



September 2010
Edition

Westfield HS PTSA e-Bulldog Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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Fri, Sept 3, 2010
9-11am [9th Grade Orientation](#)

Tues, Sept 7, 2010
[First Day of School](#)

Tues, Sept 21,
2010 7pm [Minority Achievement Committee Meeting](#)

Weds, Sept 22,
2010 [Newsletter Submission Deadline](#)

Sat, Sept 25,
2010 [Tag Day](#)

Thurs, Sept 30,
2010 7pm [PTSA Meeting](#)

Mon, Oct 11, 2010
[School Holiday-Columbus Day](#)

Fri, Oct 15, 2010
3pm [Homecoming Parade](#)

Sat, Oct 16 2010
[Homecoming Dance](#)

Tue, Oct 19, 2010 7pm
[Minority Achievement Committee Meeting](#)

Thurs, Oct 21,
2010 7pm [PTSA Meeting](#)

Fri, Oct 22, 2010
[Newsletter Submission Deadline](#)

Fri, Oct 29, 2010
[End of the First Quarter](#)

Board Officers

President

[Jennifer Campbell](#)

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[Mary Coleman](#)

2nd VP:

[Marjorie Willard](#)

2010 Sep President's Message

News from our President, Jennifer Campbell

September 2010

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Hope everyone had a great summer! The PTSA has been updating their calendar for the upcoming year and getting ready for the annual Bulldog BBQ and Silent Auction. Check out <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/> Students continue to register for the school year and we are just over 2,900 students. That number will continue to change as families move into the area during the beginning of school.

Thank you to the incredibly quick thinking, energetic group of dedicated WHS parents who helped us pull off the best last minute All Night Grad celebration ever for our 2010 grads, at Fast Eddies of Centreville, in spite of Disney/ESPN's cancellation. I could not have said it any better than Veronica Delaney, who wrote an awesome synopsis for the Centreview which says it all <http://connectionarchives.com/PDF/2010/070710/Centreview%20North.pdf>.

Volunteers make it all happen at Westfield! The best way to make a big school feel smaller and to aid in your student's adjustment is to get involved in their school. Join the PTSA and the booster club in the area that your child participates in -whether it is band, chorus, guitar, orchestra, theatre, or athletics. Being in touch with school, knowing what's going on and getting to know other parents is a way of building a strong support system for our kids. One benefit of attending such a large school is that there is always something going on. The Bulldog BBQ will give you the chance to get information about a lot of programs. Check out the school web site <http://www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS/> under STUDENTS to get more information about activities and routines.

We are still trying to fill various PTSA position vacancies for the upcoming year including Legislative, Fairfax County PTA Rep, All Night Grad, Mulch Day Chair, and Silent Auction. If you can fulfill any of these positions or have questions, please contact me at JCcampbellpta@aol.com

There are plenty of other volunteer opportunities coming up as the start of school is our "busy season". Volunteering is a great way to not only help out the school, especially in times of budget reductions, but also meet other parents, teachers and set a positive example for your child. You'd be surprised what you find out from other parents...The majority of our volunteers have "real jobs" so if you've only got a couple hours to give us, we'll take it! It also sets the tone for your student that you believe their education is important.

For your added convenience, a PayPal account has been created so you can join the PTSA, buy your student directory, and donate to the Bulldog Bankroll - all on line! Visit <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/about/membership.htm>.

We welcome your support and look forward a great school year ahead!

Recording Secretary:
[Kimberly Gilbert](#)
Treasurer:
 Jenni Aiello
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Links of Interest

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[National PTA](#)

Reminder

Items to be included in the October 2010 Bulldog Bulletin must be [submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) on or before **September 22, 2010**

Your feedback is important to us. Send to [newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) comments or suggestions to make your PTSA better

Sincerely,
 Jennifer Campbell
 WHS PTSA President

PTSA Tidbits and FCPS News

The Westfield High School PTSA is the Academic Booster organization for our school. Throughout the 2009-2010 school year, the PTSA directly supported our students, parents, and faculty through programs and initiatives such as:

Academic Celebration of Excellence
 Academic Letter Ceremony
 Academic Honor Roll
 Bulldog BBQ
 Back To School Packet Stuffing and Distribution
 BITS Tutoring Program (Saturday mornings)
 Dog Dish Cafe at Back to School Nights
 Ethics Day
 Lap Top Loaner Program
 Minority Achievement Education and Advocacy
 Parent Programs

Reaching out to PROTECT Your Child
 The Bong Show,
 Saturday Night in the Suburbs
 Identity Theft

PTSA Monthly E Newsletter
 Reflections Art Contest
 5K Run for Scholarships
 Landscaping and Clean-up
 Practice SAT Test
 School to Home Liaison
 Staff Appreciation
 Student Directory
 Student Scholarships totaling \$6,600
 After Prom Celebration
 All Night Grad Celebration
 Volunteers for Health Fair, Blood Drive, etc.

In addition, a partial list of funding recipients includes:

WHS Art Department, Boys and Girls State, Boys Leadership Group/Leadership for Tomorrow, Hispanos Al Progreso, DECA, ESOL Field Trip, Feed Your Mind Expanding Literacy, Merchants of Venice, Curriculum Materials, PRIDE Test Cover Sheets, WHS Technology Needs, Social Studies/English

How Can I Get Involved?

WHS Parent/Guardian/Student To Do List:

Join the PTSA and sign up for the PTSA E-Newsletter (with a current email address that you CHECK! We do not share this info with others).

Join the parent booster organizations that your student is involved with and get to know some other parents

Buy a Student Directory (delivery by the end of October) to help you get to know your student's friends and parents.

Sign up for Keep In Touch on the school web site or at <http://www.fcps.edu> and read your emails.

Read The Watchdog newspaper that gets mailed home once monthly.

Check out the Westfield Web site, including your students' Blackboard account <http://fcps.blackboard.com> (they will get some homework assignments here) and sign up for Parent View.

Get Involved in whatever way your schedule allows. Volunteering with the PTSA and the Boosters/clubs is the quickest and easiest way to get to know other parents and hear what is going on.

2010-11 Standard School Year Calendar has been posted and is available online at www.fcps.edu

Student Directories

The Student Directory sells for \$10 and can be ordered via the All-in One PTSA Form in your Back to School packets, where you'd also join the PTSA. Only staff members, who join the PTSA receive a complimentary copy. The directory has addresses and phone numbers of students for over 2,900 students, as well as helpful information for parents to contact staff members. The directory is something that people hang onto for the entirety of the school year and sometimes longer. It is good for parents to have as a tool for carpools, as well as getting to know other kids and parents. We

Greco Day, Social Studies Writers Guide, Special Ed Dance, Science Club, Foreign Language Week, Teacher Materials, WHS Library.....

**Get involved in your student's education!
Involvement leads to success for all!
Check us out online. Come join us!**

are trimming down on our overruns, so please reserve a copy in advance. [Read more details](#)

Committee News

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Grocery Reward Silent Fundraisers

It's time to get all of the parents and community members to register their grocery reward cards.

Harris Teeter:

There are several ways to link your VIC card:

At the register in Harris Teeter stores
At the Customer Service desk in Harris Teeter stores
On their website - www.harristeeter.com
By phone - Call 1-800-432-6111

Giant A+ Bonusbucks:

Sign up announcements coming soon. Please locate and bring your Giant Bonuscards to Bulldog BBQ for easy sign up. If you do not have your bonuscard information please go to https://www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/designation_lookup.htm or contact 1-877-366-2668.

For 2009-2010 we earned:
Giant: \$7,330.78 with only 371 cards signed up..
Harris Teeter: \$111.31 with only 22 VIC cards designated.

Imagine what we could do with more cards signed up to support WHS.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Does your student have an IEP or receive Special Education services? The PTA Special Education Representatives are here to support you and your student! Sign up for our e-mail list at specialied@westfieldhs.org or contact:

*Chairs: Penny Zenelis
Carolyn Edner*

VA PTSA Proposed Legislation Program for 2011

LEGISLATION ACTION ITEMS (LAI)

are requests for the introduction, passage, or defeat of specific legislation by the General Assembly and/or regulations by the Virginia Board of Education or other appropriate agencies.

POLICY STATEMENTS (PS): are statements of Virginia PTA on general issues and may be used as the basis for addressing issues before the General Assembly, Virginia Board of Education or other appropriate agencies.

To view, please click here: [VA PTSA Proposed Legislation Program for 2011](#)

Reflections DEADLINE

October 22 is the deadline to submit your 2010-2011 Reflections entry into the main office. [View more details online.](#)

*Chairs: Amy Mann and
Mary McLaughlin-English*

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