A Message from Kentucky PTA President

It is time to start thinking about leadership for next year. Planning ahead can really net (or get) you some great results. Here are some things to think about:

Check your bylaws and **see when your nominating committee is to be elected**. It is the responsibility of the nominating committee to find the best qualified candidate for each office.

**Brush up the job descriptions** or create them if you don’t have them. People want to know what they are committing to when they take on a position. How much time will it take? What skills will a person need to be successful in that role? Setting clear expectations will reduce unwanted turnover in the middle of the year.

**Think carefully about your nominating committee.** These should be influencers in
Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is charged with screening and evaluating individuals and candidates for Kentucky PTA Leadership Positions. The Nominating Committee is open to receiving applications from interested candidates and welcomes recommendations from PTA membership. If interested, Explore Kentucky PTA's Pathway to Leadership.

Awards and Scholarships

March 15, 2017 is the deadline for the following Kentucky PTA Awards and Scholarships.

- Outstanding Membership Campaign
- Outstanding Classified Personnel
- Outstanding Educator
- Outstanding Local Unit Newsletter
- Outstanding Male Involvement/Participation
- Outstanding Programs/Projects
- Outstanding School Nurse
- Outstanding Volunteer
- Outstanding Local Unit Website
- Outstanding Volunteer Participation

For information about Kentucky PTA Awards and Scholarships go to the Kentucky PTA Leaders' Notebook.

National PTA Statement on President Trump's Address to Congress

On March 1, President Donald Trump delivered his first address to Congress, outlining his vision for the country.

In the address President Trump called for the passage of school choice legislation. National PTA supports educational choices within public schools to meet the needs of all students and believes parents and families should be involved in all aspects of public school choice plans. However, there is a difference between public school choice programs and the use of taxpayer dollars for private school voucher programs.
星期五, 七月 14 - 星期六, 七月 15

地点：Bowen Elementary
1601 Roosevelt Avenue
路易斯维尔, 肯塔基州 40242

立即注册，以获得绝佳机会：领导力培训、与其他 PTA/PTSA 领导者交流、接受协会的奖项，并与众多供应商建立联系！

注册费用为每人 50 美元，如果您在 6 月 15 日之前注册。

点击此处获取我们的今年大会的地区 PTA 申请表！

我们正在努力为您规划 2017 年 PTA 大会。请帮助我们完成以下简短的调查。只需点击下面的链接。

谢谢！#kypta

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主要日期

三月：全国阅读月

四月：军人子女月和阿拉伯裔美国人传统月

五月：亚太裔美国人传统月和全国托管月

五月 1-5, 2017
教师感谢周

五月 13, 2017

“全国 PTA 反对任何形式的私人学校选择系统 - 税收抵免、优惠券或减免 - 这将影响公立学校的资源。均衡的、高质量的公立教育对所有学生来说都是至关重要的，对国家的长期成功至关重要，”全国 PTA 总统劳拉·贝伊说。[读更多]

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Gift Cards Not Allowed

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming soon, so keep these guidelines in mind as you make plans to celebrate.

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#13 - Booster clubs shall not pay or enhance salaries or stipends for any district employee. External support/booster organizations may, however, donate to the district/school for these purposes as long as the salaries paid are within the limits set by the local board.

This statement means the PTA is not allowed to purchase gift cards for school staff members. It is defined as a “cash equivalent” donation, which is unallowable.

National Reading Month

In March 2017, thousands of schools will transform their National Reading Month event into a PTA Family Reading Experience - an interactive event that engages the whole family in reading activities.

Parents take part in the fun with their kids and leave the event with a deeper understanding of the simple ways they can support the core skills of literacy.

1. Public charter schools must not divert funding from existing non-charter public schools. This will prevent any service reductions and maintain equity for all students.
2. Charter schools must ensure access for all children, be free of tuition, and be reflective of district population.
3. Charter schools must be subject to the same assessment, accountability standards, and certification as non-charter public schools. This will ensure high quality education for all children.
4. Charter schools must adhere to the service standards for students with special needs (IEP and 504 plans) including the local education agency (LEA) responsible for providing these services, and how these services will be funded.
5. Charter schools must meaningfully engage parents in transparent authorization, review, and decision-making processes. At least two parents must be included on all levels of charter school boards.

FUNDING:

1. Maintain or increase funding for adequate K-12 public school education.
2. Oppose any vouchers and tax credits that divert funding from existing non-charter public schools.
3. Support tax reform to increase public school funding.

SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCILS (SBDM):

1. Oppose any reduction in authority and/or dismantling of school-based decision-making councils (SBDM) in schools.
2. Parents are a major stakeholder in the education process and must remain in an active leadership/engagement role on all school councils.
Student Recognition, May 13

The Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Ceremony is Saturday, May 13, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lexington Children's Theatre, 418 West Short Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 40507.

State Reflections winners, Scholarship winners, Self Esteem and Rising Star winners will be recognized. All artwork entries will be displayed and refreshments will be served.

Save the date and help us celebrate the many accomplishments of these students! If you have questions, call the Kentucky PTA Office, 502.226.6607.

Action Alert

The Kentucky Legislature will vote on several important bills in the near future and Kentucky PTA encourages you to contact your legislative leaders about the following bills in particular.

Ask your legislator to vote NO on Senate Bill 54, which would give superintendents powers that currently belong to councils.

- authority to set school policies in all areas listed in the main section of the law about council roles (curriculum, instruction, extracurriculars, assignment of students and staff, schedule, etc.)
- full authority to make personnel decisions, including principal vacancies
- ability to determine instructional materials
- authority to plan professional learning, and
- power to decide student support services.

The bill would leave principals with the responsibility to develop wellness plans and decide about educational displays in a school. Councils would become an advisory group.

Ask your legislator to vote YES on Senate Bill 20 seeks more effective responses when youth get in trouble. The youth justice system is a maze that has too many entrances and too few ways out. SB 20 would modify the youth justice reforms made in 2014 to better hold youth accountable and keep communities safe.

Ask your legislator to vote YES Senate Bill 195 seeks to help youth who get back on track expunge their records. When kids get back on track, we must help them be prepared to succeed in the future as productive citizens. SB
195 would allow additional youth records to be expunged to ensure youth who stay on track are not held back from opportunities to learn, work, and contribute to their community.

Call the legislative message line, 800.372.7181 to leave your senator a message, or click here to find your senator’s email information.

Encouraging the Active Learner

Parents can make a big difference in their children’s schools, and many bring innovative ideas, and the leadership ability to put their ideas into action.

One has made such an impact by using her talents and connections to combat the one-desk-fits-all attitude of the past.

Sarah Rosenbalm, the third vice president of the Wilder Elementary PTA in Louisville, has worked with grant writer, Wilder mom, and former PTA treasurer Mary Stoneto bring more than 300 pieces of kinesthetic equipment into the school. Students and teachers enjoy standing desks, yoga ball chairs, bouncy bands, and a popular pedal desk. Much of the equipment has been donated, and a prolific September walkathon raised $25,000 to continue the efforts. Most of the equipment is designed for students in grade three and older, and costs begin at $14.

Her idea came last year, when Rosenbalm’s son started third grade and she purchased a bouncy band for his desk. The rubber strip attaches to the chair’s legs and allows him to bounce his foot while seated. [Read more]