

NORTHEAST REGION

Forest Park Elementary (Fort Wayne) – The PTA did a different twist on the Grandparent's Day. The day was called Grandparents/Special Person's Day, in that the student did the inviting of whomever. To incorporate, the community wide program entitled "Focus On Health", the school took this opportunity to allow the students along with their grandparent/special person to attend this event. The Health Fair gave the guest an excellent opportunity to visit certain health stations and have various minor health tests performed. Each student, who had invited someone to attend for the day, made a unique button that was given to the guest to take home.

Lakeside Middle (Fort Wayne) – Lakeside Middle School PTA sponsored a seminar for parents called "Smart Discipline." Through this seminar the PTA's main mission was "to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children." The elementary schools that fed into Lakeside Middle were also invited to attend. The seminar gave a positive approach to disciplining children. Parents were taught to let their child be responsible for their actions. This program gave practical advice to parents on raising their children and making the home a more pleasant environment for the family. The PTA was so excited that over 200 parents attended this wonderful event.

Northcrest Elementary (Fort Wayne) – The Northcrest PTA supported an effort with the school and teachers to promote character education in the students. Each week a new character work (i.e. responsibility, citizenship) was introduced to the students. The PTA purchased signs with each word on it to put in the hallways to remind students daily of the advantages of having good character. Each grade level was responsible for doing one community service project each semester along this character building. Parents got involved by supplying items for these projects. One of the best things Northcrest PTA did was to adopt a hands-on attitude with their parents. Each parent that volunteered or participated in their events was personally thanked by either a note or by phone.

Croninger Elementary (Fort Wayne) – The PTA worked closely with the school principal in focusing their school year on "Getting Involved in your Child's Education." The first PTA meeting, the school principal shared with the parents, as a parent, teacher, counselor, and a gifted and talented teacher. Working with the school the PTA carried this theme throughout the school by having special speakers at each of their monthly meetings. January's topic was Internet Safety and March's topic was Conflict Resolution.
