A Message from Kentucky PTA President

As the school year comes to an end, please complete the following items of business:

Immediately after your election, even if officers do not change, please complete the 2016-2017 Officer & Chairmen Information form and send it to the Kentucky PTA.

Both returning and newly elected officers are welcome to attend the Kentucky PTA Convention on July 15 & 16 in Louisville, Kentucky. More information about Convention is included in this issue.

All PTAs and PTSAs are required to complete a financial review of their financial books and mail the form to the Kentucky PTA office by the new deadline of July 15.

The leadership transition of one PTA board to another can be very stressful. If you are an outgoing president, please make time to meet with the next president and share information. Being mindful of finishing your job before you move on will help ensure the continued success of your PTA.

Strong family-school partnerships help create safe, healthy environments and make every child's potential a reality. Thanks for all you have done this school year!

The Influence and Impact of Teachers

While the first Saturday in May is cause for celebration in Kentucky...
July 15 - 16, 2016
Kentucky PTA Convention
at Chancey Elementary School
4301 Murphy Lane, Louisville, KY

See what you can look forward to on Friday (7/15) and Saturday (7/16).

Grant applications for the Kentucky PTA Convention are due June 1. Or download a registration form and register before June 15 for a discounted rate.

Membership Corner
This month’s tip: celebrate your accomplishments!

Plan an all-school reward, such as a popcorn party or movie night, for when you reach your membership goal. Submit an article to your local paper on any awards or recognition your PTA receives or any award your unit presents to a member.

Then, end your school year on a strong note.

Help with your school’s kindergarten registration and send information about PTA to the parents and new students. Send in your membership dues to the Kentucky PTA on the 15th of each month. Encourage your board members to attend the Kentucky PTA convention, to network and gather all new membership information. Turn over all records to next year’s membership chair prior to convention.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Student Recognition Program

Due to a vacancy in the office of President Elect, Janet Jones meets the necessary criteria and has agreed to run for President Elect. If you are interested in running for the office of President Elect, please follow these guidelines:

Nominees must have given thirty (30) days’ notification before the beginning of the annual convention of their intent to run.

Notification must be given in writing to the Kentucky PTA President, Nominating Committee Chair, and
The Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Award Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 14, at the Lexington Children's Theatre. With over 400 in attendance, we recognized nearly 150 students, one teacher and one parent. Six students from Kentucky were also named National PTA Reflection Winners, including:

National Outstanding Interpretation: Mackenzie Smith, 10th grade, duPont Manual, Visual Artwork, "When an Artist Imagines"

National Award of Excellence: Joanna Cholewo, 6th grade, Tates Creek Middle, Visual Artwork, "Light as a Feather"

National Award of Excellence: Morgan Taylor Ray, 5th grade, Lincoln Performing Arts, Photography, "Light My Wings"

National Award of Merit: Alexandria Kinard, 10th grade, duPont Manual, Dance Choreography, "The Calm Before the Storm"

National Award of Merit: Luke Dow Pearson, 12th grade, duPont Manual, Music Composition, "A Trip Down the Stairs"

National Award of Merit: Clay Devlin, 12th grade, duPont Manual, Photography, "Mosaic Mind"

The 2016-2017 Reflections theme was announced. "What is Your Story" will be the theme that our artists will use to create their next award-winning pieces. For more information on starting a Reflections contest in your school, contact Jessica Merriman, reflectionskypta@gmail.com, 859.806.7325. Updated information will be available this summer on the kypta.org website.

National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that
Several Kentucky PTA board members are attending the National PTA Convention, June 29 - July 3, in Orlando, Florida, and will vote on the following resolutions:

1. Water and Safety Instruction
2. Electronic Cigarettes and Youth
3. Recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning Individuals as a Protected Class
4. Homework: Quality over Quantity

If you have any concerns or opinions about these resolutions, please send your comments to Cheri Dimar by June 20, 2016.

Thank you.