A message from Denise Sultz
Kansas PTA President

As I flip through the pages of the bulletin...I am always impressed by the wonderful information that is being shared with you. State volunteers share their insights and knowledge to help you be successful as a PTA but we also have collaborative partners and educators that take the time to share with us insights into education in our state. We have messages from a Field Service Representative giving you updates on items you need to be working on, reminders from our State Treasurer about submitting your yearly IRS report called the 990, a quick guide to what is important in minutes from our State Secretary, our State Diversity Chair is offering a place to get information on a Toolkit to help you think about diversity and inclusion, and our Early Childhood Chair has recommendations for some amazing books.

In this issue, we have recognition of our schools that have completed the work to be designated a School of Excellence for their work in Family Engagement. Our Arts and Education Chair is also bringing you updates on our two outstanding Kansas PTA Arts contest. We have a great program for Special Needs students through the Special Olympics. Our Kansas PTA Health and Wellness Chair has shared information on the wonderful Fuel Up to Play 60 grants, KC Healthy Kids’ contest, and a contest on winning a Fuel Up for Play 60 and KC Wolf Assembly. There is also a Fuel Up Cups Contest as a way to win.

Some of our outside contributors such as Dr. Alan Penrose, principal of Turner High School, Dr. John Heim, Executive Director of Kansas Association of School Boards, and Eric Snow, President of WATCH D.O.G.S and Kansas PTA Male Engagement Chair share wisdom from their areas of expertise...Dr Penrose writing about being a connected school through the use of social media.....Dr. Heim bringing us information about the effect of poverty on education.....Eric talking about his life’s work in getting men involved and why men should join PTA. We appreciate their contributions to our message.

But there is still more....we share the Proclamation from the Governor that October is designated as PTA Membership Month. There is an invitation from Johnson County Community College for an Art Appreciation and Teacher appreciation event. There is an outstanding and fun example of a membership flier that you can get ideas from. We have a thank you to Dr. Tiffany Anderson for joining us at our Fall Leadership Conference, and a short note saying goodbye to long-time former PTA Secretary, Sharon Julius.

And last but never least...there is contact information for all of the Kansas PTA Board Members who are here to support and help you.

So what are you waiting for.....Start Reading!!

Thankfully yours,
Denise
Kansas PTA lost a true friend and former long time employee with the passing of Sharon Julius.

We wanted to share this information from her family.

Sharon Marie Best Julius
09-20-2016

Sharon Marie Best Julius was born March 18, 1951 in Arlington SD to Nile and Doris (Norgaard) Best. As a young child she moved with her family to Sioux Falls. She was confirmed at Hope Lutheran Church. Sharon was a 1969 Graduate of Lincoln High School and a 1971 Graduate of Nettleton Commercial College. She married Donald Dean Julius on December 30, 1972 in Sioux Falls. Sharon was the proud mother of three children and Grammy, to one grandson. She and her family lived in Sioux Falls, SD, Burnsville, MN, and Topeka, KS. She was the office manager for the Kansas PTA for 20 years and was known as the “Office Goddess” by PTA leadership. She was wholeheartedly committed to the PTA and gained the respect and friendship of many PTA members and officers across the state of Kansas. She retired from the PTA and moved to Sioux Falls with her husband Don in 2012. Sharon is survived by her husband: Don of Sioux Falls; children: Jennifer, Matthew, and Sarah Julius; and grandson: Taylor Julius; all of Topeka; her father: Nile Best; brother: Harlan (Diane) Best; both of Sioux Falls; brother: Richard (Carol) Best of Rochester, MN; brother-in-law: Ken (Diane) Julius of Pipestone; sister-in-law: Marilyn (Harry) Brands of Hadley, MN; and sister-in-law: Dort (Doug) Adkins of Fountain Hills, AZ; as well as many close friends and relatives. Sharon was preceded in death by her mother Doris Best and in-laws Frank and May Julius. Sharon enjoyed needlework, baking for her family, playing bingo, listening to music, and gathering with family.

Greetings from Region 1, USD 500,

The leaves are falling down, the leaves are falling down, red, yellow, orange and brown, the leaves are falling down. This is one of the seasonal songs I would sing with my students as a preschool teacher. I thought that this would be fitting for a reminder to us all as we advocate for Our Children that transformation is inevitable and variety can be beautiful and pleasing to the eye.

Reminders:

♦ Units of forms that are due to the State Office:
  Monthly dues and membership
  Audit
  Standing Rules
  990
♦ Arts & Awards - review your summer packet
♦ Citizenship (State) "My Generation Can Change the World by..."
♦ Reflections (National) "What is Your Story"
♦ Please Vote Nov. 8
  ALL SCHOOLS ALL KIDS
  ZERO TAX INCREASE
  Investing in our schools supports our students and strengthens our community
  Get the details at kckps.org/PleaseVote

Thank you,

Pam Smith, FSR Region 1
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Short Message and Thank You from Kansas PTA Diversity Chair, Rachel Henderson

Our families, children, and communities have many different talents, backgrounds, opportunities and challenges. National PTA’s Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit is a great opportunity to get practical help for what best meets your school’s need to ensure you are creating a diverse and inclusive PTA environment. The Toolkit is part of an ongoing effort to recognize and address the diversity of our communities and to make sure that all families feel welcome to participate in PTA meetings, events, governance and advocacy. Check it out today: http://www.pta.org/diversity

Thanks to Dr. Tiffany Anderson, Superintendent of Topeka Schools, for joining us for our 2016 Kansas PTA Leadership Conference! She brought ideas and suggestions to engage parents and create inclusive and diverse environments in our PTAs and schools. We look forward to having her join us again!
Kansas 2016-2018 National PTA School of Excellence Award Recipients!

Kansas PTA is proud to announce the 2016-2018 National PTA School of Excellence Award recipients from Kansas (school, PTA and
school district are listed):

  Wyandotte High School – Wyandotte High School PTSA, Kansas City, Kansas School District

Congratulations to these outstanding schools and PTAs!

The National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between schools and families to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Becoming a National PTA School of Excellence starts with a joint commitment of PTA and school leaders who want to work together to welcome all families, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share power and collaborate with the community. These schools and PTAs worked collaboratively, assessing their school community family engagement needs, developing goals and programs to address those needs and then reassessing to determine the impact of their programs. We hope you will join us in recognizing these outstanding recipients!

Denise Sultz, Kansas PTA President

Patty Jurich, Kansas PTA Family Engagement Chairman

Make your school a School of Excellence!!

Enrollment in the School of Excellence program is extended until Oct. 15, 2016!!

Enroll today, spread the word in your community, and help put your school on the map. Visit PTA.org/Excellence to get started! Or via phone at 800-307-4PTA (4782). You will receive the Getting Started Guide, which describes program components, including your first steps to gather feedback from families and set goals with your school partner.

All PTAs that earn the National PTA School of Excellence designation are considered automatically for the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award. This is National PTA’s highest honor recognizing effective family engagement strategies and includes a $2,000 grant.

For additional information on the program you can go to; https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/66273429977772354819 and listen to the taped webinar from September 21, 2016, and hear from past School of Excellence recipients as they answer questions from PTA enrollee’s about the program and share their ideas for success!!

The path to excellence starts with a joint commitment of PTA and school leaders to work together to achieve PTA’s National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.

A Wonderful Opportunity for Inclusion of our Special Needs Students

Most of you are familiar with the wonderful work that the Special Olympics does throughout our area. Did you know that Special Olympics has a program that is specifically geared to help foster inclusion of our High School Special Education Students with same age peers? This program is called Unified Sports and the program is spreading throughout Kansas. There are currently 21 High Schools that participate in Unified Sports. You can visit the Special Olympics Unified Sports website to find out if your local school is participating. www.ksso.org/sports-competitions/unified-sports/

We started our program at Shawnee Mission West last year and it has been amazing! For many of our athletes, this is the first time they have felt like a part of the larger school community. Our athletes were able to walk/ride in the Homecoming Parade, held an exhibition game during a charity basketball tournament, had a group photo taken with all our participants in the yearbook and even had one of our athletes voted as Homecoming King!

This program is one of many ways that we can include our amazing special needs students in our school communities! If you have an example of when a program worked for your school, send it our way! We would love to highlight your great ideas and encourage others to try them out!

Dawn Lalumondier
Special Education Chairperson, SM West PTSA
Reminder for Treasurers and Presidents

By now your year is off to an amazing start, you have held your back to school events and membership drives. As you are receiving your memberships and growing your numbers, make sure that you are sending your dues in monthly to Kansas PTA. Kansas PTA’s portion of the dues collected is $1.25 and National PTA’s portion is $2.25 for a grand total of $3.50. It’s also time to start preparing and filing your unit’s 990 reporting form to the IRS and Kansas PTA. This form is due to the IRS on the 15th day of the 5th month following the end of your fiscal year. For most of us (if your fiscal year ends June 30th) that would make the form due on November 15th. There are several different versions of the 990 available to file. Please see the table below to see which 990 your unit should file:

| 990-N e-postcard | Under $50,000 gross for fiscal year |
| 990 EZ | Between $50,001 - $200,000 gross for fiscal year |
| 990 | Over $200,000 gross for fiscal year |

You can link to the different reporting forms by clicking on the table above. Please visit Kansas PTA’s website and click on “Official PTA Back to School Kit” to find out more. You can find the information under the finances section. If it is your first time visiting the Back to School Kit you will need to create a log in. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact me or your Field Service Representative. We are here to help!

Dawn Lalumondier
Kansas PTA Treasurer

Now is the time to shop for your Reflections themed items through Shoppta.com. There is a great selection of Reflections specific items and other wonderful PTA items to choose from. Click Here to see the site and support Kansas PTA!

Arts in Education – September/October

Hello fellow arts fans! I hope the beginning of the school year is treating you well and you’re as excited as I am about this year’s Arts contests. By this time your students should be working on their Citizenship entries. As you begin preparing for the qualification and judging process, it’s a good time to review some items from your Arts in Education packet.

- Don’t forget our new contest guidelines. Citizenship is now open for 5th – 12th graders. A state Citizenship award would look awfully nice on those scholarship applications!
- All entries require a parent signed participation form. Poetry and essay entries submitted without a form will be sent back to the unit and will not continue to the next level of the competition.
- One of the most common items missed is word count. Poetry entries must be at least 50 words, but may not exceed 500 words. Essay entries must be at least 200 words, but may not exceed 1000 words. This year you will see a new blank to fill in for this item.
- To submit entries your unit must be in good standing with KS State PTA. This includes the initial submission of membership with dues and filing of your annual unit tax return.
- Entries are due to State by Friday, December 2nd. Your local unit will give you more specific unit, council, and regional due dates.

All local, council, and regional PTA/PTSA’s are responsible for notifying students if their entry has received an award at their level of judging. The Kansas PTA Arts in Education chairman will notify the state level award recipients.

Don’t forget as Citizenship is winding down that Reflections is winding UP! There is a wealth of information, training, & ideas available to you at pta.org/programs/ArtsinEducation.cfm. Be sure to register your PTA/PTSA today and download your toolkit. There is a fantastic video you can watch and a Reflections Leader e-learning course to walk through a step-by-step process for engaging students, parents and educators in Reflections while learning about resources and tools provided by your State PTA and National PTA.

REMINDER! – Students wishing to enter the Reflections Theme Search must email their entry by November 15th. Forms are available on the Kansas PTA website as well as the summer packet. All entries should be emailed to ksptamom@aol.com.

Good luck to all of you in this year’s competitions. Now, go forth, and CREATE!
Governor Brownback declares
October 2016
PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTH
Continue membership Drives

Fuel Up to Play 60 Grants Available to Help Schools Make Healthy Changes!

Whether you’re just starting out with Fuel Up to Play 60 or looking to expand an initiative that’s already in motion, to help students get active and fuel their body with the right foods, funding opportunities for Fuel Up to Play 60 can help! This competitive grant opportunity is available to K-12 schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 and is designed to fund activities that lead to lasting change within the school environment. To get started schools will choose one Healthy Eat Play and one Physical Activity Play from the 2016-2017 Fuel Up to Play 60 Playbook. To learn more and apply visit FuelUptoPlay60.com. In addition, Midwest Dairy Council has developed a series of short instructional videos to assist you in completing a quality Fuel Up to Play 60 Funding Application. Visit Midwest Dairy Council’s YouTube page to view the videos. The application deadline is November 2, 2016.

KC Healthy Kids’ announces their NEW Ultimate Eat Local Recipe Challenge!
The recipe contest pushes kids’ culinary skills to the limits as they create a healthy lunch recipe that could be served in school cafeterias. Its open to 3rd – 6th graders in Wyandotte and Johnson counties. Enter by November 30 for a chance to advance to the final showdown at the I Am Here Youth Summit March 2, 2017. Recipes must include at least one fresh, locally grown ingredient and will be judged by the following criteria: creativity; healthy ingredients; use of fresh, local produce that’s available in Kansas during the contest timeframe; and ability to be recreated in a school setting (no grilling, barbecuing or frying). Full instructions and guidelines are on KC Healthy Kids’ contest page. You can also download a flier to print or share via email.
Want a turnkey way to earn money for your school AND qualify for a $100 student gift card?
Enter the fall Fuel Up Cups Contest, sponsored by Midwest Dairy Council and Spirit Cups Fundraising.
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A Lamb’s Tale

It is a sad fact of nature that animals sometimes reject their young, some more aggressively than others. An early lesson we learned as kids was that sweet gentle bunny rabbits will actually eat their babies. Sorry folks, but that cute mother rabbit can be a cannibalistic nightmare! Others, such as cows and sheep, simply refuse feed or don’t produce milk, resulting in what are called bucket calves or lambs.

There are many farm kids who have experienced the joys of having a baby lamb or calf to feed. (And in the realities of the sometimes cruel circle of life, seen them carted off to market- just keeping it real for you.) One of my earliest farm memories involved a sweet little bucket lamb.

My Uncle Art can confirm the momentous day when I went with him to feed the lamb whose mother had rejected her. I was probably about four years old, and the lamb was so cute that when she was finished eating I wanted her to stick around. She started to wander off and I unknowingly grabbed the wrong handle. When I grabbed her tail, it came off in my hand. Horrified at the prospect of permanently disfiguring the poor little creature, I immediately began trying to stick the tail back on the beast. I remember my uncle roaring with laughter; and thinking, “my kind uncle has an evil side! He thinks mangling baby animals is hilarious.”

When my sheepish tears of terror subsided, my uncle explained that all lambs lose their tails. He pointed out that none of the sheep had tails, and they fall off because they are “banded.” Admittedly, it was much later this made any sense to me. (Contact KASB Past President Rod Stewart if you need more information.) And as the joke is told at every family gathering for the past fifty years, I realized the funny part was me trying to stick that tail back on.

Childhood can be so traumatic, for lambs, kids, and children. Unfortunately for children in poverty, trauma takes a far more dramatic shape than pulling off a lambs tail. Research tells us that children in poverty are exposed to environmental toxins inadequate nutrition, maternal depression, parental substance abuse, trauma and abuse, violent crime, divorce, low-quality child care, and decreased cognitive stimulation at a much higher rate than their higher income peers. [www.childtrends.org/?indicators=children-in-poverty](http://www.childtrends.org/?indicators=children-in-poverty)

An early study on language development was done in Kansas City, Kansas by Rice University researchers. The six-year longitudinal study, called the Turner Preschool Study, found that by age three, children in poverty were subjected to 30 million fewer words than their middle class and professional peers. Perhaps more concerning, children of professionals received 6 words of encouragement for every one word of discouragement, compared to one encouraging word to two discouraging words for children in poverty.

One of the most recent studies uses neuroimaging to show that children in poverty’s brains development lags behind other children at a rate of 8-10 percent. [www.scientificamerican.com/article/poverty-disturbs-children-s-brain-development-and-academic-performance](http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/poverty-disturbs-children-s-brain-development-and-academic-performance) Similar to baby lambs tails, this developmental lag lasts through adulthood. The researchers summarized their findings with this statement, “The results were clear—the effects of low socioeconomic status are apparent even in kids who grew up otherwise healthy.”

The Kansas State Board of Education established that kindergarten readiness is an outcome that should be measured to assure that eventually students will be college and career ready. Another outcome the board wants local districts to measure is social/emotional growth. These are worthy outcomes, for sure, and they are attainable given appropriate resources. However, achievement of the outcomes is greatly complicated by the conditions of poverty.

In Kansas, different communities, districts, and schools, have different challenges and struggles. One district records 4 percent of its students receive free lunches (The free lunch threshold is roughly 1.5 times the poverty rate.) while another reports 72 percent of its students get free lunches. The range among school buildings is even more dramatic. Several schools show less than 1 percent free lunch rates and at the other end, many hover around the 94 percent rate.

Districts in which 72 percent of students suffer from “environmental toxins inadequate nutrition, maternal depression, parental substance abuse, trauma and abuse, violent crime, divorce, low-quality child care, and decreased cognitive stimulation at a much higher rate than their higher income peers” will certainly have more challenges meeting the Kansans Can outcomes than those districts in which 4 percent have those challenges.

Comparing the resources needed to educate children from these widely divergent circumstances as if they were the same is a fool’s errand. The challenges are not equal and neither are the resources needed to meet them. That is the difficulty of writing a school finance formula, and that is why KASB members have determined that adjustments in resources are needed to accommodate differences in children.

At the same time, KASB members have recognized that in some districts, the challenges require more local flexibility for additional funding. Both of these challenges are far less formidable if the basic level of funding for all is increased to an adequate level. KASB members do not accept Billy Holiday’s “God Bless the Child” fatalism when it comes to accommodating the needs of children. Year after year, our members recognize that we all have to work together for the best interests of all children in our state.

Four-year-old boys can’t put the tail back on a lamb, but given the appropriate resources, educators and school leaders can meet the challenges that their local needs present.

Fall and the holidays are here. Now is a great time to point out the different colors as the trees are changing, the sun is setting earlier, and the nights are getting crisper. Have your children explore the colors, shapes, and sizes of the leaves as they fall. Chilly fall is a great time to cuddle up with a good book. I recommend reading, 1 2 3 Thanksgiving by W. Nikola-Lisa with Robin Kramer as the illustrator. This is a good picture and counting book. Also, Gracias, The Thanksgiving Turkey by Joy Cowley with illustrations by Joe Cepeda. This book has Spanish vocabulary woven into the text.

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~ Julie Howard, Early Childhood Chair
Why Should Men Join PTA?

My first memories of PTA go back to fall of 1968 when I began first grade at Robert E. Lee Elementary school in Springdale, Arkansas. I really had no idea what PTA did but I have an older sister and my mom was the PTA President so I definitely knew PTA put on the Halloween Carnival every October, and I was pumped.

The cake walk and ring toss were my favorite carnival games because luck would win you a cake or pie and if you were skilled enough to land a ring around the neck of a Coke bottle you had something to wash it down with. The duck pond was easy because all you had to do was lift a floating rubber ducky out of a plastic pool and read the number on his bottom to claim your loot. The dart throw and bean-bag toss deserve honorable mention but the spook house was the crown jewel of the Lee Elementary Halloween Carnival.

Giant appliance boxes were laid and taped end to end to form a long and terrifying tunnel. You entered the tunnel on your hands and knees though one door of the darkened class room and snaked around the room through a gauntlet of face-level, fake spiders dangling from equally face-level, fake webs. Combined with a spooky soundtrack (reel to reel no doubt) and the occasional hand reaching though trap doors strategically cut into the boxes, this was a terrifyingly fun experience. If you made it out safely you were rewarded with a paper cup of “Witches Brew” which was actually two different flavors of Kool-Aid mixed together and served from a smoking (dry ice) cauldron.

Who was responsible for constructing many of those wonderful games and activities and providing much of the labor for this merriment and mayhem? The dads of course! Naturally, the PTA moms were the brains and organization behind everything (And I am glad to know some things haven’t changed in the last 47 years) but I clearly remember the dads and moms created a family environment at school and made it more familiar and welcoming for us kids.

In 1998, thirty years later and across town in Gene George Elementary, we launched the first WATCH D.O.G.S. program through our PTA. We had no idea that it would grow into a national program with more than 4,700 schools across 46 states plus China, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Barbados. However, once we established a successful WATCH D.O.G.S. program at George Elementary, the Principals and PTA Presidents from neighboring schools began to call our school to ask “What’s a WatchDOG and how do we get one?”

In the last 17 years we’ve had the opportunity to work closely with thousands of schools across the country. Many are PTA schools but many are not. I can tell you with confidence that a PTA school is different from a non-PTA school. There is something singular about the culture of a PTA school that makes it possible to create the very best educational environment for our children.

People often ask “Why is it important for men to join PTA?” My answer is always the same. “For the same reasons it’s important for women to join PTA” Kids learn by listening to what we say and by watching what we do. But if what we say isn’t consistent with what we do, they usually only pay attention to what we do. Scary huh?

By joining and working with PTA you send a clear and consistent message to your kids that education is important, you value and respect the educators and service though volunteerism is an important part of every responsible person’s life. And besides, now it’s our turn to create those memories our kids will remember for the rest of their lives.

Eric Snow is the Executive Director of WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students)

He served on the National PTA Board of Directors 2012-14 and the National PTA Strategic Planning Committee 2014-15. Eric is currently serving a two year term on the National PTA Membership Committee and the Kansas PTA Board of Managers.

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Creating a Connected School

Submitted by: Dr. Penrose, Turner HS Principal

Who is telling the story of your school? Every day, in every classroom, there are teachers working tirelessly, creating amazing lessons, and building supports and relationships that will better our community and students. It is seen from our building trades classes that builds a house every two years to the auto shop that repairs cars for customers. You can scroll through stories of our culinary program that serves and delivers gourmet box lunches for staff to the Spanish teacher who endeared himself to students with his viral "Buenos Dias" greeting.

Our story includes gardenautopsies in science, genius hour presentations on chemistry, sports features, pro skateboarder visits, engaging lessons, student projects, performances, and Visa’s Financial Football with Kansas City Chief’s Travis Kelcey.

Our story is told every day, often as it happens, on Twitter. Parents, students, and community members can pick up their phone and scroll through #Turner202Strong and follow the exciting opportunities our students participate in every day. Google Turner High School and you will find links to passionate educators, an active social media presence, excited passionate connected teachers and the answer to “what did you do at school today?”

In addition to telling our story, Twitter is a powerful learning tool for our staff and students. It connects users to new ideas, professional learning, and experts. It gives teachers a worldwide network of people and thoughts. It brings new, innovative, and exciting ideas into our classrooms. It ignites passions, sparks ideas, and drives innovation. With Twitter, teachers are never alone in a classroom. Ideas are generated, problems solved, support given, and passion ignited. Resources are linked to users; all questions can be answered.

We also use Twitter to recognize students and staff. We announce our staff award winners publically through Twitter. Student work is showcased and accomplishments are praised on social media. Staff members have emerged as state wide education leaders participating in learning chats weekly. Some of our teachers were even listed on a recent list of 100 Kansas Educators to follow.

The days of teaching within the four classroom walls are over. We are preparing globally aware leaders and it is important for our teachers to model this. We teach a group of students who were born after the internet became common. They do not know a world without the ability to pick up their smart phone and find the answer to anything they have ever wondered. They can link to friends, jobs, and support groups in seconds. When teachers become connected and takes an innovative, global view to education they create even more opportunities for their students.

The reputation of your district is built over time, the stories your patrons tell affect it. We utilize Twitter and other social media sites to give a daily glance of the outstanding opportunities our students participate in each day. Our community can share our successes and celebrations as we continue to improve!

We started with a high school account (@Turner_HS), some existing club and sport pages, and a small group of individual accounts. As a district, we rewrote our social media policy to encourage connected education and created a hashtag (#Turner202Strong) to make it easy to find our stories. We taught everyone who wanted to get connected and helped them find resources and people to follow. Our teachers have embraced the process and have implemented ideas in their classrooms. Many of our teachers have built a professional learning community online where they can discuss ideas, share resources, learn and teach.

Thousands of tweets, posts, and pictures later, the story of Turner High School and the district is told by the experts—the students, teachers, parents, and community that are involved every day.

Quick Guide to getting started on Twitter:

Set up your account | Post a profile picture | Read posts, articles, and profiles and follow along | Find a Twitter chat and see how works | Join the conversation-find your voice | Use hashtags to choose your audience (examples: #ksedchat, #kspta, #ntchat, #edchat, #EdMatch, and thousands more) | Use handles (@username) to connect to other users | Favorite and Retweet ideas and articles that you think others would benefit from | Always be open to new ideas, connect to others, innovate, and share

Johnson County Community College invites you to a Teacher Appreciation Event

PAS Arts Education | Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art | Kansas PTA

Thursday, October 20, 2016

5 p.m. Reserve your spot for an exclusive opportunity to learn about FREE programs for school groups interested in combining a campus visit with a world class performance and an interactive visual art experience. Meet program directors who have developed numerous customized options for all ages. Reception includes drink ticket and desserts in the Regnier Center, room 270 (CUBE).

6 p.m. Public reception for museum exhibitions, featuring hors d’oeuvres and cash bar in the museum atrium. Free admission to galleries including new exhibits Domestics Seen and Don Kottmann EVERYTHING NOTHING SOMETHING.

7 p.m. Lecture in the Nerman Museum Hudson Auditorium with artists.

RSVP by October 13
Angel Mercier, Director, PAS Arts Education Program
913-469-8500, ext. 4221 or amercier@jccc.edu
IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Kansas PTA Board of Managers has approved an amendment to the Kansas PTA Bylaws to raise the Kansas PTA portion of the dues by $.50/member. This would make Kansas PTA’s portion of the dues $1.75. Kansas PTA has not raised its dues in over 20 years and we feel that the time has come and the need is great enough that we must make this move in order to continue to provide the programs, training and support that our unit’s rely on and deserve. This amendment will come to a vote by our members at the April Kansas PTA Convention in Kansas City. We hope you all will join us at convention and will support this amendment. As always, we welcome your feedback and questions.

Great, fun example of a PTA Membership Flier
Kansas PTA Board Roster

Kansas PTA Bulletin
This issue of the Bulletin is available on the Kansas PTA website at [www.kansas-pta.org](http://www.kansas-pta.org)

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