A Message from Kentucky PTA President

Spring is here and the school year is quickly coming to an end. In order to make the coming months a success, there are some important items of business to complete. Refer to your bylaws and be sure that the Nominating Committee is on schedule so you are prepared for your PTA's Election of Officers. Both newly elected and returning officers should plan to attend the Kentucky PTA Convention on July 20 - 21. You will find more information about this year's Kentucky PTA Convention in this bulletin.

The Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Award Ceremony will be on Saturday, May 12 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Lexington Children's Theatre. We will be honoring student winners of the Reflections fine arts program, and also Self Esteem, Rising Star and Scholarship winners.

Student Recognition Program

The Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Ceremony is Saturday, May 12, 1:00 - 3:00 pm 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.
Membership Incentive

If your school's PTA or PTSA has increased its membership by 100 members this year, your unit will be entered into a drawing for $100, to be awarded to one PTA and one PTSA. Be a part of increasing the impact of PTA/PTSA for the next 100 years. The deadline for this membership incentive is April 30.

100 Years Celebration

We would like to thank everyone who helped us celebrate Kentucky PTA's 100th birthday.

Pictured below (left to right): **Eric Kennedy** - Kentucky School Board Association, Director of Governmental Relations; **Nawanna Privett** - Kentucky School Board member, 2012-2018; **Dr. Stephen Pruitt** - Kentucky Education Commissioner; **Debbie Wesslund** - Kentucky PTA Vice President of Communications; **Cherie Dimar** - Kentucky PTA President

Save the Date!

It's the annual Kentucky PTA Convention

**July 20-21, 2018**

Seneca High School
Louisville, KY

This is an excellent opportunity for leadership training, networking with fellow PTA/PTSA leaders from across Kentucky, accepting awards on your association's behalf, and making connections with numerous vendors. Current and incoming board members, administrators, teachers, and students are invited to attend. Leadership training is a legitimate PTA expense, so include this in your budget.

At America's oldest and largest volunteer child advocacy association, he is working side-by-side with parents, teachers and policymakers at every level to help ensure the educational success of our nation's children. [read more]

Graduation Requirements

It's been eight years since any significant changes have been made to Kentucky's graduation requirements. Eight years is a long time in our economy.

According to a story from CBS MoneyWatch in 2010, the hottest careers in America included jobs in fields that you might expect, like geriatric healthcare, to help take care of the country's aging population. But there also were several high-tech positions listed that most of us hadn't heard of even just five years before, such as data mining and designers who specialize in creating applications for cell phones.

In 2017, MoneyWatch had a new list of the country's best jobs, many of which were unknown in 2010. These new jobs include solutions architects, who develop and document technical designs; user experience designers, who evaluate how new technology feels to consumers; and analytics managers, who take all of the data a company is collecting and figure out how to use it to be more efficient or increase business. [read more]

Thank You!

The legislative session has ended and we want to thank all of you who diligently wrote, texted, emailed, and called your legislators during this long session. Through your efforts we were able to get funding for some critical components for public education. Some new tax reform items will help continue funding our public education system and teacher pensions and health insurance.

Now it is time to take a look at your legislative candidates for the May primary and get out and vote. Your vote does make a difference. Thanks again!
Don't miss the special celebration as Kentucky PTA celebrates its 100th anniversary! Click here to download a registration form and click here to download a grant application.

**Important Dates**

- **April 27, 2018**
  Happy 100th birthday, Kentucky PTA!

- **May 6-12, 2018**
  Teacher Appreciation Week

- **May 12, 2018**
  Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Ceremony

- **June 21 - 24, 2018**
  National PTA Convention, New Orleans, LA

- **July 20 - 21, 2018**
  Kentucky PTA Convention, Louisville, KY

**Advocating for Safe Schools**

Madison Mitchell, niece of Kathy Smiley, KY PTA VP for Membership, has learned how to advocate for causes she believes in. A student at a Cincinnati, Ohio, high school, she attended the March for Our Lives event to advocate for safe schools.

"I've never been afraid to attend school until now. Students shouldn't have to fear for their lives; no one should have to fear for their life, not at school, at the mall, or someplace as simple as the movies," she said. [read more]

**Face It Movement**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month; a month that we challenge ourselves to deepen the levels of awareness in our communities around the prevalence and impact of child abuse and neglect. Keeping kids safe is an adult responsibility and Child Abuse Prevention Month serves as a reminder each year that we can all be the face that ends abuse in our community and across Kentucky. Authorities confirmed over 21,000 victims of child abuse and neglect in 2016 in Kentucky. One child abused is one too many. The Kosair Charities® Face It Movement encourages you to get involved during Child Abuse Prevention Month to recognize and prevent child abuse, strengthen kids and families, and engage your communities.

Ready to get involved and be the face that helps end child abuse and neglect in Kentucky? Check out some ideas on how to get involved:

- Learn the warning signs of abuse and neglect at faceitabuse.org
- Share information about activities and events in your area to get youth and their families engaged in their community
- Order Face It brochures and posters for your organization or school to distribute to community members
- "LIKE" Face It's Facebook page: /FACEITABUSE

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