I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Wichita Airport Hilton the weekend of April 20th 2012, for our next Kansas State PTA Convention! We have an exciting weekend planned with awesome learning opportunities in our workshops, numerous vendor to assist you in fundraising, great speakers to help inspire you in your upcoming PTA year, and wonderful fellowship with PTA members from around the state. Look for your invitation in the Call to Convention in January 2012.

Denise Sultz
2012 Kansas PTA Convention Chair
Where has the time gone? It’s hard to believe that we’re into the second semester of the school year. You’ve all done exciting things for the children in your school. I know there are bigger and better things to come this year. A busy time for all.

Exciting things are happening with Kansas PTA.

- This past November, Kansas PTA opened its door to KPIRC. They are sharing the office with us. Natalie will be training to learn the PTA office routine. KPIRC and PTA will be working for all children.
- Our legislative team has been working hard. They have been compiling all the great information that goes into the Myhtbuster flyer and other information flyers. They have put together a legislative flyer that will be shared with our legislators and other organizations. It is an overview of what PTA is all about. They have been meeting with our legislators and are planning the day at the Capitol. Please take time to read the legislative articles in the bulletin.
- Denise Sultz, convention chair, and her team are working at putting together an awesome convention in Wichita, April 2012. Make plans now to attend.
- Your entire Board of Managers are working hard forming new units, planning the award ceremony, out working with units, attending meetings with our collaborative organizations, and so much more.

Your hard work for children is greatly appreciated. Thank you to each of you. Remember you can contact any of the Kansas PTA Board of Managers if you ever have questions or need help.

Jackie Waters
Kansas PTA President

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**IRS 990 NEWS**

Did you file your 990 in November? If you didn’t, please file now! Every PTA Unit MUST file a 990 return by November 15\(^{th}\) annually whether it is a 990-N, 990-EZ or 990!!

If your PTA Unit received a letter from the IRS stating that your tax-exempt status has been revoked, please contact our Secretary & past State Treasurer, Marie Thomas, mawrie@everestkc.net. The National PTA has graciously helped our State PTA’s by providing the necessary documentation needed to file the FORM 1023 for Reinstatement. Marie will be glad to help you file the necessary forms for reinstatement as long as your gross receipts were less than $25,000 in 2007, 2008, and 2009. In the meantime, PTA Units whose tax exempt status was revoked need to suspend all Fundraising Activities or they will be subject to Sales Tax. So, please, contact us for help in getting reinstated.

Marie Thomas
Kansas PTA Secretary
Kansas PTA Past Treasurer
GIVING THANKS

Thank You to nine courageous African-American students who on September 27, 1957, set forth to receive their education from an all-white public school. It has been fifty-three years since the legendary desegregation of Little Rock Central High School and the impact of that day is still present in today’s schools.

Thank You to all those who were active in the very early days of the civil rights movement. Students today are able to attend culturally, racially, and religiously diverse schools. Children and adults alike are able to mingle with people from different backgrounds than their own. This allows acceptance, understanding, tolerance, and respect for others to grow.

In a world that is forever merging, it is essential that acceptance of others is taught early on. Children today have the chance to sleep over at a friend’s house and experience each others culture. Fifty-three years ago that would have been very unlikely in the U.S. A peaceful world starts with being able to accept and respect those different from you. This is one of the main reasons we should celebrate the gift of diversity in schools and also thank those who fought for it. If not for these brave pioneers, we wouldn’t have the freedom or the wonderful experiences that we have today.

Josefina Gutierrez
Inclusiveness/Diversity Leadership Chairman

Kansas PTA Knitting Group

Kansas PTA began a Knitting Group to knit hats and scarves for our homeless children in Kansas. In order to get our group off the ground to offer hats to our homeless children during this winter season, Trinity Lutheran Knitting Group of Mission, Kansas, has graciously donated 40-50 hats. We plan to give these at the KCK Council Meeting in January to their Homeless Liaison. If you know that your school district has a Homeless Liaison in other parts of the state, please let us know. Since we are just beginning, we hope to have lots of hats to give next winter season! If you know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet, please come and join us! Some of us are making fleece scarves to donate, too. Currently, we are meeting in the Kansas City area. Our next meeting will be January 12th at the home of Debbie Lawson. If you live in other parts of our state and want to help, start a group there. You can contact us for the simple hat pattern. We hope to show off our hats at the State PTA Convention in Wichita in April.

Marie Thomas
Kansas PTA Secretary
Kansas PTA Knitting Group Representative
What About Having a Safety Table at Your Next PTA Event

As the Safety Chairman for your PTA you’ve already printed several articles in your PTA’s newsletter and are planning on having a Bicycle Safety Rodeo in the spring, but you’d like to do something for safety now and aren’t sure what to do.

Why not try doing a safety table at your PTA’s general meeting? Actually a safety table would be great for any PTA function: carnival, back-to-school night, science fair, chili supper, etc. This is a wonderful way of promoting safety to your parents, students and teachers without requiring a great deal of time to preset it or effort on your part to assemble it.

Your table needs to be large enough for setting up brochures, booklets, coloring books, stickers, magnets, posters and anything else that you would like to use concerning safety. Be sure to enlist a helper or two, to help work at your table. A banner/sign hanging in front of your table lets parents know what your table is about. You will want to set up your table in an easily accessible area. The back of the auditorium or meeting room is a good area to use, as it allows everyone to see your table but doesn’t cause a distraction from the meeting.

You can obtain enough information from local agencies within a week to supply a safety table with adequate information for all. Sources offering free information include:
- Fire Department
- American Red Cross
- Poison Control Center
- Kansas Department of Transportation
- Kansas Highway Patrol
- Sheriff or Police Department
- Park Rangers
- Insurance Agencies
- YMCA
- Brain Injury Foundation
- Public relations department at your public utility companies
- Any other safety related services

Any leftover information or posters could be made available to teachers for classroom use, or put in a labeled box for later use at another safety table or event.

Patty Jurch,
VP of Extension
2011-2012 KANSAS PTA AWARD PROGRAM DATES/DEADLINES

Hopefully, the children in your school are working hard on their entries for the National PTA Reflections contest. The Categories are: Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, Film Production, and Literature. Please note the deadline dates below for submission. Please contact the Kansas PTA office at Kansaspta@gmail.com or 785-234-5782 if you have any questions.

Reflections Program Theme:

"Diversity Means..."

Important Dates to Remember

Friday January 6, 2012  Local Unit Chairman
Friday January 20, 2012  Council President**
Friday January 27, 2012  Regional Vice President***
Friday February 3, 2012  Kansas Arts in Education Chairman

Note: General Participation Rules and Student Entry Forms are available on the Summer Packet CD. If you did not receive your CD, please contact the Kansas PTA State Office at 785-234-5782 or via email at Kansaspta@gmail.com.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Vicki Tucci-Whisenant
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Legislative/Advocacy News
By Mary Sinclair, PhD., State Legislative Co-Chair & Nancy Niles Lusk, State Legislative Co-Chair

2012 Kansas PTA Advocacy Day in Topeka – Tuesday, January 17

Join the effort to speak for Kansas kids as the 2012 Kansas Legislative Session is getting started. In Person-In Topeka Game Plan: The day includes an informal Q&A over the lunch hour on the recently proposed school finance formula with Governor Brownback’s Director of Operations, Jon Hummell. We encourage every PTA member from across the state, to arrange a meeting with your legislators in Topeka on Tuesday, January 17th. Note that some legislators who expect a larger turnout for the day may offer one common time for all their area constituents. Members of the Kansas PTA advocacy team will also be meeting with key legislative leaders that day.

We have reserved the Dillon House, immediately to the west of the capitol building, as a place for attendees to congregate throughout the day between visits with legislators. When not meeting with your legislators, you may choose to check in for early morning coffee and collect background handouts, attend a mid-morning “how to advocate” session, come for a chat with Jon Hummell over pizza and salad at lunchtime (chip in $7), and/or attend a de-briefing session at the end of the day.

If you plan to come, please let us know by the deadline of 10 pm., January 15th. We will also need to a R.S.V.P. for those who plan to join the lunch at the Dillon House. Contact: Nancy Niles Lusk, nnlusk@kc.rr.com, 913-648-2616; or Mary Sinclair, msinclair1@kc.rr.com 913-515-3126. For more information, check the latest Kansas PTA Legislative Update, available online on the advocacy page of the Kansas PTA website.

Can’t make to Topeka that day? Join the Email Participation Game Plan. We ask PTA members who will not be going to the state capital to take time to contact legislators that same day. Need legislator contact information? – use the “Contact my legislator” link on the Legislative Tab of the Kansas PTA website (www.kansas-pta.org). Feel free to attach a Kansas PTA Myth Busters article to your communication.

Kansas PTA 2012 Legislative Priorities

To fulfill the intent of the Kansas PTA legislative platform which was passed at state convention, our advocacy team has written a set of legislative priorities, which has been approved by our board of managers. Please see it on the following page. We hope you will find them a useful tool when communicating with decision makers.

Kansas PTA State Convention, April 20-22, 2012

The sign up time for the Kansas PTA state convention in April will be arriving soon. Please attend and take advantage of the five advocacy related workshops which will include:

- All in a Day’s Work: Advocating for Kids, by Christine Downey-Schmidt, Kansas Board of Regents
- Update on the 2012 Kansas Legislative Session, Dr. Terry Behrendt, Wichita State University, College of Education; and Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools Executive Director of Government Relations

Governor’s Literacy Summit at ESU

Kansas PTA advocacy team members, Mary Sinclair and Nancy Niles Lusk, recently attended Governor Sam Brownback’s Literacy Summit at Emporia State University and heard a series of presentations from national experts and state leaders in the area of literacy. The information was presented to lay the groundwork for the state’s role in improving literacy skills among Kansas children. The governor seeks to accomplish gains in student literacy with the catalyst of three specific measurable goals to increase the percentage of 4th graders reading at grade level.

Common themes emerged at the summit, particularly the importance of sustained and embedded professional development for teachers and the systemic use of evidenced-based literacy programs. The loss of reading skills over the summer among youth in poverty was identified as a well-documented problem to prioritize and the critical role families play in helping children learn to read was acknowledged. The Kansas PTA 2012 Legislative Priorities are in alignment with key themes that emerged during the Governor’s Summit on literacy.
2012 Kansas PTA Legislative Priorities for Education

In alignment with the 2012 Kansas PTA Legislative Platform passed at the Kansas PTA state convention, April 2010, the Kansas PTA Legislative Priorities for the 2012 Kansas legislative session are the following:

**EDUCATION**

**PLATFORM—CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.** The Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriation for public schools that will ensure all children and youth in Kansas a high quality, adequately funded education.

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

1. Kansas PTA will support efforts to strengthen and improve the Kansas public school finance system, which includes legislation and policies that:
   a. uphold Kansas Constitutional obligations to make suitable provision for the finance of the Kansas public schools that is equitable for every child.
   b. restore recent state cuts to base state aid per pupil, referred to as standard per-student payment in the newly proposed school finance formula, as the state surplus and revenues continue to rebound; restore back to levels comparable to actual costs identified in the Legislative Post Audit (2006) cost study.
   c. pursue solutions to fully fund state and federal educational mandates, including the new uniform financial accounting and reporting act, without disproportionately shifting the burden to local communities.

2. Kansas PTA will support efforts to promote an equitable and balanced tax policy to maintain a reliable revenue stream for public education that draws upon a combination of income, property and sales tax revenues.

3. Kansas PTA will support efforts to preserve the Kansas Constitutional infrastructure for education including nonpartisan elections of Kansas school board members and their appointment of our Education Commissioner, as well as, retaining the primary responsibility of defining the phrase intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement the education governance structure (Kansas School Board, Kansas Department of Education, education scholars and practitioners).

4. Kansas PTA supports the state's waiver application for Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility, including the adoption of a growth model to assess student's educational progress.

5. Kansas PTA opposes the use of vouchers, scholarships or tax credits toward the tuition of non-public schools that can discriminate in admissions, provide sectarian religious instruction or "compete" under different rules than public schools; we affirm the Governor's position that vouchers would not be effective in the state of Kansas.

6. Kansas PTA will advocate for evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs, including restoration of state funding for early childhood programs (e.g., Parent as Teacher and Pre-K Pilot), allocating state funds for all-day kindergarten, Head Start, and student engagement programs that reduce dropout rates and increase school completion.

**EDUCATION**

**PLATFORM—TEACHER SUPPORT.** Recognizing that quality education for children is directly related to the effectiveness and efficiency of school personnel, the Kansas PTA will recommend, initiate and support legislation and appropriations to encourage, recognize and provide incentives for school personnel that will improve and benefit the education of children and youth in Kansas.

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY**

7. Kansas PTA supports restoration or allocation of state funding for teacher mentoring, staff development and other evidenced-based programs that promote a professional teaching community, teacher retention and recruitment of new quality teachers.

**EDUCATION**

**PLATFORM—PARENT ENGAGEMENT.** The Kansas PTA recognizes no educational system can be of the highest quality without the support, involvement and cooperation of parents, legislators, and the community.

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY**

8. Kansas PTA will encourage the adoption of PTA parent engagement standards into relevant legislation and policy.

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Helping Kids Distinguish Between Needs and Wants

Contributed by Shane Barkley
Monday, 21 December 2009

The Luxury Marketing Council of Florida says that luxury spending has seen an annual growth of 20-30%, where general retail spending has seen an increase of 5%. One Encarta Dictionary definition of luxury is "an item that is desirable but not essential, and often expensive or hard to get.” Translation: needs are up 5% per year, and wants are up 20-30%!

One of the most challenging traps for our children (and for us) when it comes to money is distinguishing between our wants and our needs. But if we can keep this straight, well be well on our way toward equipping our children to make wise buying decisions for years to come.

So what is a need? Food, shelter and clothing. Generations of people have lived and continue to live with very little money; only a fraction of what most of us live on. That's the baseline for where we start talking about needs. Living on very little money is not fun for anyone, and that desire for an easier life or the things other people have is what often gets people into financial difficulties.

Obviously, wants are things that our children would like to have. Usually wants come disguised as needs. I need clothes, and this name brand that is 50% more expensive will make me cool. Kids want to fit in with classmates. The problem is that the non-name-brand clothes provide the same basic benefit. They provide protection against the weather conditions.

I don't have a problem with name-brand clothing, especially when I can buy the clothing at the same price as the generic or discount store option. By shopping around and being patient, I can often find name-brand items; just as inexpensively as comparable options that are generic. Also, it's appropriate to account for the difference in quality during the decision-making process.

Because of advertising, peer pressure or a range of other factors, we too easily blur the lines between needs and wants. We convince ourselves that our wants are really needs. I guess talking about needs now. But our children are watching and learning from what we do. Raising our children with a healthy awareness of their needs and wants means addressing this question ourselves. We need to take a hard look at our financial decisions and priorities.

Is it wrong to have some things that are "wants" and not "needs"? Probably not, although that's really a question that you, your family and your budget will need to settle between yourselves; and each family's priorities and financial situations are different. But I will say that it's dangerous to start thinking about pursuing things that are "wants" if there's no bigger plan and a limit for your spending in place. It's just too easy to go overboard.

So, like with many areas of fathering, your modeling is huge. To be more proactive in teaching your children about wants and needs, I recommend having regular conversations with your kids as teachable moments come around. Whenever they use the word "want" or "need" in reference to something, question them on why they used that word. Is it really a need, or a very strong desire? What likely caused that desire?

If your children can get a good grasp of the difference between needs and wants, it will be a big benefit to them for the rest of their lives. We can usually communicate the ideas pretty simply, but applying the ideas to real-life wants becomes very complex. So it's vital that we're intentional with this. And there's no substitute for spending time with your children so you have those needed teachable moments.

ACTION POINTS:
- When you shop for groceries or clothing with your child, find two items that are virtually the same except for the brand name. Talk about the difference in price and which one you want versus which one will meet your need, and what other factors (quality, fit, taste, etc.) affect your decision.
- The next time your teenager wants a new pair of jeans or shoes, give him the money to buy a reasonably priced pair. Then tell him that he can keep any money he doesn't spend on the item. This will allow him to weigh needs and wants, priorities, and many related issues as he makes his buying decision.

Shane Barkley is President of Dad the Family Shepherd and author of Dad Cents, from which this article was adapted. He has a degree in business Administration from John Brown University and has 10 years of experience in the financial consulting industry. Shane and wife, Valerie, live in Topeka, KS, with their three daughters. Read more from Shane.
Child Nutrition Act Implementation

The article below was written by Betsy Landers, National PTA President, as an editorial for state PTAs to send out to media on the Child Nutrition Act. On November 18, Congress passed the FY12 Agriculture Appropriations Bill that would block the USDA from fully implementing updated nutritional standards for the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs. National and State PTAs advocated successfully for the passage of the Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act last session to reauthorize and update these important programs. Kansas PTA has sent letters to our Senators and Congressmen urging them to drop the partisan wrangling and focus on the health of America’s children. It is estimated that 31.1% of Kansas children are overweight or obese. We will continue to work for the health of all children in the fight against childhood obesity and hunger.

Debbie Lawson, Vice President of Advocacy

Congress Must Put Children First

Last week, the U.S. Congress missed an opportunity to unite our nation in the fight against childhood obesity and hunger when they passed an agriculture appropriations bill that included language to weaken the USDA’s school nutrition standards. Unfortunately, while engaging in partisan wrangling over whether tomato paste constitutes a vegetable, Congress missed the big picture—the health of America’s children.

Unless we take action and put our children’s health first, our children will be the first generation in American history with a shorter life expectancy than their parents. As adults, we have a responsibility to all the children of our nation to give them the same chance at a long, bright future that we had.

Our nation’s school lunch program has not changed significantly in 15 years. Meanwhile, childhood obesity has reached alarming proportions: One-third of American children are overweight or obese. More than 12 million adolescents suffer from obesity. National PTA is disappointed with the process and the politics involved in doing what we all know is right for our nation’s children.

The work did not stop when National PTA advocated for the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, a law that improved the nutrition quality of all foods served in schools as well as increased access to vital anti-hunger measures.

National PTA, the oldest and largest volunteer child advocacy association, has worked to improve child health outcomes since its inception in 1897. These advocacy efforts have led to the creation of the U.S. Public Health Service, the enactment in 1946 of the National School Lunch program (NSLP) and implementation school milk programs. For decades, National PTA has consistently provided results as well as a platform for parents to advocate for children and work together to protect the health of our children.

Betsy Landers
National PTA President

Debbie Lawson, Vice President of Advocacy
Family Engagement - Systemic, integrated, Continuous
PTAs leading the way!

Research shows students do better when their families are involved at home and at school. When families are engaged grades are higher, test scores increase, a child’s self esteem rises and schools improve!

PTAs can play a meaningful role in helping shift family engagement from one time, add on events to true systemic, integrated and continuous initiatives that exist in ALL areas that involve students. When you have meaningful partnerships between families and schools – student learning will improve.

The Kansas State Board of Education adopted the National PTA Standards for Family School Partnerships in 2008. The standards are:

- Standard 1: Welcoming all families into the school community
- Standard 2: Communicating effectively
- Standard 3: Supporting student success
- Standard 4: Speaking up for every child
- Standard 5: Sharing power
- Standard 6: Collaborating with community

These standards can now be found in many state documents that our schools use. Some examples are:

- The Quality Performance Accreditation Manual (pg 71) – updated 9/10/11
- Included in Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) School Improvement Plans
- Incorporated as a critical component of Multi Tier System of Supports (MTSS)
- KSDE’s “Monitoring Fidelity of Process Implementation” document
- KSDE’s “Multiple Approaches to Dropout Prevention” document
- And many others

Family School Partnerships Standards – sampling of resources:

- [www.kansas-pta.org](http://www.kansas-pta.org)

What can you do? A few suggestions:

- Visit with your principal and site council – how are the PTA family engagement standards being used systemically in your school? Have you surveyed your families recently?
- How can your PTA utilize the standards to help your school achieve its goals and help all children succeed?
- Contact Kansas PTA if you need assistance – we are here to help.

Laura Kaiser, Family Engagement Chairman
Honor Friends of Education

Does your school have volunteers, community leaders, businesses or civic groups that support and contribute to students in your schools? If so, the Friends of Education Award program, sponsored by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force, is a great opportunity to recognize and thank them for their service.

Beginning in January, your school can nominate its Friends of Education online at the Confidence Task Force website www.ksconfidencetaskforce.org. Nominations may be submitted between January 1 – March 1, 2012. Certificates of recognition will be completed in time for National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 15-21.

Kansas PTA is a member of the Confidence Task Force along with the American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, the Kansas National Education Association, Kansas School Board Assn., Kansas School Public Relations Assn.; the Kansas State High School Activities Assn., United School Administrators, the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas State Board of Education.

Honorary Life Membership

Founder’s Day is a great time to honor someone special with an Honorary Life Membership! The Honorary Life Membership in Kansas PTA is an honor bestowed upon an individual by a unit or council in appreciation for outstanding service in PTA or to children and youth.

The presentation of an Honorary Life Membership is a special occasion and may be made at any time. It is especially popular to make the presentation at the Founder’s Day meeting, the closing meeting of the year, a district meeting or at the annual state convention.

When you present an Honorary Life Membership, you honor someone who has made a significant contribution to the welfare of children and youth. You also invest in the lives of numerous young people across the state who borrow from these funds to help pay for their education beyond the high school level.

Funds received from the Life Memberships go into the Kansas Future-Teacher Scholarship Fund established by the Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers in 1929 and the Teacher-Graduate Study in Education Fund.

The Honorary Life Membership can be purchased at a cost of $20.00, through the Kansas PTA office. You can print the application form off of the Kansas PTA website (www.kansas-pta.org) located under the Resources tab, or call the state office to make your purchase.

You may also purchase a sunflower pin for an additional cost of $17.75 to present with the Life membership.

Please note: The Life Membership is honorary and does not entitle the recipient to voting rights. To be an active member with voting rights, an individual must pay National, State and local unit dues each year.
New! It’s Even Easier to Get Parents to Join your Group in JBF

Just Between Friends is making it easier than ever to get parents to join your PTA Group in Just Between Friends. JBF has created an ad to post to your website that parents can click on to join your group in JBF. It’s available in four different sizes, so you’ll be able to choose the size that best fits your site.

Go to this IRL for easy instructions to access, select and post the ad to your website: www.learnjbf.com/htmlinvitationcode.php. After it’s posted, when parents click on the ad they’ll go through the household start up wizard that already has your invitation code. Easy, right? If you have any questions, please visit www.JustBetweenFriends.com and click on “Contact Us.”

If your unit isn’t using Just Between Friends, you’re missing out on so many benefits including the opportunity to earn revenue from Just Between Friends. It’s easy to get started. Simply visit www.JustBetweenFriends.com/PTAquickstart to enter your unit. Then, visit www.LearnJBF.com for lots of how-to information and a schedule of training webinars.

If you have questions at any time, please visit www.JustBetweenFriends.com and click on “Contact Us” or call 412-561-0600 x 0 and a knowledgeable, friendly Just Between Friends Customer Support Representative will help.

After you’ve entered your unit, if you have questions about revenue-share, please call 412-561-0500 x 1203. Don’t delay! Enter your unit today for an opportunity to begin earning revenue-share for the Fall and Spring semester.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM KANSAS PTA!
Supercharge your PTA with Just Between Friends Calendars

We’re always working to make Just Between Friends more useful. So, now we’ve added the ability for you to post repeating events to JBF calendars, instead of posting them one-by-one. This is available for group events and deadlines as well as personal items posted on a member’s own calendar.

And, now you can create a public calendar page – ready to include in your website, or standalone for email distribution. You can customize your public calendar in just moments and even create separate calendars for various subgroups. Plus, we’ve made it easy for you to share your calendar items with a few people before you publicize it! Now, you can place your calendar items into categories that you can hide from everybody except your selected administrators, allowing you to get feedback before publishing.

All of our calendar enhancements will help you to engage parents and supercharge your PTA! Learn more about Just Between Friends calendar enhancements and how to use them at http://www.learnjbf.com/communications.php.

And, don’t miss the live webinar on creating public calendars Julia, our Director of Training, will be conducting on January 4th at noon (EST). Just click here to register. It’s a fun, interactive way to learn! https://student.gototraining.com/rt/6200135412713849600

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Give Your Child the Gift that Counts...

You!

Join PTA today and you’ll give the children of Kansas a Happy New Year and a brighter tomorrow!
# Kansas PTA Board Roster

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