks.

⇒ **Remember to Update the Bylaws.**

◆ Are you working on **Reflections**? Due by Jan. 6

◆ Are you working on **T in PTA & Helping Hands**? Due by Feb. 3

◆ Dues will increase for 2025-2026 by \$1 to National PTA

◆ Ohio PTA website is still using FACE23-24

UNIT NEWS:

- ◆ **Ellet PTSA** had their first popcorn fundraiser since Covid. It was a huge success and made over \$191.00 Homecoming was held in mid-October and the PTSA served refreshments. They are holding a basket door prize going on for membership for anyone who joins by Nov. 25th has a chance to win a gift basket.
- ◆ **Ellet Cluster** is having a Trunk or Treat event in the Ellet CLC parking lot on Nov. 2nd from 2 - 4 pm.
- ◆ **Schumacher PTA** is holding their Fall Festival on Oct. 30th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm; \$3 admission; See ACPTA Facebook page for details (pinned).
- ◆ **Buchtel HS CLC Griffins Youth Wrestling Costume Party/Parents Meeting** on Nov. 1st from 5 - 6:30 pm; See ACPTA Facebook page for details (pinned).
- ◆ **Please Share News to Akroncouncilpta@gmail.com**



OHIO PTA REFLECTIONS

Category Guidelines 2024-2025 | *Accepting Imperfection*

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

Accepted Artwork Types:

- original solo and ensemble works of all dance styles submitted

Accepted File Type: MP4 or AVI
Accepted File Size: 1,000 megabyte
Accepted File Length: 5 minutes or less

**Special Notes:**

- Entrant must be the choreographer
- Entrant may be a/the performer
- Any music used must be credited on entry form

Accepted Artwork Types:

- animation, narrative, documentary, experimental, or media presentation

FILM PRODUCTION

Accepted File Type: MP4 or AVI
Accepted File Size: 1,000 megabyte
Accepted File Length: 5 minutes or less

**Special Notes:**

- Entrant must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor, and producer
- PowerPoint is prohibited
- Any music used must be credited on entry form

LITERATURE

Accepted Artwork Types:

- fiction and nonfiction, prose, poetry, reflective essay, screen play and play script, narrative, & short story

Accepted File Type: Single-sided print on 8 1/2x11" paper or PDF file
Accepted File Length: 2000 words or less

**Special Notes:**

- Handwritten or typed
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited
- Any primary language may be used as long as an interpretive English translation is attached

Accepted Artwork Types:

- all music styles and combinations of instrumentation

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Accepted File Type: MP3 or WAV
Accepted File Size: 1,000 megabyte
Accepted File Length: Audio recording of 5 minutes or less
Middle/High School: PDF of notation (score/tabature), or musically-technical explanation

**Special Notes:**

- Entrant must be the composer
- Entrant may be a/the performer
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited
- If providing explanation essay of writing process, it must be 100 words or less

PHOTOGRAPHY

Accepted Artwork Types:

- single print or digital image, multiple exposure, negative sandwich, & photogram

Accepted Print Dimensions: 3x5 to 8x10 inches
Mat/Mounting Dimensions: Up to 11x14 inches
Accepted File Type: JPEG, JPG, and PNG
Accepted File Size: 640x960 pixels and 300 dpi

**Special Notes:**

- Entrant must be the photographer
- Collages and photo collections are prohibited
- Framed prints are prohibited
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited
- May use digital editing techniques

Accepted Artwork Types: • 2D or 3D fine/design arts, architectural drawing/models, ceramics/sculpture, collage, computer images/graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion, fiber, mixed media, painting, printmaking

VISUAL ARTS

Accepted File Size: 2D entries must be 24x30 inches or less including mat
Accepted File Type: JPEG, JPG, and PNG
3D Entries: Must enter 3 photos at different angles

**Special Notes:**

- 2D artworks must be mounted on sturdy material,
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited
- Framed works are prohibited

ACCESSIBLE ARTS

Students identified as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504.

To: Levy Chairperson

October 7, 2024

Dear Levy Chairperson

Subject: Levy Issue 27

My name is Jill Hiles. I am the Akron Council of PTA (ACPTA) President. I've been involved with PTA since 2013. PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

One way that this mission can be achieved is through supporting your districts school levies. This November the community will vote on Issue 27 Akron City School District. The first item proposed is a bond for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new high school to replace North High School on the existing site with site improvements to be repaid over a period of 37 years. This is the area of Akron that is showing growth. The current facilities are falling down and creating an unsafe learning environment. A second item is a proposed levy in conjunction with the rebuild is a levy which is a property tax outside the 10 mill limitation. Finally, a third proposed item is a levy – an additional tax to pay current operating expenses.

On behalf of ACPTA with PTA units, we are providing our official endorsement of Issue 27.

With gratitude,



Akron Council PTA President