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# April 2019 Bulletin of the Kentucky PTA

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#### **Important Dates**

#### May 5-11

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

## **Grant Opportunities**

State PTA Family Engagement Challenge- Deadline April 28th

Transformative Family Engagement & Whole Child Learning- Deadline April 28th

Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant- Deadline June 30th

#### **Did You Know?**

National PTA was a consultant to the U.S. delegates of the United Nations in 1945.

A nationwide children's health project created by PTA and the U.S. Bureau of Education was called the 'Summer Round Up.'

# 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

returning officers should Heather Wampler plan to attend the Kentucky PTA Convention on July 19 and 20; at Tate's Creek Middle School in Lexington, KY. More information is in this edition of the Bulletin. 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 11, 1:00-3:00 pm, at Lexington's

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.

All of you play an important role in the educational lives of our children and we appreciate your efforts.

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Children's Theatre.

# **Teacher/Staff Appreciation**



Are Your Teachers the Best in the Universe?

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#### 2019 National PTA Convention and Expo

#### 1,500 education leaders and parents. One mission. Change children's lives.

Advance your PTA at the 2019 National PTA Convention & Expo in Columbus, Ohio June 20-23.

Share. Learn. Celebrate. This is your time to ...

- · Engage with mission-minded peers and experts
- · Enhance your leadership skills through interactive workshops
- · Stay informed on trends and issues affecting our children
- Celebrate our standout members and student performers at our awards ceremony www.pta.org

# Congratulations to this Year's Graduating Seniors

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is closing in fast. In just over a month's time, Kentucky's high school seniors will march across a stage in front of their families and friends, smiles on their faces, proud of their accomplishments and so eager to see what the future has in store for them.



Celebrate Teacher Appreciation
Week and #ThankATeacher with us May 6-10, 2019!

Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day, and their work and impact extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom-"Out of This World."

They play a pivotal role in our children's lives, inspiring a lifelong love of learning and discovery and making a difference in their well-being and long-term success.

Let's show our thanks and gratitude to these stellar educators. *Blast off* with us during PTA Teacher Appreciation Week to #ThankATeacher for all that they do to help our children reach for the stars.

#### How You Can #Thank A Teacher

Teachers are Out of This World! Take the time to show your appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week. To help you thank the teachers in your life for helping you shoot for the moon, we've created certificates, flyers, thank-you cards, web ads and social media graphics! Click here for more Info!

### **Evaluate Your Membership**

Happy Spring!!!! In the month of April evaluate your Membership Drive. Survey prospective members one of the best ways to determine the types of programs, projects, activities and why or why not your parents join your PTA/PTSA. A simple survey will give you valuable information and help your PTA/PTSA develop a plan that will motivate parents and other people in the community to get more involved. Click here for a sample survey



Here are some more tips to Evaluate your Membership

- "Each One, Reach One", bring one new person to a PTA/PTSA 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 recommendations for the next school year and finish your procedure book

Don't forget to send in your Kentucky and National PTA dues payment form so we know if you have met the following challenges so you can get an award at the Kentucky PTA Convention in July: (you can find the form on kypta.org)

- 100% Membership Based on School Enrollment
- 100% School Faculty and Staff Membership Enrollment (cafeteria, custodian, staff and instructional assistants)
- Number of Male Members
- Number of Student Members

Thank you for everything you do.....

## **Kentucky PTA Membership Awards**

The Membership Awards will be given out at the Kentucky PTA Convention in July.

roi uns years graduates, i want to be one of the first to say congratulations. Your hard work and your persistence are bearing fruit as you leave your graduation ceremony with your diploma in hand. I wish you the best in your future endeavors, whether that means going directly into the workforce or continuing your education at a college or university. You are the future of our great state, a future that I believe will be bright and prosperous.



Wayne Lewis

Part of my optimism about the future of Kentucky is based upon what is occurring in classrooms across Kentucky. Across our commonwealth, students are engaged in academic standards-aligned, rigorous learning experiences. Some of those experiences are in reading, mathematics, science and social studies. Other experiences are in diesel mechanics, automotive technology and industrial maintenance. Here are a few examples.

**Read More** 

#### **PTA Store**

How do you let the world know you're part of the PTA? ShopPTA.com sells official PTA and PTSA logo merchandise, apparel, membership items, awards, gifts and more. All products are offered through each of the participating State PTA organizations. Check out ShopPTA.com today!



Apple Award\*: for PTAs/PTSAs with 100% of their faculty and staff enrolled as members.

Oak Tree Honor\*: for PTAs/PTSAs with membership that includes one (1) member for every student enrolled in the school.

Chuck Saylor's He-Man Award\*: for PTAs/PTSAs with the largest percent of male members based on school enrollment. There is one winner per PTA district.

Youth Voice Award\*: for PTSAs with the largest number of student members based on school enrollment. There is one winner per PTA district.

Lida Gardner Honor Roll: for the five PTAs/PTSAs with the largest number of members in the following school enrollment categories:

- A. 0-300 school enrollment
- B. 301-600 school enrollment
- C. 601-900 school enrollment
- D. 901-1200 school enrollment
- E. Over 1201 school enrollment

Mrs. George Weldon 200+ Award: for PTAs/PTSAs with an increase of 200 or more members over previous year's membership.

"President's Challenge" 25-member increase over previous year, your PTA/PTSA will be recognized during Kentucky PTA Convention/Leadership.

"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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## Kentucky PTA Legislative Update

Eight delegates from Kentucky joined hundreds of PTA leaders and advocates from across the country on Tuesday, March 12 through Thursday, March 14 in Arlington, VA., for the 2019 National PTA Legislative Conference. During the conference, we took action on issues that affect the education, health, safety, and well-being of America's children by meeting congressional leaders on Capitol Hill. We also participated in workshops that expanded our knowledge of federal laws and grew our advocacy skills.

Our 2019 Asks to Congress:

https://www.pta.org/docs/defaultsource/files/advocacy/2019-national-pta-hill-ask-onepager-final.pdf



#### For PTA Leaders

#### **Kentucky PTA Convention 2019**

Join us July 19-20th at Tates Creek Middle School in Lexington for the Kentucky State PTA convention. Click here for more information. Click here for the registration form. Click here for the Grant Application.