National PTA's mission: to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

February 2020 Newsletter

Take your Family to School Week

For over 120 years National PTA has encouraged families to get more involved in their children’s education. One way to help PTA celebrate this legacy is during National PTA’s Take your Family to School Week. February 16-23, 2020. Your PTA/PTSA could host an event at your school that can bring families out together. On the National PTA website you can find a 2020 Take your Family to School Week Toolkit. You can choose from one of the categories listed. Some of which are Health & Safety, Literacy, Digital Learning, and STEM. On the National PTA website, you can find the steps that will walk you through how to promote your event. For more information please go to PTA.org or email questions to programs@PTA.org.

Leadership Outreach

PTA Leadership Training Challenge

This month we challenge you to do the e-learning class of Effective Advocacy For Your Child Organize around local issues and address them to benefit the needs of children and your community. This course is designed for emerging local leaders, but all are welcome to attend. approx. 30 min

Congratulations to the following individuals who did e-learning classes in November & December
Gretchen Dom
Anna Elder
Sylvia Harris Griffin
Myra Hughes
Angella Lawton
Natalie Linstruth
Autumn Neagle

A Message From Kentucky PTA President

The 2000 men and women who met in Washington D.C. on February 17, 1897 (to found what is now the National PTA) shared two concerns: the conditions under which children were living and the future of the nation. These two basic beliefs - that children are the future and that everyone needs to care about children - have guided PTA programs, projects and advocacy efforts for the last 122 years. We are united by this common concern. Take time to celebrate what our founders did and what your PTA has done to help better the lives of children and youth.

During this busy legislative session, the Kentucky PTA legislative team is monitoring issues important for all children in Kentucky. You can be effective advocates by letting our elected officials know where you stand on issues.

Kentucky PTA provides a number of awards and scholarship opportunities. Take time to look through the awards and scholarships listed on our website at www.kypta.org.

Sometimes, it is necessary to make budget amendments. Your PTA could have had a very successful fundraiser that you underestimated, or your fundraiser didn't turn out so well. Don't forget that your general membership needs to vote on any necessary budget adjustments.

If you don't already have money allocated in your budget for sending board members to the Kentucky PTA Convention, be sure to do this when you make budget adjustments. There is no better way to prepare for the upcoming year than to attend the
Congratulations to all those who attended District Trainings in December:

16th District Round Table

Job Descriptions/Process
Every Month we will focus on a job description for each position or process that each PTA should have in their standing rules. Please feel free to use these to create, update, or consider making part of your standing rules.

Vice President of Program -
Coordinates all programs that the PTA sponsors to support the academic enrichment, character development or health and welfare of our students and our school community.
These programs may include: in-school enrichment programs, after-school enrichment Programs, community engagement programs, Family Nights, KY Kids Day, Red Ribbon Week, and PTA Reflections.
Review National PTA Programs to see which ones will work within the school.

Founders Day

Founder’s Day is February 17th. We encourage you to share the video Key Moments in PTA History to help your school and community learn why PTA’s advocacy role is so important!

https://youtu.be/65alh0WL5eU

Honorary “Life” Recognition
Did you know that if you are a PTA/PTSA you may work at Convention on July 17 and 18 in Lexington, KY. Look for details early March.

Without you, we could not do all that we do! We look forward to your continued commitment to the health and welfare of every child.

Sincerely,
Heather Wampler

Children's Advocacy Day

2020 Children’s Advocacy Day at the Capitol was on January 23rd.

Scholarships

Just a reminder that all Scholarships need to be submitted by February 15, 2020. Kentucky PTA awards several scholarships each year to High School Seniors who plan to attend a Kentucky accredited college or University looking to pursue an Education Degree. A parent PTA member who is continuing his/her studies in Education or health care field. A teacher PTA member who is working towards a master’s degree or Rank. Please go to kypta.org and apply for the scholarships that apply to you.
present a Kentucky PTA Honorary “Life” Recognition to a worthy person(s) in a school, community, or state? The honoree may be someone that has completed an outstanding service to the youth, or a child advocate in education, health, safety, and legislation. Some examples of eligible people are PTA/PTSA member (Past or Present), teacher, principle, cafeteria worker, mayor, police officer, school board member, legislator. If you are looking for the best way to honor someone in your community, school setting, or community then apply at kyPTA.org. Deadline is Two weeks before your Presentation Date.

Awards

Kentucky PTA has many awards for your PTA/PTSA to apply for. All PTA/PTSA must be in good standing by October 15, 2019. You can now apply online at KyPTA.org or print out a paper copy and mail them into Ky PTA at P.O. Box 654 Frankfort, Ky 40602. All awards must be submitted to Ky PTA by March 15, 2020.

2020 National PTA Convention & Expo

Join over 1,500 PTA leaders, educators and parents in charming Louisville, Ky., for family-friendly fun and unparalleled leadership development. Get ready to ignite your PTA’s outreach and expand your impact in your school community with what you’ll learn at the 2020 National PTA Convention & Expo, June 18-21. Click here for more information.

PTA Store

Do you need materials to help run your PTA? We have what you need in custom Awards, Banners & Tablecloths, Bags & Aprons, Name Badges, Polo & Denim Shirts, and Outerwear at the Custom PTA Shop Visit Kentucky PTA Online Store for all of your general PTA merchandise today! What’s new: Anti-bullying Signs & Products Drug Abuse Prevention & Awareness 2019-2020 Reflections

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