Greetings from Kansas State PTA President

~ Denise Sultz

There is nothing so constant as change. And change is happening in PTA’s all across Kansas. New officers are coming in, new programs planned for next year, maybe even new principals. Because of the voice of PTA, we have had some change in the way that the legislative body has voted for education. We thank you for speaking up with us, first last November by voting, and then this winter - spring as you have answered the call when we have asked you to contact the legislator from your area for positive legislation for children. Together we have made a difference and the children of Kansas will be better for it. But it is not time to rest on our laurels. Races at both the local and national level will affect education in the years to come. Keep your eyes on the prize… a quality education for every child in Kansas!

Change also comes to Kansas PTA as I retire as your President June 30th as my term is at an end. It has been my honor to serve as your President. It has been fun to be invited to meet you and your members over these last two years. I hope we have the opportunity to meet again at a convention or maybe just at the grocery store. Please make sure you say hello. I will not be retiring from all of Kansas PTA. I will serve Kansas PTA as Membership Chair as we move forward with the Online Membership Initiative and I am also serving as a member of the Kansas PTA Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. Both of these roles will help me stay in touch with all of you.

Good Luck to incoming President Monica Crowe from the Kansas City Kansas School District, her new Executive Team; Lauri, Brian, Jackie, Rachel, Mia, and Vikki and the rest of the Kansas PTA Board of Managers. If you remember that the goal is to Improve the lives of all of the children in Kansas, you will always be focused.

Take care Kansas PTA Membership!!

Denise Sultz
Kansas PTA President 2015-2017

Sine Die!
MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.....Details are forthcoming

On Thursday, July 13th, Kansas PTA will be hosting a meeting updating parents on what is happening in Kansas on the subject of ESSA. Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education, and Brad Nueunswander, Deputy Kansas Commissioner of Education will be joining us that evening for a great discussion on the tenants of the new Federal Education Act and how it is working in Kansas.

Bylaws Amendment Passed:

The 103rd Kansas PTA convention body passed the Bylaws Amendment raising the state dues from $1.25 to 1.75 per person per annum. In combination with National PTA’s dues, this will mean that dues will change to being a combined $4.00 per person per annum effective July 1, 2017. The dues forms on our website have been changed to reflect this.

We appreciate the support of the delegates since Kansas PTA had not raised their portion of the dues in close to 20 years. This increase will help us to continue to provide support to the units that request it, support our Councils when they have questions, to provide training to all Kansas members, and to work with our legislators on the behalf of children.

Thank you.

STATE EXTENSION LOOKING FOR NEW UNITS
BY DIANA FABAC, EXTENSION CHAIR

Now that the school year is coming to an end, and we are winding down for the summer, it is time to reflect about what you accomplished this year for the students of your school and community. If your school does not have a PTA, why not? PTA is an organization that advocates for ALL children with our voice and membership to assure that children receive a great public education, are safe at school and in their community and have the tools available to be successful locally and globally. PTA can offer great programs for your school, through Family Engagement programs, Reflections Contests, Reading nights, STEM nights, Carnivals and more. Families that are involved in a child’s education are the key to ensuring better grades, better behavior at school, less absences and higher graduation rates.

As Extension Chair for the state, I can help schools start a PTA unit. When you charter a PTA Unit, we will provide training, program information, and part of your annual dues will go to National PTA to advocate for your children in Congress. For 120 years PTA has changed children’s lives for the better by ensuring every child has hot lunches, Kindergarten, juvenile justice laws and more. So WHY does your school not have a PTA?

If you would like more information about PTA or how to become a PTA unit, contact the Kansas State PTA office at Kansas-pta.org.
Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame

The Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame is a special recognition program to honor educators, parents, students, and volunteers who have made special contributions in the lives of children. Each year PTA members from across the state nominate outstanding volunteers to the Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Hall of Fame.

Shirlyn Richardson, Wyandotte H.S.  
Patty Jurich, Wyandotte H.S.  
James Williams, KCK Public Schools, USD 500  
Kim Hunter, KCK Public Schools, USD 500  
Connie Springfield, Shawnee Mission West HS  
Steve Loe, Shawnee Mission West H.S.  
Matthew Baker, Shawnee Mission West HS  
Mark Lange, Westridge Middle  
Jeremy McDonnell, Westridge Middle  
Gloria Willis, KCK Public Schools, USD 500

Jill Molina, SMAC PTA Clothing Exchange  
Jennifer Russian, Lansing Elementary  
Alexandria Bartels, Atchison High School  
Rebecca Lovewell, Comanche Elementary  
Stacie Glenn, Comanche Elementary  
Tyler Beerends, Comanche Elementary  
Adalia Gall, Comanche Elementary  
Missy Green, Comanche Elementary  
Jeanette Brethour, Westridge Elementary  
Patty Jurich, KCK Council of PTA

I am happy to announce that the above individuals were named to this years Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame:

Congratulations on being named to the Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame! PTA members greatly value your dedication and commitment and thank you for making a very important difference in the lives of our children!

The proceeds from these nominations are contributions to the Kansas PTA Future Teacher Scholarship Fund and Teacher Graduate Study in Education Fund. For more information on nominating someone to the Marjorie Holwick Kansas PTA Wall of Fame or about the scholarship program, contact our state office at 785-234-5782 or visit our website (www.kansas-pta.org).

Patty Jurich Kansas PTA Scholarship Chairman
Q1: What is the National PTA School of Excellence program? The National PTA School of Excellence program is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTA and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

Q2. What defines a “National PTA School of Excellence”? 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.

Q3: How do I sign up to participate in the School of Excellence program? Enroll at PTA.org/Excellence or call 800-307-4PTA (4782) for assistance before October 2017.

Q4: Do I have to be a PTA school to participate in the program? Yes, to participate in the program you must be a PTA in good-standing, according to your State PTA. If you are not a PTA, this is a great reason and opportunity for you to charter a PTA at your school. Contact your State PTA or 800-307-4PTA (4782) to learn more about the benefits of PTA!

Q5: What are the steps to be recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence?

* Enroll your PTA between April 1st and before October 1st, 2017
* Conduct a Family-School Partnership Scan by publicized due date (e.g., November 1, 2017)
  Gather feedback from your all members of your school community using the survey tool
  Set shared goal and objective to focus on for the year
  Complete online Family-School Partnership Scan form or call 800-307-4PTA (4782) for support
* Receive a customized Roadmap to Excellence containing recommendations that respond to your specific results from the Family-School Partnership Scan and take action
* Complete the National PTA School of Excellence application by deadline of June 1, 2018
* Celebrate your excellence when notified in August 2018

Q6: What support can I depend on from National PTA? National PTA provides you with a Getting Started Guide after enrolling in the program. Once you submit the Family-School Partnership Scan, you will receive a customized Roadmap to Excellence generated by the school and family feedback, as well as shared goal you identified in the Family-School Partnership Scan. As you implement strategies to enhance family engagement at your school, you can expect National PTA to provide the following:

* Webinars on family-school partnerships
* Timely emails with information about family engagement, program reminders and links to resources that support your goals for school improvement
* Answers to your questions via email at excellence@pta.org and 800-307-4PTA (4782)

Q8. How long can we promote that we are a National PTA School of Excellence? The designation as a National PTA School of Excellence is for two academic years. In August 2018, we will name our 2018-2020 National PTA School of Excellence recipients. In Fall 2019, we will prompt you to begin working toward renewing the designation.

Q10. What kind of visibility will my school and PTA gain by earning this designation? Upon notification, you will receive a Celebrate Excellence Kit to help your school and PTA promote this recognition to your community. It will include template tools to support media outreach, event planning, and ongoing communications strategies. You will receive a National PTA School of Excellence banner to hang prominently at your school, which will tell families right away – you are welcome here and important to our students’ success! This designation will help attract new, action-oriented PTA members who want to focus on the issues that affect our children the most. And being a National PTA School of Excellence will open the door to other honors and funding for your school. The National PTA will include your PTA and school in our national program promotion, specifically promoting how your school and PTA are leading the nation in your approach to family-school partnerships. In addition, you will automatically be considered for National PTA’s highest honor – the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Awards.

Q11. What if we don’t earn the National PTA School of Excellence designation on first try? If you have a stronger family-school partnership than you did when you enrolled in the program – then you still have much to celebrate and you’re one step closer to becoming a National PTA School of Excellence. You will receive a National PTA Certificate of Merit, as well as a new Roadmap to Excellence: Are We There Yet? to help you continue your pursuit of this designation during the next school year. You will build on the momentum you started and we will provide even more support to help you overcome barriers along the way.

Q12. I have more questions. Who can I contact? Send your question to excellence@pta.org or call 800-307-4PTA (4782).
CONGRATULATIONS

2016-2017 Kansas PTA Membership Awards

*General Membership Awards*

Region 1:
Banneker Elementary PTA—Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Eisenhower Middle School PTA—Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
New Stanley Elementary PTA – Early Bird
Northwest Middle School PTA—Early Bird
Stony Point South PTA – Early Bird, Meadowlark, Golden Apple
William Allen White Elementary PTA—Early Bird
Wyandotte High School PTSA - Early Bird

Region 2:
O’Loughlin Elementary PTA—Early Bird

Region 3:
Allen Magnet (Hutchinson) - Early Bird,
Freeman Elementary PTA— Early Bird,
Kensler Elementary PTA—Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Marshall PTA—Early Bird
Nelson Elementary PTA - Early Bird
Washington Elementary PTA—Early Bird

Region 4:
Heusner Elementary PTA—Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Northview PTA—Challenge, Making a Difference
Schilling Elementary PTA—Early Bird, Meadowlark
Sunset Elementary PTA—Early Bird

Region 6:
Blue Valley Early Childhood PTA—Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Forest View PTA—Challenge, Making a Difference, Kansas Honor Roll, Community Outreach
Green Springs PTA— Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference, Kansas Honor Roll
Monticello Trails Middle School PTA—Challenge, Making a Difference
Moonlight Elementary PTA-Challenge, Making a Difference
Riverview Elementary PTA—Early Bird
Starside PTA Early Bird, Challenge
Trailridge Middle School PTA—Early Bird
Wanamaker Elementary School PTA—Early Bird, New Unit

Region 7:
Junction Elementary PTA - Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Lansing Elementary PTA—Early, Bird, Meadowlark, Challenge, Making a Difference
Midland Trail Elementary PTA—Golden Apple
Piper Elementary PTA - Early Bird
Turner Elementary PTA – Early Bird, Meadowlark
THS PTSA – Early Bird, Meadowlark, Golden Apple, Challenge, Making a Difference, Community Outreach

Region 8:
Apache Elementary PTA– Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Belinder PTA - Early Bird, Golden Apple, Kansas Honor Roll
Brookridge Elementary PTA– Early Bird
Brookwood Elementary PTA – Early Bird, Golden Apple
Christa McAuliffe PTA—Early Bird, Meadowlark, Kansas Honor Roll, Community Outreach
Comanche Elementary PTA— Early Bird, Meadowlark, Community Outreach
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Region 8:
Corinth Elementary PTA—Early Bird, Golden Apple
Crestview Elementary PTA – Early Bird
Highlands Elementary PTA— Early Bird, Meadowlark, One Voice for Every Child, Challenge, Kansas Honor Roll
Hocker Grove PTA – Early Bird
Indian Hills Middle School PTA – Early Bird, Meadowlark
Indian Woods Middle School PTA—Early Bird
John Diemer Elementary PTA – Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Merriam Park PTA – Early Bird
Mill Creek Elementary PTA—Early Bird, Meadowlark, Challenge, Making a Difference, Kansas Honor Roll
Niemen Elementary PTA - Early Bird, Meadowlark, Golden Apple, Challenge, Making a Difference, Community Outreach
Oak Park Carpenter PTA – Kansas Honor Roll
Overland Park Elementary PTA – Early Bird,
Pawnee Elementary PTA – Meadowlark, Golden Apple, Challenge, Making a Difference
Prairie PTA - Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference, Kansas Honor Roll
Ray Marsh Elementary PTA - Early Bird, Meadowlark, Challenge
Rhine Benninghoven Elementary PTA—Early Bird
Rising Star Elementary PTA—Early Bird, Meadowlark, Golden Apple, Challenge, Making a Difference
Roesland Elementary PTA— Early Bird,
Rushton Elementary PTA – Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Santa Fe Trail Elementary PTA—Early Bird, Challenge, Making a Difference
Shawano Elementary PTA-- Early Bird,
Shawnee Mission East HS PTA — Early Bird, Meadowlark
Shawnee Mission North HS PTA—Early Bird, Meadowlark
Shawnee Mission Northwest HS PTA – Early Bird, Meadowlark,
Shawnee Mission Parents as Teachers— Early Bird, Meadowlark
Shawnee Mission South HS PTSA - Early Bird
Shawnee Mission West HS PTSA—Early Bird
Sunflower Elementary PTA—Early Bird
Tomahawk Elementary PTA—Early Bird
Trailridge Middle School PTA—Early Bird
Trailwood Elementary School PTA—Early Bird, One Voice for Every Child, Challenge, Kansas Honor Roll
Westridge MS PTA – Early Bird
Westwood View Elementary PTA—Early bird, Meadowlark, Kansas Honor Roll

*Special Membership Awards*

**Tomorrow's Leaders Today Award**
Region 7— Turner High School PTSA

**Leaders of the Future Award**
Region 8—Shawnee Mission East High PTSA

**Male Involvement Award**
Region 8 —Apache Elementary PTA

**Male Engagement Award**
Region 8 — Prairie Elementary PTA

**Gold Award**
Region 7—Lansing Elementary PTA

**Silver Award**
Region 3—Kensler Elementary PTA

**President's Challenge award**

Region 1
Banneker Elementary PTA
Eisenhower Middle PTA

Region 3
Eisenhower Elementary PTA
Kensler Elementary PTA

Region 6
Blue Valley Early Childhood PTA
Green Springs PTA
Moonlight Elementary PTA

Region 7
Junction Elementary PTA
Lansing Elementary PTA
Turner High School PTSA

**President's Challenge award**
Region 8
Apache Elementary PTA
Mill Creek Elementary PTA
Nieman Elementary PTA
Pawnee Elementary PTA
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Rising Star Elementary PTA
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