National PTA has partnered with Nonprofit Vote to produce many helpful guides for PTAs on elections. It is important that we are active in the process but always keeping our 501(c)(3) Not For Profit status in mind. You can find all of these wonderful resources at:

www.pta.org/advocacy

and select election guides from the list on the left side.
In the 2014-2015 school year, put your school on the National PTA School of Excellence map.

At a National PTA School of Excellence, families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.

The National PTA School of Excellence program is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. By participating in this program, your PTA and school will gain new ways to engage families in school decision-making, such as improvements to programs, practices, and policies related to education, health, safety or the arts.

How Do You Get Started?

1. **Enroll** your PTA between before October 2014 at PTA.org/Excellence

2. **Conduct** a Family-School Partnership Scan by publicized due date (e.g., November 1, 2014)
   - a. Gather feedback from all members of your school community using the survey tool
   - b. Set shared goal and objective to focus on for the year
   - c. Complete online Family-School Partnership Scan form or call 800-307-4PTA (4782) for support

3. **Receive** a customized Roadmap to Excellence containing recommendations that respond to your specific results from the Family-School Partnership Scan and take action

4. **Complete** the National PTA School of Excellence application by **deadline of June 1, 2015**

5. **Celebrate** your excellence when notified in August 2015

This program is based on PTA’s National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. There is a link to these standards (which have been endorsed by the Kansas State Board of Education) at PTA.org/Excellence.

It is essential that you establish a School of Excellence team to help you with this program. PTA is a key partner for continuous and systemic school improvement. It is important to start building that partnership from the very beginning. Once you are enrolled, you will have access to a special section of the National PTA website – just for enrollees. That section will contain a sample agenda for meeting with your Principal, a School Leader Questionnaire, a Family-School Partnership Scan (based on PTA’s National Standards for Family-School Partnerships) and many other resources.

**Enroll as early as possible.** This allows you adequate time for conducting your Family-School Partnership Scan, analyzing the results and submitting that information along with your goal and objective to National PTA by their deadline. Once you have submitted that information to National PTA, you will be emailed your customized Roadmap to Excellence which will help guide you towards achieving your goal/objective. At the end of your activities, you will again conduct a Family-School Partnership Scan to gauge the impact you’ve made. Those results will be used to complete your National PTA School of Excellence application which is due by June 1, 2015. A team at National PTA will judge those final applications and you will be notified in August, 2015. You will be judged on the impact and progress you have made for your school community given the beginning resources available to you. You are not judged against other enrollees.

**The designation as a National PTA School of Excellence is for two academic years.** In August 2015, National PTA will name their 2015-2017 National PTA School of Excellence recipients. In Fall 2017, National PTA will prompt you to begin working toward renewing the designation.

Contact excellence@pta.org or call (800)307-4782 for more info.

Laura Kaiser
Family Engagement Chairman
Encourage Physical Activity: What Parents Can Do

Encouraging more physical activity is a critical step in preventing childhood obesity. But we can’t expect our kids to stay active if we’re watching from the couch! Exercise is most effective, and more fun, when it’s done as a group. In addition to promoting your child’s health and learning, you’ll feel better, too!

The following are some suggestions to increase your family’s physical activity:

**Make exercise a family habit:**
- Take a family walk around the block each night after dinner.
- Schedule a weekly game of touch football in the park.
- Walk instead of driving when you can.
- Walk or bike with your child to school.
- Park as far away from entrances as possible.
- Bypass elevators and escalators; use the stairs instead.
- Play upbeat music and dance your way through family chore times.

**Play together!** Instead of going to a movie or restaurant for your next family outing, plan something active:
- Discover free and low-cost physical activity options near your home (parks, bike paths, hiking trails, tennis courts or community swimming pools).
- Walk, jog or run your way through a family treasure hunt. Try letterboxing or geocaching to make hikes more interesting for small children.
- Plan active vacations (hiking, bike rides, skiing).
- Spend an afternoon at the local playground or the zoo.
- Play a round of miniature golf together.

**Set family fitness goals:**
- Post goals on the refrigerator, along with a way to track everyone’s progress. Cheer each other on as goals are achieved!
- Train together for a charity walk or run.
- Get pedometers and have a contest to see who takes the most steps in a given week.

**Celebrate fitness:**
- Host a sports-themed birthday party where you play traditional games like basketball, softball and badminton.
- Give physical activity-oriented gifts.

**Exchange “screen time” for active time:**
- Limit sedentary “screen time” (computer, video games, TV) to no more than 2 hours per day.
- Encourage your children to sign up for some form of physical activity. Everyone can find something they enjoy. Team sports, individual sports (swimming, tennis), dance, or martial arts are all good options.
- Support your child by making a commitment to practices and showing up for games or performances. You can even get involved by signing up for an adult class or team, and practice together!
E-Learning Course Library
Gain the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in your role in PTA when you participate in self-paced e-learning courses. Each course takes 30 minutes to an hour to complete and can be revisited repeatedly for more practice.
E-learning gives National PTA the power to advance membership training by quickly moving knowledge from people who have it to people who need it. Members can develop or hone leadership skills when, where, and as they need them. E-learning's up-to-the-minute information is accessible from home, in the office, at the library, or on the road 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Questions? Contact the Training Department at ptatraining@pta.org or 800-307-4782.

E-Learning Courses Available

**Local Unit Secretary**
This course is an introduction to the roles and responsibilities of the local unit PTA secretary.

**Cultural Competency**
Learn cultural awareness and how to build relationships across cultural groups.

**Parliamentary Procedure**
Learn how rules of conduct positively affect PTA decision-making, while ensuring fair and orderly unit operations.

**Ethical Leadership**
Learn how to accomplish your goals with fairness and integrity.

**Board Basics**
Learn the basic governance structures behind most PTA units.

**Preventing Theft in Your PTA**
This course is a must for leadership.

Plus Many More!

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Studies show children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school, and our hope is to provide you with useful tips and tools to support your growing child at all ages. The Parent Toolkit is a one-stop shop resource that was produced and developed with parents in mind.

The Toolkit focuses on many aspects of your child’s development, because it is all connected. Healthy, successful children can excel in many areas – in the classroom, on the court, and in their relationships with peers and adults. We have worked with experts across the country including classroom teachers, college professors, pediatricians, dieticians, psychologists, and parents, to make the resource as robust and useful as possible.

http://www.parenttoolkit.com/

The New Back-to-School Kit is Here!

Visit the Website
The 2014-2015 National PTA Back-to-School Kit is a set of resources to assist PTA leaders as they serve their communities and manage their local units.

The kit includes:
- Easy-to-use guides for the president, treasurer, and membership and programs chairs
- Membership, fundraising and marketing tools
- Program and advocacy resources
- Special PTA-member-exclusive offers from our national partners
- New features!

Registration Overview
Registration is open for local units to register for the Back-to-School Kit.
- Only local unit presidents are eligible to register to receive a kit.*
- Local unit presidents must register online to receive a kit.
- When you register, you will select your preferred shipping address and shipment date: June 23, July 21, August 18 and September 15.
- Register Early! Registration closes September 1.

What's New in the Kit
Each year, we ask our members what we should include in future Back-to-School Kits. And when you talk, we listen!
This year’s kit delivers new features requested by popular demand, including:
- Quick Reference Guide PDFs: Each of the Quick Reference Guides are available for download in PDF format, allowing leaders to print and distribute materials as needed.
- New Posters: We have included two of our most popular PTA posters in this year’s kit to help you increase your PTA’s visibility at school.
- Share and Print Functions: Click the share button on the online kit to send information via email or social media, or click print to send a page straight to your printer. Both functions allow leaders to share content faster and easier than before.
- Spanish Version: The Back-to-School Kit website at PTA.org/BacktoSchool is now available in Spanish, helping to welcome and support our Spanish-speaking families.
Ask Questions
Asking questions about your child’s day will help strengthen your relationship and help you know whether or not your child is being bullied. Make it a habit to talk about your child’s school day. Ask about experiences on the way to and from school, ask about recess on the school playground, lunch time in the cafeteria and experiences in the classroom. Taking time out of your day to talk to your child will have many benefits. Make sure you ask questions to have your child divulge deeper information. Find out who their friends are, why they are having a good or bad day, and how they treat other children.

Get Involved
If you hear that your child is being bullied do not ignore it. This will tell your child that bullying is ok. Give your child the proper support by taking cases of bullying seriously. Never tell your child that this may be their fault. Instead encourage your child to report the incident to a teacher or staff member. If the situation does not improve or stop it will be important for you to contact the teacher or school.

Stay Calm
It may not be easy to hear that your child is being bullied. However, it is important to stay calm in order to handle the situation appropriately. Talk to your child about not resorting to verbal or physical retaliation. When speaking to teachers or school staff, remember to use specific information and not let your emotions take over. Getting upset will not help ease the situation, nor will it help reach a solution.

Document the Bullying
Keep a log of where, when and who is involved in the bullying situation so that school staff will know the details.

Look for Help
Ask your school administrator or your child’s teacher if they have a policy on bullying. There are many resources available to inform parents on how to deal with bullying, as well as resources for children on bullying. Visit the resources on the PTA.org website, or reach out to your local PTA. Together we can all become involved in preventing bullying and keep our children and schools safe.

About National PTA®:
PTA® comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education health, and welfare of children and youth.
Now that you understand what bullying is, its effects on children, and what you can do about it, it is important to know where you can go to find resources and help.

**Go Online**
There are many resources available online on the issue of bullying. Stop Bullying Now! (www.stopbullyingnow.hhs.gov) is a national campaign by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that offers free, research-based tip sheets, video workshops, and resources for parents and educators on bullying prevention. The campaign also offers animated Webisodes, activities, and interactive games for kids. You can also visit the U.S. Department of Education website, www.ed.gov, for reports and statistics on bullying. Also, visit the PTA website, www.pta.org, for more information on child safety.

**Check with Your School**
Your child’s school may be able to provide you with resources on bullying. If a school counselor or any other type of school counseling service is available they are also a useful resource to parents. If your child has reported being bullied, encourage him or her to speak to a counselor.

**Check with Your Community**
Your community may have more resources to help parents deal with bullying than you think. You can reach out to youth programs or religious institutions for help. They may have materials on bullying or may be able to offer counseling to you or your child. Another way to use these community resources is to have your child get involved. Interacting with other children in supervised and positive atmospheres can help raise their self-esteem and help them make new friends.

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It was an honor to work on this project with you!

Debbie Taylor and Laura Kaiser, Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary Co-Chairmen

Kansas PTA 100th Anniversary History Book

We still have a few remaining copies of this beautiful color, 100 page treasure which covers Kansas PTA’s history over the past 100 years. The book measures approximately 8 ½” by 11”.

Consider purchasing a book: To honor someone, in memory of someone, as an added memento for a Honorary Life Membership recipient, for your principal, for your PTA, for your school’s library and of course you!

Hardcover books cost $20 and softcover books cost $15. Please contact Laura Kaiser (LGKaiser@SWBELL.NET) as soon as possible if you are interested in purchasing a book.

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2013-2014 Kansas PTA
Citizenship Program Awards

The 2013-2014 Citizenship Program theme was “I Can Influence My Peer Positively By . . .” Kansas PTA is pleased to announce the winners of the Citizenship Program. They were recognized at the 2014 Kansas PTA Arts in Education Awards ceremony held on April 5, 2014.

The 2014-2015 Citizenship Program theme is “How can you help impact your community that will be remembered 100 years from now?”

**Essay**

**5th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Victoria Jenks Belinder
- Award of Merit: Ella Kennedy Golden Oaks
- Participation: Annie Winter Riverview
- Participation: Byron Kirkwood Midland Trail

**6th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Aislinn Menke Tomahawk
- Award of Merit: Hannah Huyetta Turner Six Grade Academy

**7th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Dylan Wedel Westridge Middle

**8th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Nathan Del Rio Turner Middle
- Award of Merit: Sara Schafer Indian Woods

**9th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Thomas Villa Turner High School
- Award of Merit: Jesus Pena Wyandotte High School
- Participation: Jocelyn Rodriguez Wyandotte High School

**Poetry**

**5th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: James C Russell Brookwood
- Award of Merit: Ryan Creek Midland Trail

**6th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Kiana Nickel Rising Star

**7th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Lauren Kelley Trailridge Middle

**8th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Sky Betzer Indian Woods Middle

**9th Grade**
- Award of Excellence: Sarah Wheeler Shawnee Mission South
- Award of Merit: Griselda Garcia Wyandotte High
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The 2014-2015 Reflections Program theme is “The world would be a better place if...”

**Literature**
- Special Artist Award of Excellence: Ajay Lohr, 4th, Pawnee
- Primary Award of Excellence: Maggie Gerritz, 1st, Trailwood
- Primary Award of Merit: Whitney Wells, Kindergarten, Golden Oaks
- Intermediate Award of Excellence: Sara Holscher, 5th, Pleasant Ridge
- Intermediate Award of Merit: Lucas Daniels, 3rd, Lansing
- Intermediate Award of Merit: Alexa Magstadt, 4th, Mill Creek
- Middle School Award of Excellence: Erin Smith, 8th, Westridge Middle
- High School Award of Excellence: Will Bledsoe, 10th, Shawnee Mission East

**Dance Choreography**
- Intermediate Award of Excellence: Annie Winter, 5th, Riverview
- Middle School Award of Excellence: Peyton Panovich, 7th, Westridge Middle

**Music Composition**
- Primary Award of Excellence: Bryce Bean, 2nd, Christa McAulliffe
- Intermediate Award of Excellence: Darcie Hingula, 5th, Clear Creek
- Intermediate Award of Merit: Grace Piper Fields, 3rd, Corinth
- Middle School Award of Excellence: Haley Deardorff, 7th, Westridge Middle
- High School Award of Excellence: Hanna Patterson, 11th, Shawnee Mission North

**Photography**
- Primary Award of Excellence: Maddie Holscher, 2nd, Pleasant Ridge
- Primary Award of Merit: Remi Overender, Kindergarten, Briarwood
- Intermediate Award of Excellence: Quincy Hubert, 4th, Riverview
- Intermediate Award of Merit: Gabby Horta, 5th, Rising Star
- Middle School Award of Excellence: Lauren Wells, 7th, Golden Oaks
- Middle School Award of Merit: Evann Greene, 7th, Indian Hills Middle
- High School Award of Excellence: Sarah Wheeler, 9th, Shawnee Mission South
- High School Award of Merit: Deborah Bradley, 11th, Leavenworth
Kansas PTA Reflections Program Award Winners, continued

Film Production

Intermediate Award of Excellence
Lily Utt, 5th, Corinth

Middle School Award of Excellence
Nathan Del Rio, 8th, Turner Middle

Middle School Award of Merit
Ada Heller, 6th, Rising Star

High School Award of Excellence
Sara Laney, 12th, Shawnee Mission Northwest

High School Award of Merit
Jeremy Carter, 10th, Wyandotte High

Visual Arts

Special Artist Award of Excellence
Cole Lalumondier, 5th, Overland Park

Primary Award of Excellence
Alyson Ramsey, 2nd, Mill Creek

Primary Award of Merit
Jameson Mangold, 1st, Pleasant Ridge

Primary Award of Merit
Grace Klemp, 2nd, Lansing

Intermediate Award of Excellence
Emily Burnett, 5th, Bentwood

Intermediate Award of Merit
Amy Romano, 4th, Lansing

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Ainsley Smyth, 4th, Rising Star

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Emily Burnett, 5th, Bentwood

Middle School Award of Excellence
Caroline Edge, 8th, Indian Mills

High School Award of Excellence
Debbie Oak, 11th, Leavenworth

High School Award of Merit
Olivia Broome, 12th, Shawnee Mission Northwest

Resources you Can Use!

*Inclusion here does not indicate an endorsement, these are just programs that units may find helpful.
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