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Things to Do in June

- Even if your officers won't change for the upcoming school year, please complete the 2018 - 2019 PTA/PTSA [Officer & Chairman Information Form](#) and send it to the Kentucky PTA. If your election is not held until classes resume in the fall, give us the name of a contact person for the interim.
- All PTAs / PTSAs are required to complete the 2017-2018 [Financial Review Form](#) and send it to both Kentucky PTA and your school's principal by July 15. It is necessary to appoint a financial review committee

A Message from Kentucky PTA President

Presidents, you have been elected as a leader in your PTA. The first thing you should do is to decide where you want your PTA to be at the end of your term. Your vision helps you focus on your goals.

There are a few easy steps you can take in order to be successful.



Cherie Dimar

- Meet with the principal to discuss how PTA can help the school. Meet with the outgoing president and learn from him/her.
- Read and understand your Bylaws. Make sure they are current. Read the Kentucky PTA Leaders' Notebook and the National PTA Annual Resources.
- Fill your board. The executive committee should already be in place. This committee can help you to recruit other board members. Remember to be inclusive in your board representation. Involve and empower all areas of your school. Be sure to have school administration and teacher representation on your board.
- Set goals and plan activities according to the needs of the children in your school.
- Delegate assignments and agree on responsibilities. Develop good leaders by attending and holding trainings and using the resources available to you.
- Organize - Set up a budget. Make a calendar and plan your board meetings, activities, and general



now, so they may go to work as soon as the PTA books close on June 30.

membership meetings. Plan a membership campaign.

True leadership isn't about leading followers, it's about building new leaders. Work as a TEAM. Have fun and make your year wonderful!

Student Recognition

The Student Recognition Ceremony was Saturday, May 12, at the Lexington Children's Theatre. Students winners were recognized in the areas of Reflections, Self Esteem, Rising Star, and Scholarships.

For a list of all winners, click [here](#).

The 2018-2019 Reflections theme was announced. "Heros Around Me" is the theme young artists will use to create their next award-winning pieces. For more information on starting a Reflections contest in your school, call 502.226.6607 or email kentuckypta@bellsouth.net. Updated information is available this summer at kypta.org.

Important Dates

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

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

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.

[Click here](#) to download a registration

Changes Coming to Accountability System, School Report Card

We have some big changes coming up in education over the next year and I want to take some time to share how it will be impacting your family and your school.



Wayne Lewis

As you might have read, the U.S. Department of Education approved Kentucky's state plan on how to implement the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in May. The plan outlines how the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will implement specific federal programs, hold schools accountable, ensure equity and promote success for every Kentucky student. [\[read more\]](#)

Call to the 2018 Kentucky PTA Convention

The Kentucky PTA Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., hereby calls upon its membership to send duly accredited delegates to the Convention to be held on July 20 & 21, 2018 at Seneca High School in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kentucky PTA Bylaws, Article XVI: Kentucky PTA Annual Convention
Section 1.

e. Each local PTA/PTSA in good standing as shown on the records in the Kentucky PTA Office thirty (30) days before the Kentucky PTA Annual Convention, shall be entitled to be represented at the Annual Convention of the Kentucky PTA by its president, or alternate, and one (1) accredited delegate plus one (1) additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members, or a major fraction thereof.

#f. A local unit PTA/PTSA in good standing is one which:
1. Adheres to the Purposes and basic policies of PTA.

join us to celebrate the historical accomplishment of being 100 years old.

Guest speakers:

Nathan R. Monell, CAE, joined National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) as Executive Director in May 2015. Throughout his entire career, Nathan has pushed to help improve the lives of individuals who are often marginalized by multiple life factors.



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](#)]

Ivelisse Castro, National PTA Service Representative

Marty Pollio, Superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools

Patti Acquisto, Kentucky PTA President 1981 -1983

Dan Orman, Kentucky Center for School Safety

2. Remits the National and Kentucky portions of dues to Kentucky PTA as required;
3. Remits District portion of the dues as required;
4. Reviews the treasurer's books and submits the PTA Financial Review Form (formally the audit report form) to the Kentucky PTA Office by July 15;
5. Files with the IRS the proper Federal 990EZ or 990N (e-postcard) and sends a copy to the Kentucky PTA Office by November 15th;
6. Has bylaws approved by the Kentucky PTA every five (5) years;
7. Has an IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN) on file in the Kentucky PTA state office; and
8. Maintains a minimum of ten (10) members.

Cherie Dimar, President
Virgil Berrong, Secretary

Membership News

Thanks to all the local units that sent in their Membership dues to Kentucky PTA during the 2017-2018 school year. We had a great year! Here are the winners from the membership incentives drawings:

- August - "Back to School" drawing : Gray Middle PTSA District 14
- September - " Early Bird" drawing: Yates Elementary PTA District 16
- October - "June Key" drawing: Alex P. Kennedy Elementary PTA District 15; Royal Spring Middle District 12
- November - " Key to Success" drawing: East Heights Elementary PTA, District 6
- January - " Strive for Five" drawing: Bernhein Middle PTSA District 11
- February - " One to Grow On" drawing: Creekside Elementary District 7
- March - " Reaching High for Kentucky Kids" drawing: Jefferstown Elementary PTA District 15

We are happy to announce that during this year's Kentucky PTA Convention, July 20-21, in Louisville, we are offering two Membership Leadership classes: the two "Rs" of membership and the NEW DIY Membership Toolkit from National PTA.

The strength of your PTA/PTSA lies in its membership - the parents, teachers, school administrators, business leaders, and community members who devote themselves to making positive difference in the lives of children. Members are the lifeblood of PTA/PTSA and provide the passion, leadership, and hard work needed to fulfill PTA's mission.

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Note: The DIY Membership Toolkit from National PTA will be ready for local units to order after June 25, 2018. Go to www.pta.org.

Resources

Learn more about e-learning at pta.org/home/run-your-pta/elearning.

Find the Leaders' Notebook for PTAs and PTSAs at kypta.org/publications/leadersnotebook/

Find out what it takes to be named a School of Excellence at pta.org/home/programs/National-PTA-School-of-Excellence

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider these people my heroes." - Fred Rogers

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