2008 Kansas PTA Convention
April 18 - 20, 2008
Salina Holiday Inn and Convention Center
1616 West Crawford, Salina, KS 67401
785-823-5606

Convention Announcements and Updates

Have you registered for the 94th annual Kansas State PTA Convention? Plan to join us in Salina for a weekend of learning opportunities! Sign up early to save money!

The pre-convention workshops will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday for additional learning opportunity.

Lifetouch will sponsor an evening of food and fun on Saturday evening after the banquet. They will provide a singer, karaoke, food and fun! Come and enjoy, relax with old PTA friends and meet new PTA friends.

The Healthy Walk for Children and Doughnuts with Dad will be held Sunday morning.
Connection—Transition—Reflection

Following in our National President’s lead – connections are important in making us “who we are”. The Kansas State Convention is “just around the corner” and will be in Salina this year – my hometown. You will have opportunities to connect with each other to grow individually as well as a PTA unit. Come – join us for the fun and learning.

The Call to Convention was mailed February 8th, if you didn’t receive your copy check out the Kansas PTA website – click on the link and you will find the packet.

This is also a time of transition, a time for reflection and a time to honor volunteers and teachers.

- April 27th – May 3rd is National Volunteer Week.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 – 10th.
- Hopefully by now your Nominating Committee has been formed and the slate of officers presented to your board or membership (as prescribe by your Standing Rules). I encourage you to insure that the incoming officers have training opportunities available to them and that you work together for a smooth transition.

Reflect on all the wonderful things your PTA has accomplished! Publicize these successful endeavors. Evaluate what worked and what didn’t so your PTA can make informed decisions for the 08-09 school year.

The Kansas PTA Board of Managers thanks you, all volunteers, educators and community partners for the extraordinary work being done for the children of Kansas! We are looking forward to thanking you personally at convention April 18th - 20th!

See you in Salina!

Jan Long
Kansas PTA President

Our Members, Our Leaders-in-Training

You don’t have to be PTA national president to see the passion of this organization’s members. I knew long before I took office that it was our membership’s commitment to children which has propelled PTA forward for over a century. But an organization doesn’t thrive for 112 years on enthusiasm alone. Membership has enabled PTA to grow for generations because they are inspired and because they want to inspire others—that’s how our membership becomes our leadership.

Nurturing our emerging leaders is important not only for the seamless operation of units from term to term, but it’s also the means by which PTA remains relevant to the evolving masses that make up our nation’s school communities. Developing leaders from within our membership ensures that our organization has a constant influx of new ideas worthy of the PTA mission.

It’s never too early or too late to begin developing the next generation of PTA leaders. Newly elected PTA presidents can begin cultivating successors right away. By identifying several promising candidates and assigning roles or tasks which give them an opportunity to show their leadership potential, the entire unit can see who rises to the challenge. It is important not to favor any one candidate over another, however; there should always be a democratic process, rather than an “anointing,” for choosing our new leaders.

Current leaders late in their terms can help develop leaders, too. Any time a PTA president has a meeting—with a school board member, state PTA leader, or potential community partner—that’s a chance for an emerging leader to make new contacts or personally witness new, higher-level strategies.

Connect with the future of PTA: develop new leaders in your unit today! The destiny of a great organization is truly in your hands.

Jan Harp Domene
PTA National President
Membership News

Even though we are coming to the end of the membership year, there is still time to get those memberships in and counted for this membership year. All dues must be received in the Kansas PTA office by March 31, 2008. Any dues received by that date will be used in determining the membership awards that will be presented at the 2008 Kansas PTA Convention in Salina, April 18-20, 2008.

This year, Kansas PTA had a special membership incentive for units with a 5% increase based on dues received by January 31, 2008. Forty-two units achieved this and at the Kansas PTA Board of Managers meeting in February, the winner’s names were drawn. Each unit has received a letter to inform them that their name was drawn and what they have won.

2008 One FREE Convention Registration
- Briarwood Elementary PTA (Region 8)
- Washington Elementary PTA (Region 3)
- Deerfield Elementary PTA (Region 6)

$25 gift certificate from the PTA Store at Convention in Salina
- Hocker Grove Middle PTA (Region 8)
- Silver City Elementary PTA (Region 7)
- Noble Prentis Elementary PTA (Region 7)

ARE YOU ENVIOUS? WATCH FOR THE 2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE!

Beth Brown
Kansas PTA Membership Chairman
Kansas PTA VP of Member Services
### RESCINDED STATE RESOLUTIONS
**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS**
**FEBRUARY 2008**

By the direction of the Resolutions Committee the following state resolutions have been rescinded by the Kansas PTA Board of Managers. The rescinded resolutions will be placed in a history book. It is the understanding of the Resolutions Committee that these resolutions may be used as a basis for developing current Kansas PTA position statements.

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**Jackie Waters**

Kansas PTA VP of Advocacy
Hey! “Members at Large” “Did you know you are entitled to……

Monthly financial statements from your local unit PTA?
Fiscally responsible and accountable Board Members?
Adequate internal controls?
Review your unit PTAs 990 and other tax returns?

Your PTA needs to be accountable and transparent to:
★ Members
★ Community
★ Public
★ Sponsors and other donors
★ Government Agencies

Your Board’s Responsibilities are:
★ Oversee financial activities
★ Assure the organization has adequate accounting systems and internal controls
★ Fiduciary duties – spend funds for mission and purpose

Internal Controls - The local unit PTA internal controls should provide assurance:
★ That losses will be covered by insurance (lack of adequate internal controls is grounds for denying insurance claims)
★ Of operational efficiency
★ That fraud will be discovered on a timely basis
★ That improper activities will be deterred

Your local PTA unit needs to:
★ Develop a realistic budget
  - Study past record and current needs
  - Follow the budget, amend if needed
★ Keep good records
  - Copies of all treasurer’s reports
  - Keep bank statements and reconciliations
  - Attach check requests/vouchers to all checks
  - Store records together - easy to find location

A Fiscally responsible and accountable Board Member ensures:
★ 2 Signatures on all accounts
★ Checking account is reviewed by someone who is not on the account
★ Keeps check copies
★ No fees on bank accounts
★ Bank statements show deposit totals and withdrawal totals
★ No Counter Checks
★ Excess funds are expended for the PTA mission or put in a CD until needed

Members at Large – make sure your local PTA:
★ Makes Financial reports at all board and membership meetings
★ Develops a financial report that best reflects a transparent process
  - Budget Amount
  - Month Report
  - Year-to-Date Total
  - Balance of Line Item

Members at Large – Help your local PTA board
★ Follow all state and federal guidelines
★ Establish an expenditure approval policy
★ Make sure all transactions are transparent
★ Develop and adhere to vendor selection polices
★ Perform an Audit or Financial Review at Years End, or When Needed

Sharon Rakos
Kansas PTA Treasurer

PTA Night at “The K!”
Friday – April 25, 2008 – 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City Royals vs. Toronto Blue Jays

PTA Presidents were sent an email last week with reprintable flyers—Join the fun!
Leadership

Greetings fellow PTA leaders,

This is a busy time of year; with the nominating committees work and welcoming new leaders or saying thanks to the ones stepping aside. Here are some more ways to develop leaders for your PTA.

* Encourage active participation by your membership in all PTA meetings, programs, and projects. Seek advice, opinions, and assistance from all members. At meetings, explain the jobs that are available and have sign-up sheets. Follow up as quickly as possible.

* Create a “climate” of support where people feel they can grow. Let them know you and other members are available for advice and assistance.

* Express appreciation and give praise.

* Don’t demand perfection.

* Match jobs to people.

* Break jobs into manageable parts.

* Offer multiple options as to where the job can be done (at school, work, or home); when it can be done (on specific day, anytime during the week, month, etc.); how it is done. Let people know they can commit the time to each job that is comfortable for them. Don’t overburden one person with too much responsibility.

* Share information—procedure book.

Reasons people volunteer:
Because they were asked.
Because someone they love benefits.
To meet people and because they enjoy working with people.

Recognize and reward achievement:
Saying, “Thank you”.
Recognizing them publicly either with informal praise or an award.
Giving them more training and responsibility (PTA Convention is around the corner).

Jill Molina
Kansas PTA Leadership Chairman

Keys to Leadership

Reminder: Don’t forget to send in your Keys to Leadership I and II form by the end of March so you can receive your award and pin at Convention. Do you need a new form? Give me a call/email.

Jill Molina
Kansas PTA Leadership Chairman

State Extension Report

As of January 18, 2008 the State Extension Committee has formed 8 new PTA/PTSA’s and reactivated 5 PTA/PTSA’s. This is a total of 13 units. Our goal for this year is 20, so we are close. We have also sent out several packets to potential units and are working to follow-up on those and hoping to add them to our ranks. Our totals are just as impressive! We have 167 units in the state and over 27,600 members.

Keep talking up PTA, we need everyone’s assistance in meeting our goal for 2007/2008. I want to thank those who have been instrumental in the work that has been done so far and let you know how much I appreciate your help.

Diana Fabac
Kansas PTA State Extension Chairman
The following resolution was approved by the Kansas PTA Board of Managers at their February 3, 2008 meeting to be presented to the delegates for their approval at the State PTA Convention in Salina April 19 – 20, 2008.

Novelty Lighters

Whereas, youth fire setting has been identified as a fast growing fire threat in the United States; and

Whereas, novelty lighters have features including visual effects, flashing lights, musical sounds and toy-like designs which are attractive to children, and the functions of lighters can be achieved without these features, and

Whereas, many public safety agencies that are experts in the field of fire safety support the prohibition of the sale and distribution of novelty lighters; including the National Fire Protection Agency, National Volunteer Fire Council, and the National Association of State Fire Marshalls, therefore be it

Resolved, that Kansas PTA and its constituent organizations will support legislative action banning or restricting the sale of novelty lighters, particularly to minors, and be it further

Resolved, that Kansas PTA and its constituent organizations will provide education and information on the growing threat to public safety from juvenile fire setters and novelty lighters

Book program promotes link between reading and brain architecture

Reading to children from the very first months of life has long been recognized as a way to entertain and bond with them. But research shows that it does a whole lot more.

Knowing the link between brain development and reading, Kansas pediatricians are encouraging parents, during well-child visits, to read aloud to their children and providing families with an age-appropriate book to take home.

Kansas Public Radio recently aired a story about the reading program, which featured KAC Chairman Dr. Dennis Cooley.

News from Kansas Action for Children

If you are no longer a PTA president, please notify the Kansas PTA State Office. Forward this and all mailings immediately to your successor.

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### Fifth Grade Essay
- Will Fenimore* Belinder Elementary PTA
- Maya MacFadden Horizon Elementary PTA
- Caitlin Duey Heusner Elementary PTA
- Kenzie Lawrenz Nelson Elementary PTA
- Hailey Ann Budke Lansing Intermediate PTA
- Sophie Tulp Corinth Elementary PTA

### Fifth Grade Poetry
- Maridee Weber* Horizon Elementary PTA
- Carley Olson Broken Arrow Elementary PTA
- Kayleann Redwine Stony Point North PTA
- Paige Scanlan Christa McAuliffe Elementary PTA
- Sarah Rooney Brookwood Elementary PTA

### Sixth Grade Essay
- Brady Skeens* Mill Creek Elementary PTA
- Evan Miller Broken Arrow Elementary PTA
- Whitney Wendel Belinda Elementary PTA
- Erin Longstreth Morris Elementary PTA
- Michael Johnson Bentwood Elementary PTA
- Hannah Rider St. Francis Elementary PTA

### Sixth Grade Poetry
- Victoria Kilkenny* Monticello Trails Middle PTA
- Like Haverty Brookwood Elementary
- Shelby Ragan Mill Creek Elementary PTA
- Alexx Graham Overland Park Elementary PTA

### Seventh Grade Essay
- Megan Anderson* Westridge Middle School PTA
- Sarah Langtry Mission Valley Middle PTA
- Brooke Evans Trailridge Middle PTA

### Seventh Grade Poetry
- Chloe Hubler* Mission Valley Middle PTA
- Kaelynn Parsons Monticello Trails Middle PTA
- Rachel Franklin Indian Woods Middle
- Catherine Tame Trailridge Middle PTA

### Eighth Grade Essay
- Cameron Bock* Trailridge Middle PTA
- Nick Rodriguez Turner Middle School PTSA
- Caitlin Walker Mill Creek Middle PTA
- Christiana Renne Mission Valley PTA

### Eighth Grade Poetry
- Haley Alderman* Turner Middle School PTSA
- Michelle Willis Westridge Middle PTA
- Grace Snyder Indian Hills Middle PTA
- Marina Zickefoose Mill Creek Middle PTA

### Ninth Grade Essay
- Pearthana Dalal* Shawnee Mission East PTSA
- Amanda Wilkinson Turner High School PTSA
- Connor Bowman Shawnee Mission West PTSA

### Ninth Grade Poetry
- Ashley Allred* Turner High School PTSA
- Kaitlin Beeman Shawnee Mission West PTSA

*Denotes Award of Excellence. Remaining awards are Awards of Merit.

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**Announcing the Kansas PTA 2008 –2009 Citizenship Program Theme**

"To be a good Citizen means to . . ."

This theme is proudly brought to you by the Kansas PTA Youth Advisory Committee “YAC”
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
April 27 – May 3, 2008

A service of the Points of Light & Hands On Network and again sponsored by Target, the 2008 National Volunteer Week is fast approaching. From April 27 to May 3, this special week offers opportunities to thank some of America’s most valuable assets — our volunteers — and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities.

National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to “inspire by example” — volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve! Find out how you, too, can participate in the week’s many offerings.

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. And every year since that time, each U.S. President, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

For additional information about National Volunteer Week, please contact John Jowers at (404) 979-2941 or jjowers@handsonnetwork.org. Or visit the National PTA website — www.pta.org.

2008-2009
New Membership Awards

General Membership Awards

Making a Difference Award – Units that increase their membership by 15% over the previous year’s membership.

Special Membership Awards

Male Involvement Award – Awarded to the one (1) PTA/PTSA unit with the highest percentage of male memberships. This unit must have a minimum of twenty (20) male members.

These are new awards for the upcoming school year. So start planning at the end of this year and during the summer to market your PTA to be eligible for these new awards.

Beth Brown
Kansas PTA Membership Chairman
Kansas PTA VP of Member Services

EDUCATION POLICY UPDATE:
Business leader touts short-term, long-term benefits of early learning opportunities

Wichita businessman Barry Downing joined representatives from Kansas Action for Children and the Kansas Coalition for School Readiness Feb. 6 at the Statehouse to meet with Senate and House leadership about the importance of early learning opportunities. Downing also testified before the Senate Ways and Means Committee on behalf of the Wichita and Kansas City Business Coalitions for Early Education.

"As business and community leaders, we are interested in having better educated and productive employees so that we can effectively compete in the new world economy," said Downing in his testimony. "We also want to create an environment in Kansas communities where we and our employees can live enriched lives and where we can successfully raise our families."

News from Kansas Action for Children

STERIOIDS

Our national sports teams are struggling with the issue of steroid use. But where does it start? More than 40% of 12th graders surveyed reported that steroids are "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Steroids: True Stories Hosted by Curt Schilling and Words Can Work: When Talking About Steroids can help you jumpstart a conversation. To see a clip from the Curt Schilling DVD or to read excerpts from Words Can Work, go to http://www.wordscanwork.com/products/materials.html. You may also email info@wordscanwork.com or call 978-282-1663 for more information.

Denise Sultz
Kansas PTA Health & Wellness Chairman
**KANSAS PTA BYLAWS - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

**Article V: State Board of Managers**

Section 1: Amend by striking the immediate Past President from the paragraph.

**Present Form:** Section 1: The Board of Managers of the Kansas PTA shall be composed of the elected officers, the Regional Vice Presidents, the Chairmen of standing committees, the representative of council presidents, the immediate past president, any Kansas resident currently serving on the National PTA Board and not more than two (2) other members that may be appointed by President. All members shall be members of a local PTA or PTSA.

**Proposed Amendment:** Section 1: The Board of Managers of the Kansas PTA shall be composed of the elected officers, the Regional Vice Presidents, the Chairmen of standing committees, the representative of council presidents, any Kansas resident currently serving on the National PTA Board and not more than two (2) other members that may be appointed by President. All members shall be members of a local PTA or PTSA.

**Rationale:** Currently when a nominee agrees to be President Elect of Kansas PTA it is a six year commitment. By taking the immediate past president off the board of managers it will be a four year commitment. If the immediate past president would like to continue on the board of directors they may choose to serve as a committee chairman or be asked to serve on the board as one of the President’s appointed board members.

**Article VI: Officers: Their Election and Duties**

Section 4: Amend by striking the entire sentence and replacing with new wording.

**Present Form:** Section 4. The State President shall represent the State of Kansas on the National Council of States.

**Proposed Amendment:** Section 4. The State President shall appoint a member of the Kansas PTA best suited to attend the National Council of States meeting.

**Rationale:** National PTA now holds the State Presidents meeting and the National Council of States meeting on the same day making it impossible for the State President to attend the National Council of States meeting. By allowing the State President to appoint a Kansas PTA member to attend the National Council of States meeting we will get a representative from Kansas PTA best suited to represent Kansas PTA.

**Article VI: Their Election and Duties**

Section 6: Amend by striking and at the National Council of States meeting.

**Present Form:** Section 6. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall become President and shall hold office for the balance of the term. In filling the vacancy, the President-Elect shall be entitled to continue in the Presidency for the following term providing not more than one-half of a full term as President has been served. The vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled at the next convention by the voting body. In the interim, the President shall delegate duties of the President-Elect. The President-Elect shall work under and in cooperation with the President, act as alternate to the President at all National conventions and fulfill such duties as may be assigned by the President. In the absence of the President or their inability to act, the President-Elect shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. In the absence of the President and the President-Elect or their inability to act, the Vice-Presidents as determined by the President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.

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**Article IX: Executive Committee**

Section 3: Amend by striking majority and replacing with four members.

**Present Form:** Section 3. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

**Proposed Amendment:** Section 3. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

**Rationale:** The number of members required for a quorum needs to be defined. As the Executive Committee is composed of 7 members, the majority of members required to be present in order to transact business and form a quorum would be four (4) members.

**Article X: Committees**

Section 1: Amend by striking “At the first Board of Managers meeting following convention, the Chairmen shall elect one of their members to serve on the Executive Committee as the representative (Chairman of Chairmen) for one (1) year. They shall elect an alternate to serve in the absence of the representative. The Chairman and the alternate just have already served on the Board of Managers. The President with the approval of the Executive Committee shall fill a vacancy in a chairmanship.”

**Present Form:** Section 1. Committees may be created by the Board of Managers to carry on the work of the Kansas PTA. Chairmen of committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee to serve during that administration and no single appointment shall exceed a term of two years. These chairmen may be eligible for reappointment, but at the expiration of the second consecutive term all not be eligible for reappointment to that same committee until a period of one year shall has lapsed. This does not preclude a chairman serving two terms on one committee and then subsequently being appointed as chairman of another committee. At the first Board of Managers meeting following convention, the Chairmen shall elect one of their members to serve on the Executive Committee as the representative (Chairman of Chairmen) for one (1) year. They shall elect an alternate to serve in the absence of the representative. The Chairman and the alternate just have
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**Article XI: CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Section 6. Amend by striking Notwithstanding the automatic character of the amending process, the constituent organization shall promptly incorporate such amendments in their respective bylaws.

**Present Form:** Section 6. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the National PTA Bylaws identified by a double star shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the constituent organization to amend correspondingly the bylaws of each constituent organization. Notwithstanding the automatic character of the amending process, the constituent organization shall promptly incorporate such amendments in their respective bylaws.

**Proposed Amendment:** Section 6. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of the National PTA Bylaws identified by a double star shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by the constituent organization to amend correspondingly the bylaws of each constituent organization.

**Rationale:** Kansas PTA is utilizing uniform bylaws and they will be amended automatically.

**ARTICLE XIII: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs**

Section 1c. Amend by striking the entire sentence and replacing with Maintain current uniform bylaws on file according to the procedures of each state; and

**Present Form:** Section 1c. Has bylaws approved according to the procedures of each state; and

**Proposed Form:** Section 1c. Maintain current uniform bylaws on file according to the procedures of each state; and

**Rationale:** With uniform bylaws each local PTA will maintain the current uniform bylaws according to Kansas PTA.

**ARTICLE XIII: LOCAL PTAs/PTSAs**

Section 6. Amend by striking the entire sentence.

**Present Form:** Section 6. Each local PTA shall include in its bylaws provisions corresponding to the provisions of state bylaws identified by the number symbol (#). Local units are to submit their bylaws to the State PTA Office for approval every three (3) years.

**Proposed Form:** Section 6. There will be no Section 6.

**Rationale:** With uniform unit bylaws provisions of the Kansas PTA bylaws are included and units do not have to submit their bylaws every three (3) years.

**ARTICLE XV. CANCELLATION OF CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: Amend by inserting the word natural before disaster in the first sentence.

**Present Form:** Section 1. In the event of some great emergency such as war, epidemic, or disaster, the Board of Managers of the Kansas PTA shall have authority to determine whether or not the convention shall be held. The Board of Managers shall have authority to plan procedure for conducting all business by mail.

**Proposed Form:** Section 1. In the event of some great emergency such as war, epidemic, or natural disaster, the Board of Managers of the Kansas PTA shall have authority to determine whether or not the convention shall be held. The Board of Managers shall have authority to plan procedure for conducting all business by mail.

**Rationale:** Disaster needed to be defined. Natural disaster covers weather, health or other “natural” disasters.

**ARTICLE XIX: CONGRESS UNITS**

Section 1: Amend by striking “their adopting bylaws in harmony with the State and National bylaws” and by striking “may make its own bylaws for the transaction of its business” and inserting “acknowledge uniform unit bylaws for the transaction of its business” and by striking “provided they do not conflict with the Bylaws of the National PTA and the Kansas PTA” and by striking “Local PTAs or PTSA shall be governed by bylaws approved by a person or committee designated by the Executive Committee of the Kansas PTA”.

**Present Form:** Section 1. Preschool and other child welfare groups may be organized as units of the State and National PTAs. Groups become local PTAs or PTSA upon their adopting bylaws in harmony with the State and National bylaws and upon payment of per capita dues for active members. The purpose of these local PTAs or PTSA shall be to promote the purposes and basic policies of the PTA. Each local PTA or PTSA may make its own bylaws for the transaction of its business and the admittance of its members provided they do not conflict with the Bylaws of the National PTA and the Kansas PTA. Local PTAs or PTSA shall be governed by bylaws approved by a person or committee designated by the Executive Committee of the Kansas PTA.

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**Rationale:** Groups no longer adopt bylaws and do not make their own bylaws with the implementation of uniform bylaws.
In 1984, PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week—the first full week in May—to honor the dedicated men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children.

“Teachers can instruct our students in math, science, and language, but more than that, teachers can give our children the will to continue learning for the rest of their lives. The gift of never-ending education is one for which we cannot show enough gratitude—but we can certainly try. The monumental responsibility of teachers should be met with an equally awe-inspiring show of appreciation, and that is why we are creating the Nation’s Largest Teacher Thank-You Card. During PTA Teacher Appreciation Week this May, please join us in recognizing the imperative and inspiring work our teachers do every day. Working together, teachers, parents, and communities can make every child’s potential a reality.”

Jan Harp Domene
PTA National President

Please visit our website at www.kansas-pta.org or the National PTA website at www.pta.org for Teacher Appreciation Week ideas.

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**National PTA Convention**

**PTA Annual National Convention & Exhibition**

**Official Convention Site & Hotel**

June 20-23, 2008  
San Diego, California  
Town and Country Resort  
San Diego, California

Plan to attend the National PTA Convention in San Diego, CA and get ideas on how to increase membership, hone your leadership skills, and do more for your school and PTA than ever before. Interact with PTA members from all over the country; explore exciting and informative exhibits; and raise your voice on important issues affecting PTA and all children.

**Registration information will be posted at** [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) **in early March.**

**NEW!** Special discounts will be available for online registrations, multiple registrants from the same unit, new PTA units, and youth members!

The KEYNOTE SPEAKER will be Maya Angelou. Plan to attend to hear this exciting and motivational speaker.

At National Convention you will attend informative workshops, network with other PTA members from every state and increase your PTA leadership and advocacy skills.

Please notify Debbie Lawson at Debbie@burlislawson.com if you are attending so she can get the proper information and materials to you.

Debbie Lawson
Kansas PTA President-Elect
Signs Of A Stroke

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:
S * Ask the individual to SMILE.
T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)
R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 999/911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ------- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Denise Sultz
Kansas PTA Health & Wellness Chairman

HEALTH POLICY UPDATE:
Program provides local solution to childhood obesity epidemic

Children spend much of their day - and consume nearly half of their daily calories - in a school setting. With childhood obesity and its related chronic illnesses on the rise, schools can play an important role in improving the health and physical activity of Kansas children. The Kansas Coordinated School Health (KCSH) program provides a local solution to this national epidemic.

"Unfortunately, a reduction in federal funding for such programs has left KCSH without a funding source," said Suzanne Wikle, director of health policy for Kansas Action for Children. "We are working with KCSH and legislators to secure state funds for the continuation of this critical program."

For the past five years, KCSH has been providing communities with resources and funding to develop healthier school environments. The KCSH approach allows school administrators, teachers, nurses, parents and community members to tailor a program unique to their community’s needs - whether it be improved nutrition, increased physical activity or enhanced health education. More than 80,000 students in 43 school districts have benefited from this successful program.

News from Kansas Action for Children
Out-of-School Time: Keeping Kids Safe

Every weekday afternoon in Kansas, nearly 500,000 children and youth are dismissed from school. Many of those youngsters begin a three to four hour period without adult supervision. Some may tackle homework and household chores, but others engage in much less constructive activity, either watching television, hanging out on the streets or in malls, or entering into even more risky behaviors. Not surprisingly, these afternoon hours present the greatest opportunity for children to be the victims or perpetrators of crime.

Thousands of out-of-school time programs across Kansas now provide safe, adult-supervised centers where kids can get homework help and tutoring or participate in a broad range of fun and educational activities. Programs like these make a difference in the lives of our children, not only in academics but in areas of social and behavioral development. Additionally, many programs promote a healthy lifestyle by providing physical activity and nutritional snacks.

The Kansas Enrichment Network is a partnership of state and national agencies, businesses, organizations, and individuals dedicated to supporting and sustaining out-of-school time programs across the state. Partnerships strengthen the networking across the state, and we are please to have The Kansas PTA as one of those partners. We know that by securing a strong future for Kansas children we secure a strong future for Kansas.

The Network is dedicated to keeping kids safe, providing academic assistance, helping working families and offering enjoyable activities for youngsters. Please visit our website at www.kansasenrichment.net for more information.

Marcia Dvorak
Acting Project Coordinator, Kansas Enrichment Network

Safe Kids Kansas
2008 Policy Priorities

Adopted December 4, 2007

- Actively support efforts to educate the public regarding the use of belt positioning boosters and increase the availability of boosters for children weighing between 40-80 lbs in vehicles equipped with lap/shoulder belts.

- Actively support legislative efforts at the state level to prohibit leaving children unattended in motor vehicles.

- Support legislation designed to strengthen existing state child passenger restraint laws and improve their enforcement.
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Kansas PTA Convention
Advanced Registration
March 24, 2008

Important Dates

March

- Women’s History Month
- Music in Our Schools Month
- National Nutrition Month
1. Submissions for Nation’s Largest Teacher Thank-You Card due
2. Read Across America
8. Kansas Citizenship and Reflection Awards Ceremony in Lenexa
14. Deadline for the PTA Unit Achievement Award applications
31. Submissions for Picture PTA Due

April

- National Youth Sports Safety Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
12. Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day
15. Hearst awards due to national office from state offices
18-20. 2008 Kansas PTA Convention
24. Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
27. National Volunteer Week begins

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