April 2020 Newsletter

Kentucky Wears Blue

April is Child Abuse Awareness month. Did you know that Kentucky is one of the highest states in the United States for child abuse? You can find out more information here: ([https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm2018.pdf#page=137](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm2018.pdf#page=137))

Even though we are all social distancing together, let’s take a stand against Child Abuse. On Wednesday, April 15th Kentucky PTA is asking everyone to wear something blue and post it to your social media pages. Please use the hashtags #KYPTAWeareBlue #ChildAbuseAwarenessMonth.

PTA/PTSA Leaders Tip: Communication Tips*

It is important to pick forms of communication that reach all of your members and community. Important tips:

• Use many different forms of communication to reach the whole community.
• Take a survey of school families to find out how they would like to receive information; you may need to use several methods in order to reach everyone.
• Be sensitive to the fact that not everyone may have the latest technology available to them. A paper sent home may still have the most reach.
• Be aware of cultural and language differences. Have the ability to translate into another language.
• Be aware of privacy and other issues if the members decide they want a website or social media account. Check with your state PTA to see if they have any suggestions on best practices.
• Use good e-mail etiquette. Don’t inundate your

A Message From Kentucky PTA President

Typically right now there is so much PTA spring cleaning that I would be reviewing with you, however in this Bulletin I am not going to do that in my letter.

There is a quote by Dave Hollis that has been going around social media and has really stuck with me. “In the rush to return to normal, use this time to consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back to.”

For me personally I have started journaling things I love in my life and things I do out of obligation. When we are no longer social distancing and things do return back to the new normal what do I want for my life? What balance do I emotionally need? Each person’s story will write very differently and that is important to remember. Stay strong during this time. Take a moment to enjoy the sunshine, smell the flowers (or in my case with severe allergies look at the flowers) and enjoy the simple things in life. Together we will get through this.

Sincerely,

Heather Wampler

2020 Seniors

To celebrate the graduating class of 2020, the Kentucky PTA is launching a campaign to celebrate Kentucky Seniors. Please join the campaign and
members with unnecessary e-mails; one or two a week is usually enough.
• Make sure spelling is correct and that the message is appropriate and clear. Additional tips:
  • Show respect
  • Be positive
  • Collaborate and problem solve
  • Take a deep breath before responding to a difficult question or person
  • You can always postpone a discussion if it becomes too difficult
  • Be all-inclusive
  • Model sensitivity to all
  • Think twice before hitting ‘Reply All’
*Source: www.pta.org

Looking for Low Cost Internet?

With our schools turning to NTI days, everyone needs internet access. Below are a few resources to help find the best option for your family.

Online Access Opportunities
There is also EveryoneOn – that gives you low-cost options from families throughout the United States [https://www.everyoneon.org/](https://www.everyoneon.org/)
Charter Communications offer free spectrum broadband and WiFi for 60 days – 1-844-488-8395 for more info.

Looking for Ideas to Keep the Kids Busy?

Here are some great ideas to keep boredom at bay.


Never buy paint for kids! Paint- 1 cup salt, 1 cup flour, water, vegetable oil...

Spending

Please pay any outstanding bills that are due or past due. At this time with school not being in session we ask that you hold off on any spending for the remainder of the time that school districts are being closed. IF you need to make a purchase please make sure it is in your budget and had previously been approved by your General Membership. We ask that you be responsible please.

SBDM

You should have received an email via MemberHub regarding how to proceed with SBDM Parent elections. If you didn’t or you have questions, please contact Jenna Jennings at the KY PTA Office. kyptajenna@gmail.com or 502-226-6607.

PTA Leadership Training Challenge

This month we challenge you to do the e-learning class of PTA Basics – History, Structure, Programs & Advocacy: Discover PTA’s history, structure, programs, and the issues for which it advocates (~30 minutes).

Congratulations to the following individuals who did e-learning classes in February
Monica Barry
Jennifer Bauer
Jana Crigler
Shana Gatewood
Rose Gray
Brandi Jarvis
Amanda Kilburn

Google Classroom Cheat Sheet

Click the link below for help on Google Classroom.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qb9bSclly4iTXMdsNysw9Jdw6uheuLSu4-v8ec/present?fbclid=IwAR2YI02joNw2ZKQLFP2QtfY3BWKgn9I9ncOPEPPy0PIDEsOILp6jkiU8&slide=id.qf303c80df._3](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qb9bSclly4iTXMdsNysw9Jdw6uheuLSu4-v8ec/present?fbclid=IwAR2YI02joNw2ZKQLFP2QtfY3BWKgn9I9ncOPEPPy0PIDEsOILp6jkiU8&slide=id.qf303c80df._3)

congratulate a senior of the graduating class of 2020 by posting a picture of the senior on social media and add the hashtag #kyptasenior2020 to your post.
MAIL A HUG
An easy way for kids to brighten the day of a friend of loved one that they don't see often!

12th District Roundtable
A lot of times I hear people referring to career and technical education (CTE) and college prep classes as two separate things. CTE classes prepare you for a career, the conversation usually goes, while college prep – like Advanced Placement – prepares you to succeed in college.

I don’t think that’s a fair comparison because when you get down to it, all education is designed to prepare a student for his or her future career. People don’t go to high school and college just to become a graduate. They get their education to prepare them for their future career, whether it’s being an electrician, an educator or like me in my first profession, an engineer.

When it comes down to it, all education is career and technical education. Too often we – and I mean mostly adults here – think of CTE as a great offering for somebody else’s children. Those are the types of classes that students who may not be cut out for a 4-year degree take. That notion couldn’t be further from the truth. Today’s students can explore a wide variety of future careers in CTE classes and gain real skills that can benefit them no matter what they end up doing professionally. We currently have 125 different career pathways in Kentucky at the secondary level. What we call career pathways are groups of four or more classes that focus on a specific career or industry. These pathways cover everything from information technology and nursing to welding and industrial maintenance.

Kentucky’s students, it seems, are getting the message that CTE classes are for everyone. A total of 68% of public high school students take a CTE class every year. And of those seniors who are taking a CTE class, 52% of them have taken three credits in one pathway and 32% of them complete a pathway – which means they take four classes in the same pathway.

And let’s go back to that idea that CTE classes are for students who don’t have the ability to go on to
Did you know that students who are pathway completers have a 99% high school graduation rate? They also are more likely to earn a degree from a college or university than non-CTE completers and if they go directly into the workforce after high school, are more likely to be employed and earn a higher salary than non-completers.

While students have gotten the idea that CTE is for everyone, I’m afraid that the message hasn’t been quite as successful with their families. When I am out and visiting schools, I often hear students saying that their parents didn’t support the idea of them taking a CTE class. If all of our public school parents understood that CTE classes lead to careers like teaching, engineering and even veterinary medicine, then I believe they would be more supportive of their students exploring many different career interests.

Not to mention that these pathways provide many acceleration opportunities for further postsecondary education and training, which include the earning of industry-recognized certifications and credentials, registered apprenticeships, dual credit and Advanced Placement coursework, as well as articulated credit at many of the state’s public and private colleges and institutions.

High school is a time for students to explore their interests and find the path they wish to take after graduation. I think all of our public school students – and even Kentucky – will be better off once we recognize that CTE is for everyone and that all classes are career and technical education.

**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 Ways & Means -**

- Coordinates all fundraising activities that the PTA does for the year.
- Make sure that there is only 1 fundraiser per 3 programs that PTA does.
- Seek out new fundraising ideas and evaluate all proposed activities to ensure that they will:
  - comply with all laws, school regulations, health and safety requirements
  - be inexpensive, involve many members and be fun
  - respect religious and ethnic groups in the community
  - not exploit children
  - not burden school staff
  - not compete with nor detract from the school lunch and nutrition program
“Get to Know” Your PTA Board

Toni
For how many years have you been volunteering in PTA/PTSA? 12
What hobby would you be involved in if time and money were not an issue? IEP coach
What's the first career you dreamed of having as a kid? News anchor
What makes you PTA proud? I am proud to be a part of an organization who values; children from all walks of life, families and education. This organization is also recognized in other countries. How we become part of making education fair for all.
Name: Antoinette “Toni” Walden

Linda
For how many years have you been volunteering in PTA/PTSA? 10 years
What hobby would you be involved in if time and money were not an issue? Singing and playing piano
What's the first career you dreamed of having as a kid? Musician and doctor
What makes you PTA proud? Smiles on children's faces and giving back to teachers, staff, and kids makes what I do worth EVERYTHING! I love building relationships with parents/guardians and school staff. It takes a team to have a strong PTA/PTSA! My goal is to have the biggest and strongest team ever!
Name: Linda Courtney

Autumn
For how many years have you been volunteering in PTA/PTSA? 10 years
What hobby would you be involved in if time and money were not an issue? Cake Decorating & Baking or Traveling
What's the first career you dreamed of having as a kid? Teacher
What makes you PTA proud? Because every child needs an advocate and I learned how use

Kentucky PTA wants to remind everyone that PTA is not just in our schools but also in our communities at this time. We are here to support our parents, teachers, and students that we love. We want everyone to be safe, secure, healthy, and to take care of themselves and their families. We worry, we care, and we will do everything to support our students at this time. We continue to follow the recommendations of our government and are here when we are able to get back into our schools and support our teachers and students.
Think counting every person in the United States is impossible? Think again.

In fact, the very first U.S. census was all the way back in 1790! Every 10 years, every person in the United States (including adults, children, babies, citizens and immigrants) is counted through the census. This isn't just so we know the population makeup. Census data is used to determine representation in Congress, state legislatures and school boards, and—critically—it’s also used to determine how much federal funding should flow to children’s programs in states and communities.

Programs such as Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Title I and IDEA special education funding rely on accurate census counts to help allocate over $800 billion a year in federal funds. The 2020 Census will have lasting effects on crucial programs that serve our children and families. Read More

2020 Kentucky PTA Convention

The 2020 KY PTA Convention will be held in downtown Lexington at
Lexington Traditional Middle School
July 17-18, 2020
Hotel Lodging is located at the Holiday Inn on Justice Drive in Hamburg.

Registration is open! Tickets are $55 per ticket if submitted before June 15, and it includes admittance to all Workshops, the Exhibit Hall, PTA Store, Friday luncheon, Friday Life Recognition and Awards dinner and Saturday luncheon.

If your PTA would like to apply for a Grant, that form is also available below. Fill out the form in its entirety to be included for consideration. Deadline is May 15.

2020 Registration Form
2020 Convention Grant Application

2020 National PTA Convention & Expo

Exciting times for Kentucky PTA! I’m sure you have heard that the National PTA Convention with be in Louisville KY from June 18-21, 2020. Mark sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend!

The discounted registration rate for the National PTA Convention in Louisville is only $190. You have to register by the Early Bird deadline of March 19 or the normal registration fee is $250.

As a Kentucky PTA member there will be opportunities to volunteer to reimburse your registration fee. There will be requirements that will have to be met to obtain that reimbursement, including a minimum to work at
least 8 hours in order to qualify. Information specific to those opportunities should be available by the end of March. However, we didn’t want anyone to miss the Early Bird Registration timeline, therefore you must still pay this $190 registration rate by March 19. Then once the final information for volunteers is received and if you are selected to volunteer then you will be reimbursed this amount.

If you have any questions, please call the Kentucky PTA office at 502-226-6607.

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