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Membership News

First, let me apologize for my lack of communication the last few weeks...I have had some personal family concerns I've had to attend to out of town and my mind has not been on Illinois PTA as frequently as it used to be.

However...with that being said...we are all into a new year and working to recruit members at the local level right now! I hope your recruitments are going well and members are joining like crazy!

A couple of things I wanted to touch base on that have come up fairly frequently in questions over the last couple of weeks:

1. If you have not yet receive your membership cards the most likely reason is that your local unit registration form has not yet been submitted to the state office to have on file. You will need to download the form on the main page of the website: www.illinoispta.org and email or fax it back to the state office ASAP.
2. DON'T forget that your FIRST DUES PAYMENT IS DUE to the State office POSTMARKED no later than OCTOBER 1 to remain in good standing. Please make every effort to send your payments in on time and please send them monthly for the months that follow.
3. When submitting your dues payments, please be sure you are submitting the proper amount. Dues, per person, are \$4.25. There was a National dues increase over the summer, so I wanted to be sure you are submitting the correct amount when you send them in.
4. A new partnership through National has been formed with Office Max. You should be sure to notify your members of this so they can take advantage of it. Details are here:
[PTA Members Save 10% at OfficeMax®](#)
Save 10% on your next purchase at OfficeMax® including supplies, furniture, ink & toner and Print Center services.

As a PTA member, you now receive exclusive savings at OfficeMax all year long. That means you can stock up on school supplies for the kids, organization essentials and furniture for your home or office, and ink and toner for all your printing needs.

Saving is simple: click here, print the coupon and bring it to any OfficeMax location nationwide. Or, log on to the PTA Member Benefits Page and get your online coupon code for purchase on www.officemax.com.

And, be sure to pass along this great offer to all the PTA members you know. Savings will be available throughout the year and always accessible on the PTA Member Benefits Page.

5. If you are ready to print your membership cards be sure you are including your local unit ID number (found on the label on the folder your cards came in), your membership year dates (ie July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012) and your local unit name as it appears in your local unit by-laws.

As always I am always available via email and phone for additional questions and concerns about membership (I field many calls a day so don't feel bad about calling to ask questions - I offer the chance to make it easier for you!) So...feel free to contact me to ask your questions.

Again, I apologize that life got in the way of me staying in touch more regularly...but I'm in hopes things are on the up and I'll be organized to send you notes more frequently going forward.

I hope your years have all started off well and I look forward to an increase in membership across Illinois!

Warmest Regards,
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