

COUNCILS

Evansville Area Council (Evansville) – Evansville developed a new award on the council level this year, call the Family and Friends Award. This award, a specially designed decal, is awarded to each unit with 50 or more family and friends members. The decal can be placed on the front door or window of the school.

Hammond Council (Hammond) – Hammond Council sells Community Memberships to the administrators, businesses, civil city, and education foundation members who are willing to join PTA. They have two programs, an ALL school program where the person becomes a member of all the units in the council and the SPONSOR member, who joins one unit (choice or random pick) and pays \$30. The difference between the \$2.50 is put into the council's sponsorship fund that provides for students individually, in class groups and citywide activities. All community members are recognized in the newsletter, at the November recognition celebration dinner and at Founder's Day Dinner. All receive a packet of PTA information from the council, a certificate and monthly newsletters.

Hammond also initiated a new contest this fall for units who had 100% teacher/principal membership. A traveling plaque with the school's name engraved on a plate was awarded to the Elementary and Middle/High school level who were the first to turn in their list of teacher/principal members. This plaque is awarded at Founder's Day. We also award a large poster to all the schools who participated at the November meeting.

LaPorte Community Council (LaPorte) – In October they have the units submit the number of NEW memberships from last report date March 15 of previous year and the current council meeting. The unit with the most gets their name put in a "hat." Each succeeding meeting the unit with the most new members since the last council meeting gets their name put in the "hat." On March 1st, a name is drawn from the "hat" and that unit will receive one "early bird" registration to State Convention paid by council.

Marion Councy Council (Indianapolis) – Marion gives plaques for greatest percentage of increase in members and for greatest consecutive years of membership increases.

Warren Township Council (Indianapolis) – Warren works closely with the media relations expert for the school district. They work to be visible by having a presence at each school board meeting, township committees and with school administration. Warren worked with the administration of the township to have a parenting fair. In a collaborative effort to support the administrators, they offered volunteer workers and had a booth regarding PTA. Memberships always available.