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A Message from Kentucky PTA President

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. I am so excited for this opportunity to serve as your Kentucky PTA President starting August 1, 2019. Please know that Kentucky PTA, our entire Kentucky PTA Board, office staff and myself are here to help you have a very successful school year. If you need to reach me my cell phone is (502) 671-9451 and I also take texts on this number. Or email me at hkwampler@gmail.com. Looking forward to working together.



Heather Wampler

Past President's Message

It is bittersweet for me to share with you that I have stepped down as president. Family commitments have increased, and I don't feel that I have adequate time to fulfill all the duties required by this office. 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.



[\[Read More\]](#)

Important Dates



September 25, 2018
Kentucky PTA Kids' Day

October 23-31, 2018
Red Ribbon Week

November 2, 2018
Kentucky PTA Advocacy Training

November- KY PTA Parent Involvement Month



November 12-16, 2018
American Education Week

November 19, 2018
Unity Day



Things to do in August

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

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Legislative Commissioner

The Path to State Management and Assistance is Not Short

Following my recommendation to place Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) in state management, some school leaders, teachers and parents outside Louisville have asked "will our district be next?" The simple answer is "no," unless there exists "a pattern of a significant lack of effectiveness and



Wayne Lewis

efficiency in the governance or administration of the district," as required by law. Significant managerial concerns must be present in a school district to reach the point where the commissioner recommends a management review, and significant deficiencies must be found in the review to lead a commissioner to recommend a management audit. Items that rise to the level of reviews and audits include child safety concerns, financial issues and low student performance. [\[read more\]](#)

Membership News

Thank you for working real hard on getting the memberships for the 2017-2018 school year!!! We are so excited about the New Resources that National PTA is giving out to our local units to help with their membership growth.

- DIY Kit for PTA Membership Growth: DIY guide for your PTA Membership P.L.A.N., Sample 10 Reasons to Belong to PTA Fliers and Membership Forms (in English and Spanish), Membership Goal & Thermometer Poster, Two 10 Reasons to Belong to PTA Pocket Guides and a BONUS PTA Reflections Poster with National PTA Tips for Teachers Engagement. To Order your kit go to www.ptakit.org.
- The 10 Reasons You Belong in PTA flyers answering the question we get from most leaders. Why should people join? Not only does each flyer help with an elevator speech, there are 3 different ones created for different groups, parents, community, teachers, staff and policy makers. You can get the 3 different flyers from www.pta.org.

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Reflections News



The 2018-2019 Reflections theme "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 reflectionskypta@gmail.com. Updated information is available this summer at kypta.org.

Contact Austin Nelson for more details.
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The flyers are good resources to have on your Membership Table.

Kentucky PTA is excited about your Membership Drive this school year. If you need any suggestions or ideas please feel free to contact me at Kathy Smiley -kthysmiley@yahoo.com.

Don't forget the "Back to School" drawing for PTAs/PTSAs sending payment for 100 or more members have your envelope postmarked by August 15th.



Members are the Key

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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