



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

## April 2017 Bulletin of the Kentucky PTA

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### Student Recognition Ceremony

The Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Award Ceremony celebrates Scholarship, Self Esteem,

## A Message from Kentucky PTA President

Spring is here and the school year is quickly coming to a close. In order to make the coming months a success, there are some important pieces of business that all PTAs/ PTSAs must 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 14 and 15.

The month of May has several important events, including Teacher Appreciation Week and the Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Award Ceremony, honoring student winners in Reflections, Self Esteem, Rising Star and scholarships. The Student Recognition Program is Saturday, May 13, 1:00-3:00 pm, at Lexington's Children's Theatre.

The Kentucky PTA fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. Plan ahead to meet submission requirements. Each PTA/PTSA must submit an annual Financial Review Form to the principal of their school and Kentucky PTA by July 15.



Cherie Dimar

Rising Star and Reflections winners. This year's ceremony is Saturday, May 13, 1:00-3:00 pm, at Lexington Children's Theatre, 418 West Short Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 40507. Help us celebrate the accomplishments of our students!

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### 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.](#)

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### Financial Review Form

Kentucky PTA fiscal year is July 1 through June 30, so plan ahead and be prepared to meet submission requirements. Submit Financial Review Form to Principal of your School per Kentucky Department of Education Accounting Procedures Redbook Regulations.

Each PTA/PTSA must submit an annual financial report to principal of your School by July 15. Mail Financial Review Form to Kentucky PTA, 148 Consumer Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, per local unit bylaws, by July 15.

[Financial Review Form, 2017-2018](#)

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In addition to being a very busy time of the year, the leadership transition of one PTA board to another can be stressful. If you are an outgoing president/officer please make time to meet with your successor and share information. Being mindful of finishing your job before you move on will help ensure the continued success of your PTA.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the children and families in our schools. Your efforts do make a difference!

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## Kentucky Department of Education Town Hall Schedule

All meetings are 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, local time.

Monday, March 13  
Simon Kenton High School  
Theatre, 1132 Madison Pike,  
Independence

Wednesday, March 22  
Kentucky School for the Blind  
Auditorium, 1867 Frankfort  
Ave., Louisville

Monday, April 10  
McCracken County High School  
Auditorium, 6530 New Highway 60 West, Paducah

Thursday, April 13  
Laurel County Schools Center for Innovation, Main Presentation  
Room, 1100 East 4th St., London

Monday, April 17  
Rowan County Senior High School, Performing Arts Center,  
499 Viking Dr., Morehead

Tuesday, April 18  
John Hardin High School, 384 W.A. Jenkins Rd, Elizabethtown

Thursday, April 20  
Glasgow High School Auditorium, 1601 Columbia Ave., Glasgow

Tuesday, April 25  
Bryan Station High School Auditorium, 201 Eastin  
Rd., Lexington



Stephen Pruitt



## SAVE THE DATE!

Kentucky PTA Convention 2017  
Friday, July 14 - Saturday July 15

Location: Bowen Elementary  
1601 Roosevelt Avenue  
Louisville, Kentucky 40242

[Register now](#) for 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!

[Registration](#) is just \$50 per person if you register on or before June 15.

[Click here](#) for our District PTA grant application for this year's convention!

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## Membership Corner

Congratulations North Oldham Middle School PTSA (District 13) for winning the Reaching High for Kentucky Kids membership drawing - a 10% membership increase over last year!

It's time to evaluate your membership drive and survey prospective members. One of the best ways to determine the types of programs, projects, and activities for next year is to determine why (or why not) parents join your PTA/PTSA. A simple survey can give you valuable information and help develop a plan to motivate your parents and community to get

Thursday, April 27  
Mountain Arts Center, 50 Hal Rogers Dr., Prestonsburg

Monday, May 1  
Henderson County Schools Professional Development Center,  
631 North Green St., Henderson

The Kentucky Accountability system is still under development. Look over the proposed [Kentucky Accountability at a Glance](#) and then complete the [Accountability Survey](#). Kentucky Education listens and wants your feedback.

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## School Grants for Healthy Kids

Schools need resources to implement health and wellness practices that help students eat better and be physically active. Thanks to our partners, [Action for Healthy Kids](#) has provided

\$6.6 million in grants to schools since 2009. Our School Grants for Healthy Kids can help your school health team achieve its goal to make every kid healthy and ready to learn.

[Action for Healthy Kids](#) is now accepting [grant applications](#) for the 2017-2018 school year between February 6 - April 7, 2017. See below for details and sign up for our newsletter to stay up to date and find out how schools like yours are putting their grants to work.



Thanks to our school breakfast grants, schools have served more than 44 million new school breakfasts since 2009.

Up to 500 schools will receive grant awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to support increased breakfast participation.

[Action for Healthy Kids](#) will award approximately 600 schools with Game On grants for the 2017-2018 school year. These grants provide funding for physical activity and nutrition initiatives that support schools in becoming nationally recognized as health-promoting.

involved. Go to [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) for a sample survey.

#### More tips:

- "Each One, Reach One" - bring one new person to a PTA meeting.
- Publish your current membership count in your newsletter and compare it to your goal, often.
- Maintain communication with parents and all members. Ensure that information is available in all the languages of the community.
- Make a written recommendation for the next school year and finish your procedure book.

This year we have combined the Membership Report to the Kentucky PTA and National PTA dues payment form, so we can get the numbers of male, students (PTSA only) and faculty/staff members, and learn if the local unit has attained 100% membership based on school enrollment and/or 100% school faculty and staff membership enrollment.

Information is needed for the Kentucky PTA Membership Awards, given at the Kentucky PTA Convention in July. The new form is on the Kentucky PTA website, [kypta.org](http://kypta.org).

The April Membership drawing is "17 in 17" - for PTAs/PTSAs sending in an additional 17 members this month. You could win a FREE registration to the Kentucky PTA Convention in July!

The next Membership Call is on April 20, 2017, at 8:00 pm. The dial in number is 641-715-3580; access code 585-759. The theme: Membership Awards and What's Next.

Parents grants are available that focus on implementing Game On, thanks to support from ALDI, Target and our promotional partner, National PTA. Programs with a parent engagement component will be given priority, and parent-led groups are encouraged to apply (e.g. PTAs, PTOs and school wellness teams with parent members).

Questions? Check out our Frequently Asked Questions prior to applying. Contact your AFHK State Coordinator or [SchoolGrants@ActionforHealthyKids.org](mailto:SchoolGrants@ActionforHealthyKids.org).

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## April Is: Month of the Military Child



# Every Child in Focus

National PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. This is the core of what we do. In order to make sure that every child is part of the mission the National PTA has designed a campaign called Every Child in Focus.

Every Child in Focus is a campaign to strengthen family engagement in schools by celebrating the achievements and reporting the disparities within diverse populations, and sharing resources and advocacy tools to help understand the needs of every child. Each month, National PTA will spotlight educational issues surrounding a particular group, highlight their accomplishments, and focus on ways to help foster Family-School Partnerships.

Each month focus can be found at [PTA.org/everychild](http://PTA.org/everychild). National PTA will give you ideas on how to support and engage these families. They also create a visual snapshot poster to share with your parents or to hang up on your bulletin board each month.

April is Military Appreciation Month. Check out the flier and website for statistics and ways to help address it in your school. National PTA Military Alliance for Parents and Partners (MAPP) is a group of organizations that work together to provide resources to and advocate for military-connected families. To find more information check out [www.pta.org/military](http://www.pta.org/military).

## IMPORTANT DATES

**April is:** Month of the Military Child and National Arab-American Heritage Month

**May is:** Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and National Foster Care Month

**May 8 -12, 2017**  
Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 13, 2017**  
Student Recognition Program,  
Lexington, KY

**June 22-25, 2017**  
National PTA Convention, Las Vegas

**July 14-15, 2017**  
KY PTA Convention, Louisville, KY

## Pop Quiz

1. What is the definition of culture?
2. Which are not a type of culture?
  - a. Gender Culture (men or women)
  - b. Generational Culture (Millennials or Baby Boomers)
  - c. Number Culture (odd or even)
  - d. Corporate Culture (formal or casual)
3. What is the difference between Visible and Invisible Aspects of Culture?
4. Can you define the difference of these three dimensions of culture: Universal, Cultural, Personal
5. True or False - Cultural Competency is recognizing differences amongst individuals and responding to those differences positively and being able to interact effectively in a variety of cultural environments.

If you struggled or don't know an answer, we invite you to check out Cultural Competency from National PTA E-Learning! This quick e-learning course will answer all these questions and so much more. So check it out at

[PTA.org/elearning](http://PTA.org/elearning)

## Kentucky PTA Executive Board

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Cherie Dimar

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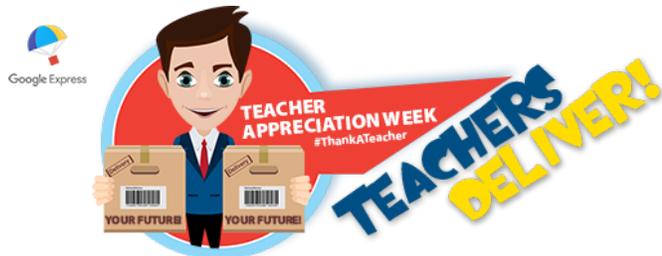
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## National Teacher Appreciation Week



National PTA's Teacher Appreciation week is May 8-12, 2017. We can't wait to celebrate our incredible teachers, who deliver their best to our children every day.

Teacher Appreciation Week is the perfect time to personally thank your child's teachers for making a positive impact on their education and lives.

**Secretary**  
Heather McGovern

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To help you #ThankATeacher, we've put together a few fun resources, available at [PTA.org/ThankATeacher](http://PTA.org/ThankATeacher). There, you'll find:

- Thank-you cards
- Posters
- Certificates of appreciation
- Facebook and Twitter cover images
- Sample tweets

As we honor teachers during May 8-12, we encourage you to reach out to a former teacher in your life to say "Thanks!" Use #ThankATeacher to tell them what you've accomplished because of their influence.

Teachers deliver so much to our students-Inspiration, Motivation, Knowledge and more. Sometimes a simple thanks is all a teacher needs to feel valued.

Share our Teacher Appreciation Week resources with your fellow PTA members and families.

Let's make our teachers feel extra special this Teacher Appreciation Week! Visit [PTA.org/ThankATeacher](http://PTA.org/ThankATeacher)

A promotional coupon for Class Act Federal Credit Union. It features a green apple with a "\$25" written on it. The text reads: "VALUABLE COUPON! Enjoy a free \$25 deposit, How 'bout them apples?" Below the apple, it says "free when opening a new savings account." To the right, it lists three Louisville branch locations: 3620 Fern Valley Rd., 331 W. Cardinal Blvd., and 3711 Diann Marie Rd. It also states "Open 9-5 Monday-Friday; 9-1 Saturday". The Class Act logo is at the bottom right, with the tagline "It's like Straight As for your Money." and the phone number 502.964.7575 and website classact.org.

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