

# Tiger Tales

J.R. Tucker PTSA  
January 2007

## PTSA Meetings & Programs

**Tuesday, January 16, 2006 - PTSA Board Meeting**  
7 p.m. in the Tucker Library



**Monday, January 22, 7:00 PM**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**J.R. Tucker Library**  
**Program: Internet Safety**

Come to hear Andrea Lund, Tucker's Instructional Technology and Resource Teacher, talk about how to keep your teenager safe on the internet.

Even though your teenager does not give out their location, telephone number or any personal information, you may be surprised how easily a savvy internet user can find this information.

Hear what you can do to help keep your child safe.

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## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. MILLER

Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! Because this is a PTSA newsletter, I thought that it would be appropriate to ask all of you to consider the possibility of volunteering at Tucker for at least one hour during 2007! If all of our parents and guardians volunteered for one hour, we could get so much accomplished that would benefit our students! You may volunteer your time through the PTSA by calling the school at 527-4600 and leaving a message for the PTSA volunteer coordinator, Denise Lane or emailing her at [dklane@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:dklane@henrico.k12.va.us). Or, you could volunteer your time regarding an activity that your child enjoys such as a club, fine arts group, or athletic group.

Also, please be sure to try to do the following during 2007:

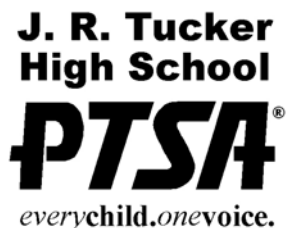
- Ask your child every day how his day was. Chat about it.
- Discuss homework assignments and upcoming assessments such as quizzes, tests, projects, and research papers.
- Check HCPSLink weekly to look at academic progress and attendance (I check every Sunday evening.)
- Encourage your child to go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to do the SAT Question of the Day. Full explanations are given as well.

I hope all of you enjoy a safe, healthy, and wonderful 2007!

## PTSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### Members Needed

Tucker PTSA is looking for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Five members are needed to nominate PTSA board members for next year. We would like representation on the board from all areas that attend Tucker High School, therefore we need nominating committee members from a variety of neighborhoods. Committee members will contact parents who may be interested in getting involved with their student's school through the PTSA nominating committee or on the PTSA board next year. Please contact Marilee Tretina at 270-2097 or [mtretina@comcast.net](mailto:mtretina@comcast.net) if interested.



## HOSPITALITY NEWS

During the fall, the Hospitality Committee provided Halloween and Holiday Treats for the teachers and staff of J. R. Tucker High School. In October, Halloween pretzel snacks were given and in December, a Holiday Bean Soup Mix was given. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who donated beans for the soup mix. Thanks also to Beth Mercer and Cindy Richardson who helped us assemble the Holiday Treats.

Dinner was provided for the faculty during the evening Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the many volunteers who contributed items for the dinner. Thanks for your help. We will be providing dinner again during the next evening Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in helping with Hospitality, please call Susan Chevalier at 747-1418 or Marie Galan at 270-2601. Thanks.

## REFLECTIONS WINNERS

The theme for the Reflections contest this year was "My Favorite Place". Congratulations to all participants for all your hard work and creativity. The judges for this year's contest were Roz Berlin, instructor at the Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen and Bill Lohmann, feature writer for the Richmond Times Dispatch.

The winners at J. R. Tucker are:

**Film/video production:** 1st place - Greg Mercer

**Photography:** 1st place - Jacqueline Murrell, 2nd place - Christina Damico, 3rd place - Bridget Lundberg

**Literature:** 1st place - Amber Ding, 2nd place - Laura Burton, 3rd place - Lindsay Ryman,  
Honorable Mentions—Noellie Martinez, Jennifer Heit, and Phyllis Jarrell

**Visual Arts:** 1st place - Rachel Bennett, 2nd place - Andrea Turner, 3rd place - Kevin Terraciano,  
Honorable Mentions - John Zheng, Danny Tiet, Heather Marshburn, Zeke Rodriguez, Vicki Watson,  
Nick Hudson, and Brian Hodges

Also, congratulations to the following students who won awards at the County level.

Amber Ding - Award of Excellence in Literature

Jacqueline Murrell—Award of Excellence in Photography

Rachel Bennett—Award of Merit in Visual Arts

Gregory Mercer—Award of Merit in Film/Video Production

# PROM PARENT TASKFORCE

Dancing at school events has become a problem over the past several years. “Dirty dancing” has caused many educators to re-evaluate school dances. In fact, school dances have been cancelled in some school districts due to this issue.

Tucker would like to take a common sense approach to alleviating this issue at its school sponsored dances. Two past events at Tucker, the Homecoming and ROTC dances, had teacher chaperones dealing with this issue. Mrs. Miller is requesting parents to volunteer their time and assist at Prom this spring as chaperones. It is estimated that approximately 20 parents will be needed to assist the teachers. Parents will not be required to break up the students who repeatedly participate in the suggestive dances, but are being asked to escort the children from the dance and stay with them until safe transportation is available.

This year, prom is on April 28 from 8 p.m.—11 p.m. If you are interested in chaperoning the Prom or would like to learn more, please contact Mrs. Miller at 527-4600 or [gemiller@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:gemiller@henrico.k12.va.us).



## TIGER TRUST

### OUR PTSA'S MAIN FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the individuals listed below for your contributions to Tiger Trust. If you have not contributed yet, it's not too late. See the form on page 7 of this newsletter to contribute. If you have any questions regarding Tiger Trust, please contact Diane Sharpe, Tiger Trust chairperson, at [jrtpta@yahoo.com](mailto:jrtpta@yahoo.com).

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# PTA Day at the General Assembly

The Virginia PTA has a long-standing relationship with the general Assembly. Each year, the General Assembly hosts "PTA DAY". Members of the PTA across the state are invited to the Capitol. Other child advocacy groups also visit the general Assembly on the same day.

This is a day of opportunities. It is an opportunity to talk with your legislators about issues of concern to the PTA. It is an opportunity to see first-hand how your state government works. It is an opportunity to put into practice the true purpose of the PTA-advocating for all children.

You and your middle or high school student are invited to attend this special day at the Virginia General Assembly. Registration information is outlined below. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Nowak, J.R. Tucker PTSA Legislation Chair, at [Nowak4@comcast.net](mailto:Nowak4@comcast.net).

## VIRGINIA PTA DAY at the General Assembly

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*Advocating for All Virginia's Children*

**Monday, January 29, 2007**

**The Richmond City Hall  
(Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**900 East Broad Street, Richmond**

### AGENDA

8:30 to 9:00	Registration and refreshments
9:00 to 9:15	Greetings and overview
9:15 to 10:00	Guest speakers
10:00 to 10:45	Talking points and issues briefing
10:45	Depart for General Assembly visits
12:00	Optional attendance to view the Senate and House Sessions w/ PTA escort

Prior to attending PTA DAY, visit the General Assembly's website and research your legislator at,

<http://legis.state.va.us>, click top right on "Who's My Legislator?"

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**Registration**      **Reservations are strongly encouraged to ensure an adequate number of briefing packets and Issue talking point cards are available**

Name of PTA: **J.R. Tucker H.S. PTSA**

City/County: **Henrico**      PTA District: **Richmond**

Contact Name & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$2.50 (under age 12) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send registration form & check payable to *Virginia PTA* by January 22, 2007 to:**

Virginia PTA, 1027 Wilmer Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227-2419

There is no on-site parking at City Hall.

In the event of inclement weather, please contact the Virginia PTA State Office  
Toll Free: 1-866-4vakids    Local: (804) 264-1234    Email: [info@vapta.org](mailto:info@vapta.org)



## Craftsmen's Classic Arts & Craft Festival Volunteers Needed

It's that time of year again. Tucker PTSA provides volunteers for the Craftsmen's Classic Arts & Craft Festival at the Richmond Raceway Complex. The spring show is Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11, and raises funds for Party All Night (PAN), Tucker's after prom party. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts to do the following:

- Relieve vendors. (Sit at their booth while they take a break.)
- Pass out registration slips.
- Sell Craftsmen's Classic shopping bags.

You may come to the show before or stay after your shift to shop. You will not have to pay the admission charge. Students can get community service hours by volunteering!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:

**Anne Britt at 270-9189 or [anne.britt@anthem.com](mailto:anne.britt@anthem.com) or  
Carol Walker at 273-6321**

## Virginia PTA Citizenship

Virginia PTA is proud to sponsor a Citizenship Essay Project. This Essay Project allows students to express their views and opinions on "Character or Citizenship". Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children—tomorrow's leaders.

This year's theme is "**The Power of One Vote**". The essay must be a minimum of 750 words, typed and double-spaced using Times Roman, 12 Font, using 1" margins. It will be judged on adherence to the theme, originality, clarity, thought, and skill in standard written English. The theme, "**The Power of One Vote**" must be used as the essay title and cannot be changed or altered in any way.

**Awards:** Savings bonds are awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place -\$1000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$500; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-\$250

**Deadline:** Essays, with a completed application\*, must be turned in to the PTSA mailbox (located in the main office) by Monday, January 29.

\*Applications are available in the Tucker main office on the PTSA bulletin board.



## Principal's Coffee

Join Mrs. Miller to discuss school matters once a month. Below is the schedule and the topics that will be discussed.

All meetings are in Café 3 at 9 a.m.

**February 7, 2007** — Open Forum

**March 7, 2007**—NCAA Clearinghouse / JRT Activities

**May 9, 2006** — Wrap Up/Plan Ahead

## Spring Sports

Spring Sports start in March!! Check out the schedule on High School Sports.net web site <http://www.highschoolsports.net>.

Look for a complete schedule in the April PTSA Newsletter!!

Also, winter sports are in full swing and there is plenty of time left for you to catch a game or match.

**Come out and support  
our Tigers!**

# PARTY ALL NIGHT



## **FAQs—Frequently Asked Questions**

*Volunteers are needed to help with Party All Night. We need lots of help to plan this critically important event. Please consider helping out.*

***What is Party All Night?*** *Party All Night* is Tucker's drug and alcohol-free after-prom party—rumored by area students to be the **best in town**.

***Why does the PTSA sponsor Party All Night?*** Our major PTSA focus is to help promote the safest possible environment for our students. If students have a safe after-prom environment, they are less likely to engage in negative behaviors and more likely to remain safe.

***What is Party All Night like?*** *Party All Night* provides our students with a fun-filled, safe, drug and alcohol-free after-prom activity—actually, lots of activities. Last year's PAN included prizes, games, inflatable games, a D.J., food, Casino, and more. The evening culminates with the raffle of many, many prizes!

***When and where is Party All Night?*** *Party All Night* will take place after the prom on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 AM until 4:00 AM at the Tuckahoe YMCA.

***Which students can come to Party All Night?*** All juniors and seniors may attend, whether they attend the prom or not. If they do attend the prom, their dates may also attend. Over 400 students took advantage of this wonderful event last year, along with 80 helpful parents.

***Who can help?*** Everyone can help—parents, faculty, and students. We particularly need freshmen and sophomore parents to learn the ropes so they can help continue this 17-year Tucker tradition.

***How do I find out more?*** Contact Lisa Knight (804-716-1629 )

Check the announcements on the Tucker web site for a meeting date soon!!!



## J.R. TUCKER SPIRIT WEAR

Order your Tucker Spirit Items Today!!

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| ___ Fleece Scarf—\$12 (blue w/ orange paw print)<br>___ Tiger Gloves—\$5—(blue w/ orange paw)<br>___ Neckties - \$20— (blue silk w/ orange paw prints)<br>___ 44" Umbrella—\$10—(blue w/ orange paw) | ___ Tiger Plastic Cups—\$1 (Tiger logo)<br>___ Tiger Travel Mug— \$5 (blue tiger logo)<br>___ License plate frame—\$2 |
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### ***J.R. Tucker Sweatshirts Available Soon!!!!***

Make checks payable to JR Tucker PTSA. Mail to the school or place in the PTSA mailbox in the office. Spirit wear is also available in the Tigers Den (located at the end of bldg. 3). For more information, contact Anne Britt at 270-9189 or [anne.britt@anthem.com](mailto:anne.britt@anthem.com).

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: JR Tucker PTSA  
 2910 Parham Rd.  
 Richmond, VA 23294

## TIGER'S DEN

There's no need to run out to Wal-Mart or Target to get school supplies.  
 Stop by the Tiger's Den before or after school to pick up those extra supplies you need.

Also, Tucker scarves are available in the Tiger's Den. Buy one now before the cold winter sets in.



**It's not too late. Make your tax deductible contribution to Tiger Trust today!!!!**

J.R. Tucker High School  
 Tiger Trust Campaign 2005-2006  
 2910 Parham Road Richmond, VA 23294

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City: _____	Zip code: _____

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>January 15</b>	Student Holiday
<b>January 16</b>	PTSA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Tucker Library
<b>January 22</b>	PTSA General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., Tucker Library, Internet Safety
<b>January 22</b>	Henrico County Council meeting , 7 p.m., Deep Run - Reflections
<b>January 23—26</b>	1st Semester Exams
<b>January 26</b>	End of Second 9 week marking period
<b>January 29</b>	Student Holiday
<b>February 5</b>	Curriculum Fair, Café 1
<b>February 7</b>	Principal's Coffee, 9 a.m., Café 3—Open Forum
<b>February 19</b>	Student Holiday
<b>Feb. 21—24</b>	Spring Musical, 7 p.m., Auditorium
<b>March 7</b>	Principal's Coffee, 9 a.m., Café 3—NCAA Clearinghouse/JRT Activities
<b>March 19</b>	Strings Concert, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium
<b>March 20</b>	1/2 day Student holiday
<b>March 24</b>	Scholarship Walk Fest, Wilder Middle School
<b>April 6</b>	1/2 day Student holiday
<b>April 9—13</b>	Spring Break
<b>April 28, 2007</b>	Junior/Senior Prom

