PTA - Mission, Vision & Values

The Parent Teacher Association
Membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission and purposes of Parent Teacher Association. Individual members may belong to any number of PTAs and pay dues in each. Every person who joins a local PTA automatically becomes a member of both the state and national PTAs. Together we are a powerful voice for children. With your help, we can continue to work toward PTA’s goal of a quality education and nurturing environment for every child.

PTA Vision: What the future will look like if PTA accomplishes its mission.
Making every child's potential a reality.

PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA
A powerful voice for all children,
A relevant resource for families and communities, and
A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

PTA Values: What PTA stands for

Collaboration: We work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to accomplish our agreed-upon goals.

Commitment: We are dedicated to promoting children’s health, well-being, and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement.

Accountability: We acknowledge our obligations. We deliver on our promises.

Respect: We value our colleagues and ourselves. We expect the same high quality of effort and thought from ourselves as we do from others.

Inclusivity: We invite the stranger and welcome the newcomer. We value and seek input from as wide a spectrum of viewpoints and experiences as possible.

Integrity: We act consistently with our beliefs. When we err, we acknowledge the mistake and seek to make amends.

PTA Purposes: Historical goals of PTA
* To promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
* To raise the standards of home life.
* To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
* To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
* To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.
The year seems to be flying by with Thanksgiving right around the corner. This is the time of year we reflect on all that we as a group have accomplished and all the work we have yet to do for the children of Kansas. I know all PTA leaders from the Kansas Board of Managers to the region, council and local units, volunteers, educators and administrators put in countless hours volunteering on behalf of children. I would like to thank you for all you do every day in making a difference in the lives of children!

September was proclaimed Kansas PTA Membership Month by Governor Mark Parkinson. PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the United States working to insure all children lead healthy, productive lives and receive the high quality education they deserve. Are we doing everything we can to promote PTA and encourage all parents, educators, grandparents, community members, businesses and student leaders to help us in our endeavors? Ask the neighbor down the street or the businesses you frequent to join your PTA and help make a difference in the lives of children. Think of new ways to get parents into your school and involved in their child’s education like the National PTA Three for Me program and the Male Involvement initiative. Our schools are facing many challenges in these trying times. PTAs can bring vital resources, excellent programs and new innovative ideas to schools which will impact children, adults and families. Everyone will benefit.

Kansas PTA will be hosting an Early Childhood Conference on February 20, 2010. Education leaders from across the state as well as collaborative partners, parents, business leaders and National PTA staff will host discussions on early childhood involvement and early childhood PTA units, the National PTA urban initiative, advocacy, leadership training and issue and best practices sessions. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. More information will follow in the coming months.

The Kansas PTA Board of Managers is here to help you in any way we can. A complete board listing is included in this Bulletin. Let us know your upcoming events as we would love to attend!

Thank you for giving your time and talents to children and PTA!

Debbie

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2009-2010 Reflections

Calling all units, the time has come for our students to express their artistic abilities either through dance, film, literature, music, photography or visual arts. Kansas PTA is excited about participating and supporting in the National PTA Reflections Program. This year’s theme:

“Beauty Is . . .“

The Reflections Program is for Pre-K through 12th grades.

Important deadlines as follows:

- Monday, January 4, 2010: Local Unit Chairman
- Friday, January 15, 2010: Council President**
- Friday, January 22, 2010: Regional Vice President***
- Friday, February 5, 2010: Kansas PTA Arts in Education Chairman

**If your unit does not belong to a Council; forward directly to your Region Vice President.

***If the Regional Vice President position is vacant for your area, submit your entries to the Kansas PTA Arts in Education Chairman.

Additional Reflection information is available on the Summer Packet CD as well as the Kansas PTA website.

Lauri DeNooy
Arts in Education Chairman
Hello again National PTA readers! It’s always a pleasure to take some time and write about the association and its happenings…

The first topic includes President Obama’s back to school speech a couple of weeks ago. National PTA proudly commended the President for addressing America’s youth as they launched a new school year.

As we mentioned in our statement (www.ptanewsroom.org) the day of the speech, the association believes it is positive any time a U.S. President, regardless of political affiliation, speaks directly to students about the responsibility they have for their education and to their families, their country, and themselves.

As an association that includes more than 60,000 students among its membership ranks, PTA maintains that it is relevant and encouraging for America’s students to hear examples of how other children, like them—and even the President himself, overcame the odds to pursue higher education. We also support the President’s remarks regarding the strong role that parents and families can play in the success of their children’s education.

The message of the speech was simple: work hard and stay in school. This speech was not meant to indoctrinate our school children to any agenda.

Let’s remember that Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush all addressed the same general theme during addresses to schoolchildren during their administration. I think all Presidents should take the time to address our students, every year.

There have also been some assertions that the President’s speech was a violation of parents’ civil rights. I completely disagree. The President’s speech should be looked upon as an opportunity—an opportunity for parents to have a candid conversation with their children about setting goals, staying in school, and completing their education. That’s what I did with my kids following the speech, and I expect most parents did the same.

Now, the second topic I’d like to discuss is the question of vaccine safety… it’s a complicated one. There are so many different opinions about vaccine safety and I champion the rights of Americans to express their opinion.

National PTA has a great campaign to vaccinate children, called Let’s Fight Flu Together. It is set up to make it easy, convenient and accessible for PTA’s to host vaccination clinics.

But, let me be clear: National PTA is not an association of clinical research scientists. We rely on the facts available and the expertise of other national advocacy groups, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Medical Association, to guide our policies.

It is my understanding that no causal link between vaccine additives and autism has been established up to this point. The increased incidence in autism to which some may refer is actually an increase in diagnoses of autism and not necessarily an increase in prevalence of autism, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics among other groups. Some increase in autism diagnosis should be expected, as the medical profession furthers its understanding of the collection of disorders that we refer to as autism. The predominant view of the science and medical community is that the number of disorders in this group has grown over time, as has the awareness in the medical community, which could lead to a dramatic increase in diagnoses. As the parent of a special needs child, I see this first hand.

While vaccine additives like thimerosal that are used as preservatives in vaccines are still used in some vaccines, including some flu vaccines, it is my understanding that both the number of vaccines in which they are used and the amount that is used in individual vaccines have decreased sharply.

Again, National PTA does not have expertise in immunization formulation, vaccine safety, or the disorders. However, those who do have expertise should continue to test and monitor the results of immunizations in order to ensure that we are keeping our nation's children safe. These procedures are ongoing, and National PTA believes they should continue.

The association continues to take great care in aligning its initiatives to our mission and will continue to do so…

Until next time everyone!
Chuck Saylors- president, National PTA
Action Steps for Parents to Protect Your Child and Family from the Flu this School Year

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends 4 main ways you and your family may keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:

1. Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

2. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; not into your hands.

3. Stay home if you or your child is sick for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.

4. Get your family vaccinated for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

If flu conditions become MORE severe, parents should consider the following steps:

Extend the time sick children stay home for at least 7 days, even if they feel better sooner. People who are still sick after 7 days should continue to stay home until at least 24 hours after symptoms have completely gone away.

If a household member is sick, keep any school-aged brothers or sisters home for 5 days from the time the household member became sick. Parents should monitor their health and the health of other school-aged children for fever and other symptoms of the flu.

Follow these steps to prepare for the flu during the 2009-2010 school year:

Plan for child care at home if your child gets sick or their school is dismissed.

Plan to monitor the health of the sick child and any other children in the household by checking for fever and other symptoms of flu.

Identify if you have children who are at higher risk of serious disease from the flu and talk to your healthcare provider about a plan to protect them during the flu season. Children at high risk of serious disease from the flu include: children under 5 years of age and those children with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma and diabetes.

Why Join PTA Enjoy the Benefits

Get Connected. There’s no better way to know what’s happening in your school.

Discover Great Resources. The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.

Tap into a Network. Parenting is not easy—it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.

Watch Yourself Grow. By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It’s an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all children in the community.

Speak Up. Because the PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child’s school.

Witness Improvement. By getting involved at your child’s school you’ll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events—all vital to a school’s success.

Be a Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you’ll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

*From Georgia PTA
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

For the
95th ANNUAL KANSAS PTA
STATE CONVENTION
April 23 – April 25, 2010

Lawrence Holiday Inn & Convention Center
200 McDonald Drive
Lawrence, KS 66044

Workshops – Idea Sharing – Leadership Training
Networking – Key Note Speakers – Exhibitors

Things you, your unit and your council can do to prepare for convention right now!

Share the date with all board members and unit members Invite them to attend, learn and represent your unit Budget money for delegates to attend convention

The Convention Registration packet will be mailed to each Unit President. Additional information and registration packet available soon on the Kansas PTA website www.kansas.pta.org
Building Relationships
The First Step to Effective Advocacy

By Nancy Niles Lusk, Kansas PTA Vice President of Advocacy

If there was an over-riding theme to the information presented by speakers at our recent Advocacy Training Conference, it was the importance of building relationships with decision makers. Ryan Wright from Kansas Action for Children explained how building a relationship was the first step to influencing a legislator. In their discussion of the current state school finance situation, Mark Tallman of the Kansas Association of School Boards and Mark Desetti of KNEA also addressed it as a foundation to having influence. Cynthia Jarrold, Kansas PTA president-elect, demonstrated how to speak to legislators in an effective and respectful way to connect them to your issue.

A personal visit is the most effective means of communicating and connecting with a legislator. If you have the start of a relationship with your legislator from a visit with them today, then your later correspondence to them on issues near and dear to your heart tomorrow will have more impact. Your legislator will have a person to tie to the message.

I wish to encourage members from every PTA unit to seek out opportunities this fall to become acquainted with the state legislators (and federal legislators when available) who represent their school's attendance area. Give them a call. Introduce yourself. Make an appointment to meet them. Their home addresses and phone numbers are available at www.kslegislature.org. If you feel shy about it, remember it is not about you-- you need to do it for the sake of kids, which is the best reason I know of to get motivated.

Now is the time before the Kansas legislative session starts in January and while the state legislators are still in their home districts. Meet them in person. Do it in pairs or threes. You don't have to be an expert on every nuance of the issues. But, you should speak from the heart to let them know that the things which are in the best interest of children are important to you. Quality schools and education opportunities; health, wellness and safety concerns for children--these are things which they need to hear you support. These are the things the PTA supports, too.

If you do set up such visits with your legislators, conclude with an expression of your appreciation for the opportunity to visit. And a follow-up thank you letter will impress.

Please keep an eye out for information coming via email updates from us, Kansas PTA, that will inform you on the current school funding debate. We will let you know when KASB has fulfilled their promise and posted on their website the excellent power point overview that Mark Tallman presented at our training conference. There is grave concern by many education advocates about probable and significant cuts coming to state public school funding, and this information will help explain the issue.

Need more information or support? Please don't hesitate to call or email. My email address is nnlusk@kc.rr.com and phone number is 913-648-2616.

PTA Membership . . . is as easy as A-B-C.

Act now & Always Ask
Be enthusiastic
Challenge members
Don't overlook businesses
Enlist faculty and staff
Fathers are important too
Goals are a good start
Heed the purposes of PTA
Interest new people
Join your council meetings
Keep accurate records
Learn by doing
Membership is a year-round project

Notice new families
Organize to be effective
Publicize your goals
Question former members
Reward students
Sell on the values of PTA
Telephone non-members
Use the school newsletter
Value room parents
Win support for PTA
X-amine your plan of work
Youth are important
Zip membership remittance to the state
IMPORTANT OMDR NEWS:

When we announced a new member management system for local PTAs, we thought the reception would be good – but we never expected the reception to be so strong that it would parallel the growth rates of the fastest growing web services in the world (such as FaceBook and Twitter). Yet, local PTAs have readily seen the value in moving from OMDR to OMDRplus powered by Just Between Friends, and have signed on in huge numbers.

Unfortunately, with extreme growth, comes growing pains; and we have encountered them during the past seven weeks. The most significant of these has been system performance and customer support – both of which have become unacceptably slow and fallen way below our standards. For this, let us first say we’re sorry.

As such, we’re taking decisive actions to mitigate those pains as promptly as possible, allowing us to turn Just Between Friends back into the system that you want and that we want to provide to you.

Since much of the pain was caused by a sudden influx of PTAs, our first action is that JBF and PTA have jointly decided to suspend the open registration period to allow the team to concentrate on the units that have already signed up. Those who have not yet signed up for OMDRplus powered by Just Between Friends can continue to use the traditional OMDR until the situation is resolved, at which time you will be notified that the Just Between Friends system is ready for another open registration period.

Additionally, the Just Between Friends team has already taken other steps to begin resolving the issues we’ve encountered. They have improved the performance of several often-used pages, installed a new phone system that allows PTA leaders to get self-help using phone-prompts, and other actions. Working directly with PTA, the Just Between Friends team will continue to improve the way the system is used for PTAs.

So therefore, in the immediate future (which will be at least the next two months), the Just Between Friends team will concentrate solely on upgrading the system to eliminate the slowness issue and any resulting errors. Also in this time period, in addition to moving the spreadsheet import and revised OMDR import from beta to production, new processes will be put in place to handle support calls more quickly, and a new set of self-training tools are being put together.

Once again, for those of you who have experienced some frustration, we ask that you be as patient as you possibly can until we can fully implement our plan. Our support team is working diligently to catch up and give you top support. You can help us help you by giving complete, concise information if and when you have a support case, so that we can expedite your case to resolution.

Our ultimate goal, like yours, is a better system for you and for all PTA units at all levels.

Scott Brody for National PTA
David Radin for Just Between Friends
TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SCHOOL WEEK FEBRUARY 7-13, 2010

$1,897.00 AWARDS FROM NATIONAL PTA

Plan family involvement events for February 7–13, 2010, and apply for an $1,897 Award to support your PTA in opening school doors to all families.

National PTA is offering the $1,897 Awards, also called the PTA Take Your Family to School Week Awards, to local PTAs with plans to celebrate PTA Take Your Family to School Week 2010.

The week, February 7–13, is a special opportunity for schools to connect parents to their children’s school experiences, create occasions for educators to build positive partnerships with families, and give kids fun ways to share what they’re learning and doing in class.

Promoting family involvement in children’s education has been at the heart of PTA since its founding in February 1897. PTA Take Your Family to School Week and the $1,897 Awards honor and continue that legacy.

The awards are funded by AXA Foundation, Proud National Sponsor of PTA.

PTA Take Your Family to School Week Awards will be given only to PTAs in good standing. All applications will be subject to competitive review. Judges will be looking for events that:

— Are planned for PTA Take Your Family to School Week 2010,
— Are inclusive,
— Promote parent and family involvement in the school,
— Emphasize parent and family involvement’s connection to student achievement, and
— Further the Mission of PTA.

Each local PTA that is selected for an award will receive:

— A monetary award of $1,897 to support PTA activities
— A potential visit to its school by a representative from the awards sponsor, AXA Foundation, or AXA Advisors
— Recognition from the National PTA president.

The $1,897 monetary award may be used only to cover direct expenses for PTA work. All award monies must be used by the PTA for PTA purposes.

Applications must be received at National PTA headquarters by 5:00 p.m. CST, Friday, November 6, 2009. Late applications will not be accepted. Recipients of awards will be notified by Friday, December 4, 2009. Go to www.pta.org for online application.

TREASURER TIDBITS

Happy Fall Treasurers! This is a reminder that Units need to file their 990-EZ by November 15th. If your unit has gross receipts less than $25,000, just mark that on the form. There is no need to fill out the rest of the form. If it is more than $25,000 then the form needs to be filled out. For assistance completing the IRS Form go to www.pta.org/MoneyQRG#990EZ. Instructions are on page 71 on the website. To access the webpage you will need the username and password on the back of your membership card (Username: Parents – Password: TakeAction). The instructions on the website tell you exactly how to fill out the form. You can fill out the form on the IRS website. Once you have finished filling out the form by either website or hand copy, a copy of the 990-EZ needs to be sent to the PTA State Office to remain in compliance.

If you file online, we just need a copy of the IRS confirmation to be sure that this was filed. If you have any questions, please contact me for assistance.

Please remember to remit your dues monthly to the State Office. Please make sure to fill out the Treasurer Remittance Form. Don’t forget to fill out the back of the form and check any awards that pertain to your Unit!

Have a great Fall!

Marie Thomas
Kansas PTA
Treasurer
Membership Month

On August 25, 2009 Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson signed a Proclamation declaring September PTA Membership Enrollment Month. Local units and councils can ask their city leadership to sign proclamations also. If you would like text or a scanned copy of the proclamation contact the office.

Congratulations! to all of our PTA/PTSA units that earned the Early Bird Award.

Why not submit an additional 25 members by January 1st and your unit will earn the Meadowlark Award!

But the fun doesn’t need to end there... your membership will thrive when you earn any of these General Membership awards...

Golden Apple Award – Units with 100% membership of full-time certified staff.
Challenge Award – Units with a 5% membership increase over the previous year’s total.
One Voice for Every Child Award – Membership total is equal to or greater than the number of students enrolled in the school.
Kansas Honor Roll Award – Units with membership equal to or greater than 60% of their enrollment.
Community Outreach Award – Units with at least 10 non-traditional members. Non-traditional is defined as any member who is not the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school, a teacher or staff member in the school, or a student in a PTSA.

Special Membership Awards (Determined by the membership committee after April 1st)
Tomorrow’s Leaders Today Award – Awarded to the 1 (one) PTSA unit with the highest percentage of Student Memberships.
President’s Challenge Award – Units with at least a 25% member increase.
Gold Award – Awarded to the 1 (one) unit with the greatest increase in membership numbers over the previous year.
Silver Award – Awarded to the 1 (one) unit with the greatest percentage increase in membership over the previous year.

Patty Jurich, KPTA VP of Member Services

Who Have You Asked to Join PTA Today?

Attracting new members and retaining current ones are among the most important duties of a PTA. A thriving membership doesn’t just happen; it requires good planning and year-round attention. Successful membership drives are essential for bringing new volunteers and excitement to our local members, but membership efforts need to continue past September, they need to continue throughout the year.

Every PTA event is an opportunity to recruit new members, and every volunteer is a potential PTA member or supporter! Remember, the number one reason that people don’t join is that they were never asked.

Adapted from Colorado PTA newsletter
HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FROM SAFE KIDS KANSAS  
Pedestrian Safety Awareness Essential for Kids on Dangerous Night of the Year

Topeka, Kan. -- Halloween is supposed to be a spooky night, but parents don’t have to be scared about their kids’ safety if they follow some simple safety tips from Safe Kids Kansas. Over a recent five-year period, on average, twice as many child pedestrians have been killed on Halloween as have been killed on average throughout the rest of the year. With the days getting shorter, children are likely to be trick-or-treating in the dark when it is harder for drivers to see them and the excitement of the holiday can make everyone less cautious.

“Parents need to remind kids about safety while walking before they go out trick-or-treating,” says Cherie Sage, State Director for Safe Kids Kansas. “Children should bring flashlights or glow sticks with them, carry reflective bags or have reflective tape on their costumes to increase visibility to drivers. Children should not wear masks which may inhibit their ability to see hazards.”

Tips for Parents and Kids

Safe Kids recommends that children under age 10 do not trick-or-treat without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to go trick-or-treating without supervision, make sure they go in a group and they stick to a predetermined route with good lighting. Parents must also remind kids to:

- **Cross streets safely.** Cross at a corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Try to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them. Don’t assume that because you can see the driver, the driver can see you. Look left, right and left again when crossing, and keep looking as you cross. Walk; don’t run, across the street.
- **Walk on well-lit sidewalks or paths.** If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk in familiar areas with minimal street crossings.
- **Be a safe pedestrian around cars.** Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Tips for Drivers

Drivers need to do their part to keep trick-or-treaters safe from harm. Safe Kids reminds motorists to be extra careful this Halloween and recommends that drivers:

- **Be especially alert.** Remember that popular trick-or-treating hours are during the typical rush-hour period, between 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Drive more slowly.** Slow down and anticipate heavier than usual pedestrian traffic.
- **Lights on.** Be sure to drive with your full headlights on so you can spot children from greater distances.

Although pedestrian safety is a main concern on Halloween, parents also need to keep in mind that there are other hazards for their children on this holiday. Parents must check treats for signs of tampering before children are allowed to eat them. To prevent costume fires, keep jack-o’-lanterns that are lit with candles away from doorsteps and walkways, and consider using glow sticks instead of candles. Safe Kids Kansas suggests that parents look for non-flammable costumes and non-toxic designations when choosing Halloween makeup and make sure their children wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes to prevent trips and falls. Finally, children should only go to homes where the residents are known and there are outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

For more tips on how to keep kids safe while walking on Halloween and throughout the year, visit www.usa.safekids.org.
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