

Dear District 23 PTA leaders,

We hope each of you had a fantastic fall! Did you happen to visit the District 23 Scarecrow in the Square exhibit in historic downtown Summerville? The District 23 scarecrows represented each of our local units and all each of you do on behalf of children: provide dedication, advocacy, leadership and community! A huge thank you for your dedication to children!

We are excited to see our local units on Tuesday, December 8 at Oakbrook Elementary School, 306 Old Fort Drive, Ladson, for our Roundtable meeting! This meeting is the Reflections drop-off. We will also have a sharing of ideas meeting. This meeting was a favorite last year so we are doing it again. We ask each local unit to please come prepared to share two meaningful activities, successful fundraiser ideas, student or teacher recognition ideas, ideas to involve grandparents, dads, community members, you get the idea! Share with the group what is working for your PTSA! Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and our meeting will begin promptly at 6:30. There is a RSVP link on our website.

Looking ahead:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016: Sunday, February 28, 2016: Thursday, April 14, 2016: Roundtable at Summerville High School

Reflections Ceremony at Fort Dorchester High School

Thursday, April 14, 2016:District 23 PTA Spring Awards (location to be determined)Friday and Saturday, April 15 & 16:South Carolina PTA Convention (in the Lowcountry!)

More convention details will be forthcoming but here's some general details: Friday night legislative reception at the College of Charleston

Saturday convention at Goose Creek high school: General meeting! Networking! Training! Reflections reception! And so much more! Please encourage your board members to attend. *Exciting news*

There will be a convention t-shirt this year that will be included as part of the registration fee. The state convention committee is looking for local units interested in being a convention sponsor. For a donation of \$100 your local unit PTA name will be featured on the convention tshirt. Wouldn't it be amazing to have many of the District 23 PTA's listed on the shirt!?! It makes a convention shirt that much more special to have *your* school listed! If interested please contact Lorene Welch at the SC PTA office. Respectfully,

Cori Gubler, DeVane Trigiani, Teresa Garcia, Loretta Mitchum, Anna Tuten, Christina Hernandez Your 2015-2016 District 23 PTA Board