

President's Update...

Greetings PTA Leaders,

Spring is almost here! This is a time when PTAs are busy with events, celebrations, welcoming incoming families, and queuing up a great team of leaders for the coming school year.

Spring is also a time of possibility. We'd love for you and other current and potential PTA leaders at your school to participate in these efforts that open up new possibilities for our schools by advocating for resources and policies that support high-quality education for all and training parent leaders who can increase family and community engagement at their schools.

- **NCPTA Lobby Day, Tuesday, March 14:** Join PTA leaders from across the state to build legislative support for our schools and showcase PTAs across the state. Find out more here: <http://ncpta.org/index.php/2017/01/12/ncpta-lobby-day-scheduled-for-march-14/>
- **NCPTA Convention, May 19-20:** Learn more about effective PTA leadership, network with other PTA leaders from across the state, and get inspired to make great things happen for your school. Find out more at: <http://ncpta.org/index.php/events/conferences/2017-ncpta-convention/>

We'd also like to celebrate the three new schools opening in WCPSS next school year: Horton's Creek Elementary, Rogers Lane Elementary, and River Bend Middle. We look forward to working with these new school communities to launch their PTAs and support them as they bring possibility to life for their students, teachers, and parents.

With appreciation for all that you do,

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WAKE Up and Read has a goal of collecting 110,000 books that will be distributed to 10 elementary schools, child care centers, and community centers. 77 Wake County Public Schools are currently collecting books for the WAKE Up and Read Book Drive. WUAR has received 27,731 books so far. For more information about the book drive click [here](#).

In addition, yesterday, the Carolina Hurricanes announced Wake PTA Council as one of 15 winners of their Game Changer Grants! Over 100 applications were received for 15 spots - we are SO HAPPY to be selected as a recipient!!

Wake PTA was awarded \$15,000 from the Hurricanes to support parent literacy nights at the 10 elementary schools receiving books from the WAKE Up and Read book drive!

The Kids 'N Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation that offers programming assistance and financial funds to assist local area youth organizations. The Foundation supports organizations that focus on the areas of health, education and under-served populations.

Thank you Canes, and thank you to our many, many local PTA/PTSA units collecting books to share with kids in Wake - together everyone achieves more!





Wake County PTA Council
Presents

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL BOOTCAMP

Getting you ready to close your PTA unit books, prep for your annual financial review, and prepare for your IRS Form 990.

**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017
10AM TO 11:15AM**

**CROSSROADS II OFFICE
BUILDING
110 CORNING ROAD, CARY
ROOM 1410**

Lace up your boots and join us!

RSVP today:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FinBootCamp17>



SPEAK UP FOR STUDENTS

★ JOIN PTA/PTSA MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE
AT THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RALEIGH ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

NCPTA LOBBY DAY AT THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

★ WE'LL MEET IN THE MORNING TO ATTEND COMMITTEE
HEARINGS AND SET UP INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH
LEGISLATORS FOR AFTERNOON VISITS. IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE RSVP:

★ [HTTP://NCPTA.ORG/INDEX.PHP/2017/01/12/NCPTA-
LOBBY-DAY-SCHEDULED-FOR-MARCH-14/](http://ncpta.org/index.php/2017/01/12/ncpta-lobby-day-scheduled-for-march-14/)
BY FEBRUARY 15.

★ WE WILL HOLD A LOBBY DAY TRAINING WEBINAR ON
FEBRUARY 28 AT 7 P.M. FOR LOBBY DAY PARTICIPANTS
IN PREPARATION FOR OUR DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE.



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Lucky you

There's still time to apply for annual PTA/PTSA awards from NCPTA! Application deadline has been extended to March 15, 2017.

AWARDS MAKE GREAT TOOLS FOR SHOWING
FUTURE MEMBERS WHY YOUR UNIT ROCKS!



See details at
<http://ncpta.org/index.php/awards/annual-ncpta-awards/>



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Special Education Inclusion Committee

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- WHO: Families with children receiving special education services
- WHAT: SEIC Lunch & Learn
 - 1-hour free workshop: **Stages of Group Development** (details below)
 - Bring your lunch and enjoy social networking with other parents
- WHERE: Conference room at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, 1924 Capital Blvd, Raleigh 27604
- WHEN: Tuesday, March 7 from Noon to 1:30 pm
- HOW: Sign up via Eventbrite Link: www.eventbrite.com/e/seic-lunch-learn-stages-of-group-development-tickets-32321198575

WHY: As a parent, you are called on to be a leader in so many ways. As a parent of a child with special needs, your leadership abilities are put to the ultimate test. Join us to reflect on your past experiences and hone your leadership skills while spending time with people who "get it".

Module #4: Stages of Group Development

- *How productive would your next IEP meeting be if you understood the Stages of Group Development?*
- *What if you knew strategies to move your team to a more productive level of collaboration?*

Workshop Objectives:

- Learn about the four stages of team development
- Recognize the characteristics and challenges encountered at each stage of development.
- Learn about ways in which team leaders and other members can help teams move through the stages of team development.

This workshop is part of a nationally recognized, research-based curriculum called **Parents as Collaborative Leaders**. It is for parents who have children with a variety of special health care needs and/or developmental needs. There are 10 workshop modules in total. This workshop is facilitated by Kerry McCarthy Adams, the current chair of SEIC and a parent of two precious boys, one of whom has special needs.



SAVE THE DATE! MAY 19-20, 2017
GREENSBORO, NC

**NCPTA
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REGISTRATION OPENS SOON AT
[HTTP://NCPTA.ORG/INDEX.PHP/EVENTS/CONFERENCES/
2017-NCPTA-CONVENTION/](http://NCPTA.ORG/INDEX.PHP/EVENTS/CONFERENCES/2017-NCPTA-CONVENTION/)



Communications Update...

For the past 6 months, Wake PTA Council has been working with Matt Harrell at MemberHub, a locally owned and developed school communications platform provider to update our “information sharing” strategy. We like this solution because it’s one stop – calendar, reminders, announcements, sign up functionality, file sharing, discussions, photos and school directory – all in one place. The platform supports both email and text message options for communications and you can choose how you want to receive information. There is both a FREE MemberHub iPhone and Android app too.

We launched our Wake PTA MemberHub site back in October and there are many of you that have joined. We’d like to encourage others to please move over to this new hub – Memberhub will run in parallel with our other various portals (Yahoo, social media, email distribution lists, website, etc...) with the hope of being able to eliminate most of the other tools next summer.

→ Please join the Wake PTA Council MemberHub site – [simply follow this link and click the Join Hub button](#).

Once you’re logged in, click on the Dashboard link at the top and then click the Join Open Hubs button to add yourself to the Reflections and Wake SEIC hubs if you wish. There will be more hubs added so check back here often.

You can access the Main Calendar at the top and there is a link to subscribe to the calendar feed at the bottom of the calendar!

To further centralize communication efforts and make your life even easier as a PTA leader, Wake PTA Council and MemberHub is helping our local units create a Free MemberHub Site for your own school. 10 other Wake County schools are currently using the platform and love it!

Click [here](#) to learn more about bringing MemberHub to your school.

