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RISE UP

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Letter from the Board

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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In this issue we begin to close out the 22-23 school year! We are very proud to have a National PTA Reflections Award Winner - find out who our SCCPTA winner is on page 3! Our 22-23 Senior Scholarship Winners have also been selected. Learn about our student Winners on page 4. End-of-Year also means it's time to recognize our local units for your outstanding work this year! Thank you to all units that submitted entries.

As summer approaches, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break to enjoy and build memories with your children and families!

Rise Up SCCPTA Board 23-24!

THANK YOU to those who
have submitted interest!

We are still in need of
committee members and a
Reflections Committee Chair

CAN YOU HELP?
CLICK HERE TO JOIN US!

In July, we will begin Looking towards 23-24.

- SCCPTA will host **AUDITPALOOZA** where we invite all Treasurers and board members to join us as we close out the 22-23 budget year. SCCPTA will walk with you through every step to help you prepare for the new year.
- **Florida PTA Leadership Conference** is July 13 - 16. We invite all local units to join us for all things PTA. Our own SCCPTA board members will be presenting a resolution on Life-Saving Training and Devices.

We close with the mission as a reminder that this is our ultimate goal and why we volunteer and do what we do and that is:

... to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

#riseup

22-23 SCCPTA Board



School Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Educational Support Center
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.,
Sanford, FL 32773
Tuesday, May 9



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Thursday May 25

WOOHOO!



School Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, Jun 6



22-23 SCCPTA
Awards Ceremony

Our Annual Year-End
Celebration for local units
Early Fall 2023!

REMINDERS

Interested in having an SCCPTA Board Member Attend a PTA/PTSA Meeting, Spirit Night or Program?

SCCPTA on the Road! We loved visiting you!



Seminole County Council PTA supports PTA/PTSA in person and virtually! We loved visiting general meetings and special events.

Invite us to visit by submitting a request on the Google Form



April 15
Florida PTA Centennial



April 14
SCCPTA Scholarship Recipients Selected!



**Seminole County
Public Schools**

April 25
SCPS Board Meeting



22-23 SCCPTA Award Recipients Selected!



NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

Congratulations to our National PTA Reflection Winner!



National PTA received over 900 student entries from 44 state PTA congresses in all the available arts categories. Of those submissions, we are thrilled to award over 200 student artists on the national level.

Congratulations Cecilia Rice from Carillon Elementary Carillon PTA

on being selected as a National PTA Reflections Program Winner! Cecilia received the Award of Merit in the Dance Choreography, Special Artist Division with her submission, "Hoop It Off". She will receive a Bronze Medal, Certificate of Merit, and her work will be featured in the virtual exhibition.

About National Level Reflections Awards

State PTAs are able to submit one entry per arts category, per division. Of the national-level submissions, over 200 student Reflections participants will receive the following awards from National PTA:

- **Merit Award:** Bronze Medal; Certificate of Merit; Work featured in the virtual exhibition
- **Award of Excellence:** \$200 Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; Work featured in virtual exhibition
- **Outstanding Interpretation Award:** \$800 Scholarship; Gold Medal; Certificate of Outstanding Interpretation; Work featured in the virtual exhibition; \$200 Prize for Local PTA Unit

And the 22-23 SCCPTA Award goes to... YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL FALL!

That's right! All the submissions have been reviewed and recipients selected. With all that May brings, we did not want to minimize the outstanding work of our local units by wedging one more activity in May. Be on the look-out for the 22-23 awards ceremony next school year in early fall. Let the anticipation begin!

TOP PROGRAM AWARDS:

One Elementary, Middle and High School for each category.

- Outstanding Family Engagement
- Outstanding Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Outstanding Health & Wellness Program

Individual Awards

- Outstanding Communication
- Outstanding Student Volunteer
- Outstanding Male Volunteer
- Top Principal Award

Membership Awards:

- Community Membership Award
- Faculty Membership Award
- Grandparent Membership Award

Special Recognition Awards

- Rise Up Award: Support from Admin, Staff, Parents, Students in PTA
- Top Mission of the PTA Award
- Top Business/Community Partnership Award

Thank You to our Judges!

Katie Burris

Past President SCCPTA
SCPS Community Involvement, Staff Assistant

Kemedonte Tillman

Glorious Hands, President/CEO

Chryl Anderson

Florida Chapter, Trainer Moms Demand Action

Kimberly McCue

South Seminole Academy PTSA President
& Seminole County Farm Bureau Vice President



Congratulations to the 22-23 SCCPTA Scholarship Winners



Hayley Lounsberry

Lake Brantley High School

Attending Florida State University



Nelle Elizabeth Rose James

Oviedo High School

Attending Florida State University



Sabrina Valentin

Hagerty High School

Attending Florida Atlantic University



Thank You to our Judges

Ronald Haley, Senior Instructor Computer Technology
Southern Technical College

Dr. Lakisha Holmes, Faculty/Director Mathematics
Daytona State College

Jill Halsey, Professional School Counselor
Teague Middle School



The 2023 Florida PTA Leadership Convention July 13-16, 2023

*We look forward to seeing everyone again at the
Omni Orlando Resort Championsgate!
#imaginebelieveachieve*

Register Now!

Florida PTA Leadership Convention is the BEST way to learn all things PTA!

Join the SCCPTA Board at Champions Gate.
Click below to register and for more information.

PTA Convention Member Rate: \$115

Convention Additional Meals Form: \$8 to \$116 depending on meals selected

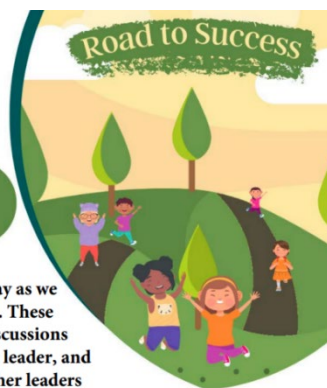
Room Accommodations Additional Cost: [Link to Omni Orlando Resort \(Conference Hotel\)](#)

Contact president@sccpta.com for co-lodging inquiries or additional information.



Wednesdays!

Please join us each Wednesday as we discuss topics related to PTA. These informative and engaging discussions will help you become a better leader, and allow you to network with other leaders across the state.



**Road to Success Information is
on the Florida PTA website.**

[Click Here for Past Recordings](#)



Registration is required!

www.floridapta.org

SCCPTA Advocating Life Safety Resolution to Florida PTA

SCCPTA will have a first at the Florida PTA Conference this July - a Resolution that our county is sponsoring for Florida PTA to consider for adoption. This initiative has been led by Leanne Briatico, SCCPTA Teacher Representative and 3rd Grade Teacher and Teacher of the Year at Crystal Lake Elementary , and Katie Murphy, SCCPTA Secretary. The details of the resolution as presented at the SCPS Board Meeting on February 21, 2023, are below. Thank you to Leanne and Katie for all your hard work!

Resolution proposed to Florida PTA:

Life Saving Training and Devices

WHEREAS, Students may experience life threatening situations in schools such as choking, drug overdose, and injuries. One leading cause of children's and teen's accidental death is choking. At least one child dies from choking on food every five days in the U.S, and more than 12,000 children are taken to the hospital emergency room each year for food-choking injuries; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Medical Examiners Commission reported almost 500 deaths of people aged 0 - 25 years old were related to opioids for a six month period from January to June 2021. Furthermore, of the deaths related to fentanyl, 95% were accidental. In the school year 2020-2021 there were over 5,000 reported incidents of students' drug possession in schools; and

WHEREAS, Over 20% of high school students in Florida reported being in a fight in 2019. In the 2020-2021 school year, there were almost 9,000 fighting incidents reported in Florida schools; and

WHEREAS, We recognize a school employee is often the only adult present with a group of children during the school day, and immediate attention from bystanders is critical during all emergency situations. Choking, bleeding, not breathing, lack of pulse, overdoses, and other emergencies can become life-threatening prior to the arrival of emergency medical services (EMS); and

WHEREAS, Bystanders need training, practice, and access to quickly and appropriately perform life-saving techniques and use life-saving devices. With this, bystanders are more likely to render first aid for emergency situations; the efficacy increases when proper life-saving devices and materials are available; and

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Florida PTA and its constituent associations advocate for schools to fund and expand their life saving trainings beyond the use of CPR and AEDs to include all school staff and students (with parents' permission) throughout K-12 education to be trained on emergency interventions such as choking relief, bleed kits, and overdose relief; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Florida PTA and its constituent associations advocate for the funding and placement of fully stocked first aid kits and life saving devices in readily accessible locations throughout schools and school properties. The kits should also include simple pictorial and written directions for these devices and life saving techniques, e.g. choking relief; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Florida PTA and its constituent associations facilitate trainings regarding life saving techniques and devices for stakeholders and community members.

Seminole County Needs to Hear From YOU!



Seminole County
Public Schools

**Have you ever wanted to have a say
in how we receive communications from SCPS?
Here is your chance!**

SCPS is looking for parents to serve on a communications committee. Specifically looking for one parent from each district. Commitment would include a virtual meeting once every two months and being willing to provide feedback on communication content, effectiveness, and methodology for school specific and district specific communications. Note this can include emergency messaging and discussions on what should be shared and how best to present to parents.

If this interests you or if you know a parent that would be a perfect volunteer for this opportunity, please email your information (name, district, email/phone contact, be sure to put Parent Representative Volunteer for Communication Committee in subject line) - to Katherine Crnkovich at Katherine_Crnkovich@scps.k12.fl.us





REUBLISHING!!!

We received excellent feedback on the overview of the legislative items impacting our students. Please click here to access jpgs that you can easily post and share with your Boards and members.

As parents and educators please review the items below - over 40 bills - all being accelerated through the Florida Congress. One way we can advocate for our children is to know the proposed freedoms, laws and restrictions being considered for adoption. And then to contact your legislators!

For more information or to get involved, contact legislation@sccpta.com.

Education and Equity Bills	
FLA PTA SUPPORTS	FL PTA OPPOSES
<p>CS/CS/HB 7039/SB 1424 emphasize identifying math deficiencies in primary grades.</p> <p>CS/HB 733/SB 1112 Middle School and High School Start Times— Healthy Sleep for Adolescents.</p> <p>HB 891/SB 1564 Year-round School Pilot Program</p> <p>HB 551/SB 804 Required African-American Instruction</p> <p>HB 287/SB 294 Instruction in the History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders</p> <p>HB 863/SB 832 Holocaust Remembrance Day</p> <p>HB 141/SB 196 Guidance Services on Academic and Career Planning enhances knowledge of acceleration and CTE options</p> <p>CS/HB 455/SB 1468 Career-themed Courses enhances awareness of CTE offerings from middle school</p> <p>CS/HB 703/CS/SB 478 Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program introduce to the arts at a young age</p> <p>CS/CS/HB 19/CS/SB 636 Individual Education Plans— parents and developmentally challenged students to be aware of legal changes at age 18.</p> <p>CS/HB 223/CS/SB 290 Public School Student Progression for Students with Disabilities— students who have been held back through parental choice at the PreK and who have still failed the 3rd grade ELA exam to be promoted to 4th grade without being held back a 2nd time.</p>	<p>CS/CS/CS/CS/HB 1 Education—PASSED Legislature; next action will be by Governor.</p> <p>HJR 31/SJR 94 Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards school board members/candidates according to political ideologies</p> <p>CS/CS/HB 633/SB 1236 this bill eliminates school district financial penalties for exceeding class sizes.</p> <p>CS/CS/HB 1069/CS/SB 1320 expansion of HB 1557 (Parental Rights in Education) that does not correct the vagueness of last year’s bill by defining what constitutes “instruction” in sexual orientation or gender identity.</p> <p>HB 1423/SB 1438 Gender Clinical Interventions interferes with parent’s right to determine the care of their child.</p>
FLA PTA WATCHING FOR MORE INFORMATION	
<p>HB 459/SB 1654 Allowing computer science credits to be substituted for foreign language credits.</p>	



Funding Bills

FL PTA OPPOSES

[HB 1259/SB 1328](#) Education Funding would make sharing of public school capital outlay tax revenues with charter schools mandatory, regardless of how much money given by state; no requirement for charter school capital plan; amount of allocation determined by number of enrolled charter school students rather than by need.

School & Community Safety Bills

FL PTA Supports

[HB 39/SB 542](#) would provide for opioid antagonists on Florida College campuses
[CS/HB 783/SB 704](#) allows additional trained personnel to administer opioid antagonists
[CS/CS/HB 121/SB 246](#) Florida Kidcare Program Eligibility raises income cap from 200% to 300% of the federal poverty level
[HM 581/CS/SM 814](#) Prohibit Use of SNAP Benefits to Purchase Soft Drinks
[CS/HB 721/CS/SB 670](#) Paid Family Leave Insurance
[CS/CS/HB 143/CS/SB 204](#) Monitor of Children in Out-of-Home Care
[HB 1339/SB 1306](#) mandate adoption agencies to pre-screen prospective parents that a list could be established in advance of need.
[HB 1007/CS/SB 1064](#) Children Removed from Caregivers provide trauma-informed medical and mental support
[CS/HB 1557/SB 1690](#) this would require the posting of signage warning of human trafficking in state-supported facilities housing children and abused women.
[HB 195/SB 178](#) allow schools that serve as emergency shelters to install solar panels
[HB 263/SB 1544](#) provide for defibrillators on school campuses as well as training of school staff
[HB 1211/SB 1374](#) increasing the age requirements for child restraint devices in personal vehicles.
[CS/HB 657/CS/CS/SB 588](#) allow for electronic monitoring of school zones and the issuance of citations for violations of 10 mph over the limit.
[CS/HB 741/SB 766](#) allows for monitoring of vehicles passing a school bus stopped
[CS/HB 301/CS/SB 212](#) providing funds to school districts to create standardized maps of school campuses for use during emergencies.
[HB 379](#) gives teachers more power about how students use devices and social media at school, **SIGN INTO LAW 5/9/32**
[CS/HB 591/SB 792](#) Social Media Protection for Minors
[HB 699/SB 662](#) Student Online Personal Info Protection
[CS/HB 655/SB 914](#) Suicide Prevention

FL PTA OPPOSES

[CS/HB 221/CS/SB 214](#) **Sales of Firearms and Ammunition** disallowing credit card companies from flagging large purchases of firearms and/or ammunition with a special code.
[CS/HB 543/CS/SB 150](#) allowing for permitless carry. Already passed the House.
[HB 1543](#) lowering the age increase in long gun purchase eligibility back down from 21 to 18.



Additional Bills Signed into Law on May 9, 2023

- [HB 1035](#) provides for a teacher apprenticeship program and authorizes the Office of Inspector General to investigate allegations and reports of suspected violations of rights.
- [SB 256](#) bans the teachers union from automatically taking union dues out of their paycheck.
- [HB 477](#) will put stricter term limits on school members. Eight years will now be the maximum.
- [CS/HB 1537](#) allows students to take a different test than the SAT or ACT to qualify for Bright Futures scholarships

Healthy Meals Incentives Grants for Small and/or Rural School Food Authorities (SFA)

GRANT APPLICATION AVAILABLE SOON

As part of a cooperative agreement to implement the USDA Food and Nutrition Service's [Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative](#), Action for Healthy Kids is offering competitive grants, up to \$150,000 per SFA, to small and/or rural school food authorities to support efforts to improve the nutritional quality of their school meals. Learn more at www.healthymealsincentives.org



Don't miss these important dates:

- May 10, 2023: Grant FAQ Webinar - [Register Now](#)
- May 26, 2023: Grant Application Portal closes at 5:00 pm EST

Is your SFA eligible to apply? See the Grant Eligibility Requirements below:

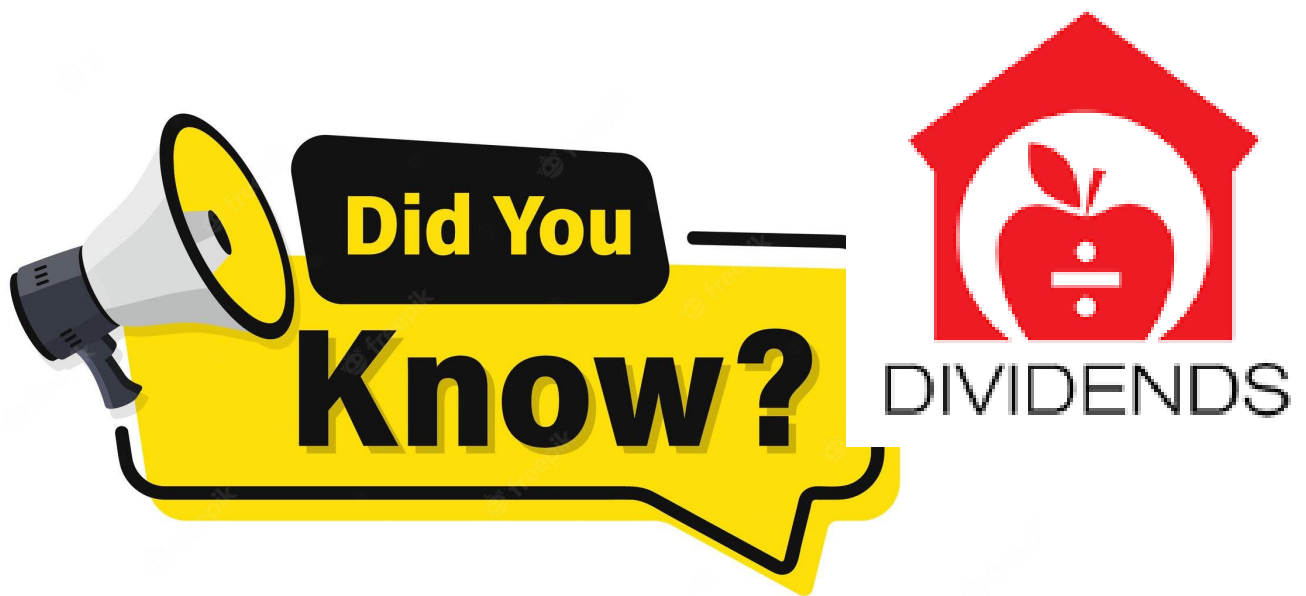
- Must participate in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program
- Must meet the definition of small and/or rural (see below).

Small School Food Authority: SFA with an enrollment of less than or equal to 5,000 students.

Rural School Food Authority: The majority of students within the SFA are enrolled in a rural school as defined by a locality code of 41, 42, or 43, according to the [National Center for Education Statistics online tool](#).

You must apply as a school food authority for this grant; individual schools are not eligible entities.

[Learn More](#)



The Dividends Program is the SCPS Volunteer Program for anyone who would like to volunteer with our schools. Every potential volunteer needs to apply and receive their approval prior to volunteering in-person. And, of course, each volunteer must complete a new Dividend application each school year.

The Dividends Program ensures our students are safe and that volunteers check-in when they are on campus. SCPS keeps a record of volunteer hours that helps with eligibility for grants and other programs.

And... Did You Know?

Dividends can (and should!) log hours spent volunteering from home. Dividends can log hours spent in PTSA/PTSA meetings, Board meetings, making posters and decorations, prepping budget reports (we see you Treasurers!), and so much more! When we log our off-campus hours, we will increase our eligibility for grants and educational programs for our students.

Here's how to log volunteer hours completed off campus:

1. Go to [Raptor](#) and Login using the ID and password provided by your Dividend registration. *First time Dividends will set this up once their Dividend application has been processed.* If you need assistance with your login, email misa_mills@scps.k12.fl.us
2. Upon login, you are directed to your Personal Information. If PTA/PTSA Event is not listed under Function, email misa_mills@scps.k12.fl.us to have it added to your profile.
3. Click on Hours at the top of the screen
4. Click on Add Hours
5. Enter the following:
 - a. Past Event – Event Not Listed Here
 - b. Building – Your School
 - c. Function – PTA/PTSA Event
 - d. Select the Start Date/Time and End Date/Time
 - e. Organization – None
 - f. Notes – optional such as the title of meeting or type of volunteer work.
6. Click Save

The screenshots illustrate the steps for logging volunteer hours in the Raptor Technologies system. The first screenshot shows the login page with fields for Username and Password, and a 'Log In' button (callout 1). The second screenshot shows the 'My Profile' page with various personal information fields (callout 2). The third screenshot shows the 'My Hours History' page with a table of logged hours (callout 3). The fourth screenshot shows the 'Add Hours' form with fields for Building, Function, Start Date/Time, End Date/Time, Organization, and Notes (callout 4). The fifth screenshot shows the 'Add Hours' form with a 'Save' button (callout 5). The sixth screenshot shows the 'Add Hours' form with a 'Cancel' button (callout 6).