Important Dates

June 1 International Children’s Day
June 5 World Environment Day
June 13 - Family Health and Fitness Day
June 14 - Flag day

LGBTQ Pride Month
National Hunger Awareness Month
National Safety Month
Firework Safety Month. July 4

PTA/PTSA Leaders Tip:

Communication Tips*

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

Heads Up! COVID-19 Relief Grants are Open Now!

We are so #PTAProud to say that we have partnered with TikTok to create the PTA

A Message From Our Outgoing Kentucky PTA President

After much thought and reflection, I have stepped down as President. Personal health issues have made it clear that I am not able to adequately fulfill all the duties required by this office. The Kentucky PTA Board of Directors is amazing and has supported me through my presidency, but the time is now where I needed to resign and pass the reigns over. It has been a true privilege and honor to serve alongside so many incredible leaders. By working with you, I have learned so much and have developed a great appreciation for all you accomplish through your volunteer work.

Sincerely,
Heather Wampler

A Message From Our Incoming Kentucky PTA President

Hello, my name is Kathy Smiley and I am honored and excited to be the next Kentucky PTA President. But first I would like to thank Heather Wampler for her service and commitment to the PTA mission and our children.
COVID-19 Relief Fund to support PTAs across the country. Grants of $5,000 for each Local PTA and $15,000 for each District/Council Region PTA will be available June 1. Learn more.

Congratulations to Royal Springs Middle School PTSA for being awarded a grant in Phase I

COVID-19 PTA Update
As the nation continues to adjust to our new normal, we continue to update our COVID-19 Resource page with new info and tools.

• For Families: A different kind of camp, for a different kind of summer. Sign up for Camp Kinda for free.
• For Educators: Improve your resiliency and overall well-being with Mental Health America’s Tools 2 Thrive.
• For PTA Leaders: Learn strategies to make your PTA more Inclusive, Individualized, Integrated and Impactful.

Explore these resources and more at PTA.org/COVID-19. In moments of crisis, PTA is still working for you. Consider supporting our work!

Thanking Kentucky’s Public School Teachers
By Kevin C. Brown
Interim Commissioner of Education

May is always a special time of the year in education because that’s when we celebrate national Teacher Appreciation Week, which this year is being celebrated May 4-8.

I know the types of challenges teachers face because I come from a family with deep ties to education. My mother is a retired teacher. My father served on a local board of education for more than 30 years. And although I’m trained as an attorney, it’s been my privilege and my calling to practice in the education field for most of my adult life.

In the best of times, teachers face a challenging task. They have a new class every year that is filled with students who come from all different backgrounds and face their own unique set of challenges. In Kentucky, the chances are that more than half of those students will come from economically disadvantaged homes. A significant number of them may be homeless, have parents who are incarcerated, have a disability or speak another language.

As we move forward during these uncertain times of social distancing and virtual/online education with continuing questions about what the next school year will look like for our students, teachers and families. As PTA/PTSA leaders we have to think of nontraditional ways to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for ALL children..... but we can overcome this together. Kentucky PTA is here to support you and your local units to be successful.

We will get through this together,
Kathy Smiley

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 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.

Membership Awards

We are still doing Membership Awards this year, if your PTA/PTSA qualifies for the Apple Award or Chuck Saylors He-Man Award please use this link to fill out a google form to let us know.

https://forms.gle/JUeumJjbrarVMwSo8

Spending

All spending must be approved through budget@kypta.org.
Each year we ask our teachers to take their students, regardless of where they start, and ignite a love of learning in them. We ask them to help their students learn the skills they will need to find success after high school, whether that’s starting a job, getting a certificate or earning a college degree. This year we’ve asked even more of our teachers when schools across the Commonwealth shut down to try to lessen the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Since mid-March, we’ve asked all of our teachers to continue providing a high-quality education using non-traditional instruction. It has meant drastically changing the way they learned to teach, including emailing or texting students, reading a book aloud on YouTube, using Google classroom or holding Zoom meetings.

Suggested hed: Help Keep Your Child Learning All Summer Long

By Amanda Ellis
Associate Commissioner

While summer is a time for kids to have fun, sleep in and play outside, it’s often a time educators worry about due to the “summer slide”. Children can lose up to three months of reading and math skills during the summer months when they don’t have opportunities to practice what they learned during the school year. Also, when we consider the reopening of schools, the effects of summer slide pose greater challenges than ever before. We know that students are likely to have gaps in their learning due to extended remote learning for the last nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year. Summer slide will only make addressing those academic knowledge gaps next school year more challenging.

But families can help their children keep their brains active and learning over the summer and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has created a new webpage to help. Read More

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. kryptajenna@gmail.com or 502-226-6607.

PTA Leadership Training Challenge

This month we challenge you to do the e-learning class of Local PTA Board Basics - Structure, Roles, and Responsibilities. Learn the basic governance structures behind most PTA unites. (-30 minutes.) This is a great time to look over your standing rules and make sure your PTA has it’s structure and job descriptions spelled out.

Congratulations to the following individuals who did e-learning classes in March
Jennifer Bauer
Brittney Bolyard
Amy Carder
JoHanna Kemper
Kathy Smiley
Jean Taylor Bertrand
Carolyn Wolfe

Congratulations to all those who attended District Zoom Trainings in March
12th District
April
12th & 16th District

The following Districts had a Zoom Training with Kentucky PTA in May:
1st District, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Treasurer Training was offered to all Treasurer across the state.

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 Volunteers
What's Going on in My Kid's Brain?

Dr. Brandi Kenner
Senior Consultant, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

Sometimes you can’t help but wonder, what is my kid thinking? We spoke with Dr. Brandi Kenner, senior consultant at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, about how a child's brain works. She shared helpful strategies for teaching them how to manage their emotions and behavior....

Educate parents/guardians and community members of the volunteer opportunities that exist for them to get involved in the school and PTA while allowing families to continue having a work-life balance

Collaborates with the PTA president and board members, principal, and teachers to identify and coordinate volunteer opportunities at the school to support student success and PTA events.

Oversees volunteer recruitment, training, assignments, and appreciation.

Chairman

Your PTA can have as many of chairman as you wish. Each chairman is voted in by your board of directors and not your general membership. They can be a position that is designed for a specific project or something that is a year round need. Chairman have one vote the same as all other board members. They do count in quorum. If you have a chairman for a short time and do not want them to count in your courum they can be voted in as a consultant. They would still have a voice but not a vote. Chairman’s job description do not need to be in your standing rules - however - if it is a position that you fill every year it is best to add it.

2020 Kentucky PTA Convention

The 2020 KY PTA Convention is Going Virtual!!!

Information will be coming this week through Member Hub. You can also find details on our website http://kypta.org/

PTA Store

ShopPTA.com just added to your web store new Community Support Banners. See Here: https://bit.ly/2XuzLab
We are enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Every time you shop and use your card or your linked phone number, a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Kentucky PTA. See below for instructions on how to enroll and link your card.

To enroll, go to www.kroger.com. Log in with your existing Kroger account or sign up for a new one. Under your name, click on My Account. Under My Account, click on Community Rewards on the left side of the screen. Under Find an Organization, enter either our Non-Profit Organization number BS198 or Kentucky Congress of Parents & Teachers, Inc. (1). Click Enroll. (2) You will now receive an automatic confirmation stating that you are now enrolled. (3). Thank you for supporting the Kentucky PTA.

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