



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

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A Message from Kentucky PTA President

Kentucky PTA will recognize "100 years of making a difference" this Spring.

We are proud of the legacy of Kentucky PTA. It has been at the forefront of helping parents engage with their children's schools, and ensuring students get everything they need to realize their potentials.



Cherie Dimar

Parents have been essential in providing needed resources, supporting teachers and lending helping hands during the school day and in after school activities. Further, we have been effective advocates for kids at the local, state and national levels of government.

On April 27, 1918 the Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers joined the National Congress, which had been formed 20 years before. Today our goals remain the same: to promote the health, education and welfare of children and youth through close cooperation between families and schools.

Save the Date!

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.



Don't miss the special celebration as Kentucky PTA celebrates its 100th anniversary! [Click here](#) to download a registration form and [click here](#) to download a grant application.

Student Recognition Program

The Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Ceremony is Saturday, May 12, 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Lexington Children's Theatre, 418 West Short Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 40507.

State Reflections winners, Scholarship winners, Self Esteem and Rising Star winners will be recognized. All artwork entries will be displayed and refreshments will be served.

PTAs have made a difference at every school, at every level. We want to hear how your PTA has made a difference. What has been a significant impact of your PTA recently? Write a message, or record a 30 second video telling that story. We will share your stories, and they will inspire the next 100 years of PTAs making a difference for kids. Email your messages to kytapattyh@bellsouth.net.

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary. There will be an [Open House](#) on Wednesday, March 21, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Kentucky PTA Office at 148 Consumer Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

New Focus on Literacy

When I was student, those big, decorated binders with pocket folders were all the rage. Inside, you would have a brightly colored folder for each subject. You would have one folder for math, one for English, one for social studies, and the like.



Stephen Pruitt

The classes themselves were much like those folders. Each subject was separate, with very little interaction between any of the assignments or teachers. But once I became a teacher I realized one very important thing. Education doesn't do its best for students when we're stuck in a mindset that isolates subjects.

Nowhere has this mindset been more evident than in literacy, one of the most fundamental and important skills each Kentucky student needs to master. For the longest time, literacy was viewed as a distinct skill to be taught in English/language arts classes. As parents and educators, we need to recognize that teaching children to be literate citizens has its place in all of the classes we teach in Kentucky's schools. [\[read more\]](#)

Save the date and help us celebrate the many accomplishments of these students! If you have questions, call the Kentucky PTA Office, 502.226.6607.

Important Dates

March 13-15, 2018

National PTA Legislative Conference

March 21, 2018

100th anniversary Open House, Frankfort, KY

April 27, 2018

Happy 100th birthday, Kentucky PTA!

May 6-12, 2018

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 12, 2018

Kentucky PTA Student Recognition Ceremony

June 21 - 24, 2018

National PTA Convention, New Orleans, LA

July 20 - 21, 2018

Kentucky PTA Convention, Louisville, KY

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KYPTA Awards Due March 15

Kentucky PTA gives a number of Awards for your Outstanding Volunteers in your school or PTA. It's time to start thinking of your Nominees for the following:

1. Outstanding Classified Personnel Awards 2018
2. Outstanding Educator Award 2018
3. Outstanding Local Unit Newsletter Award 2018
4. Outstanding Local Unit Website Award 2018
5. Outstanding Male Involvement 2018
6. Outstanding Membership Campaign Award 2018
7. Outstanding Programs and Projects Award 2018
8. Outstanding School Nurse Award 2018
9. Outstanding Volunteer Award 2018
10. Outstanding Volunteer Participation Award 2018

Your PTA must be a unit in good standing as of 10/15/17 to participate. Forms can be downloaded from the [Kentucky PTA website](#) or refer to your leaders packet. Various rules and guidelines apply; see applicable applications. Winners will be recognized at the Kentucky PTA Convention in Louisville, KY in July, 2018. Completed applications are due at the KY PTA Office, 148 Consumer Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, **postmarked by March 15, 2018.**

Time to Take Action

There are only ten more days of the Legislative Session in which bills can get passed in the House and Senate. After that there will be two days in which both the House and Senate will meet to discuss bills that have passed in each of their respective chambers, in order to iron out differences.

Please keep monitoring the Legislative session, especially SB1 - teachers and state employees' pension bill and SB55 - School Based Decision Making Bill. We oppose both of these bills.

There are 22 bills that are related to gun violence, gun safety, background checks, mental health tracking, and others. National PTA and Kentucky PTA endorse most of these bills.

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The budget that Governor Bevin introduced has not passed yet. Some of our major concerns with this proposed budget are the cuts to educational programs and transportation costs. Additional health insurance costs for employees and transportation costs could be transferred to school districts. If this passes, 22 school districts could go bankrupt within two years.

Now is the time to call your legislator and tell them that funding education is crucial for our students. Legislative Message Line: 1-800-372-7181.

March Is National Reading Month



In March, thousands of elementary schools will celebrate National Reading Month by hosting a PTA Family Reading Experience. Check out National PTA's [NEW, interactive approach](#) that engages the whole family in reading activities!

Parents take part in the fun with their kids and leave the event with a deeper understanding of the simple ways they can support literacy. National PTA has partnered with Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) to provide literacy expertise and activities to host an engaging and effective Family Reading Experience. To learn more, visit www.pta.org/home/programs/family-reading.

Nominating Committee

Many of you will need to elect your nominating committee so you can begin finding officer candidates for the 2018-19 school year.

How do you know? Check your bylaws - Article VI. If your officers are elected for only 1 term or they are elected for 2 terms and finishing those 2 terms at the

end of this year then you'll need a nominating committee.

Who elects the nominating committee? Nominating committees are elected by either the board of directors or the general membership.

When is the election held? It states at least one month prior to the election date of officers. It is recommended that nominating committees are elected earlier than that to give them plenty of time to find qualified candidates.

Who serves on the nominating committee? Although bylaws don't state who serves it does state how many members compose the nominating committee - in most bylaws it is 3 members. A diverse nominating committee should be elected representing various communities in your school. A good mix could include a current board member - except the president who cannot serve (they should bring knowledge about the roles of officers and the PTA programs and activities), a staff member who might have a broader knowledge of different parents who have skills needed for officer positions, and a member from the general population.

How many candidates must the nominating committee find? The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled. This means finding the one best candidate for each officer position. Your bylaws state how many officers your PTA/PTSA is suppose to have.

What is the election process? Your bylaws will tell you what month your election will take place. The election must take place at a general membership meeting where all PTA members are present to vote.

More detail and language for elections is in the [KY PTA Leaders' Notebook](#), part 3 on page 20.

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