Greetings from Kansas State PTA President ~ Denise Sultz

My how time flies when you are having fun. We have all heard this phrase before. But my hope for you is that you are all saying it next May when your school year is wrapping up. After all, it is the fun that you will remember. The people that you will get to know better. The smiles of the children at an event that you’ve planned. The laughs that you will share along the way. Sometimes we let the stress take over and we feel like that is all that we can see. If you reach that point, please, call me. I will help talk you off the ledge – I will allow you to vent – and, together, we will help you find a solution to your stressors. That is the advantage of being a leader in PTA. There are people who have walked your path, have your same scars, and lived to tell about it and we LOVE to share and give advice. Please feel free to reach out and take advantage of the experience of others. And please take advantage of the resources that PTA provides for you. Like us on Facebook for updates thru the year and reminders of deadlines. Loaded to our website at Kansas-pta.org you will find the NPTA “2016 Back to School Kit” with information in all areas of running a PTA. This bulletin has directions for how to access it. If you have turned in your New Officer Form for the 2016-2017 year, you should be contacted soon about getting your Membership Cards and your Kansas PTA Flashdrive with more information. Please contact Natalie in our office if you haven’t received yours. Take advantage of the e-learning opportunities at PTA.org and mark your calendar for our Fall Leadership Training on September 17, 2016, at Indian Creek Technology Center in the Shawnee Mission School District. Taking advantage of training and networking opportunities will calm that stress and give you the confidence and skills to have that amazing year that you are hoping for. And please feel free to let me know how it is going along the way.

#whyIpta is the new initiative that Kansas PTA is using to show others why we started walking the PTA path. You will see our picture in this bulletin and also will see individual stories on our Facebook Page. Please like our page to keep up with this initiative but, even better, send us your #whyIpta story so we can share it on our Facebook page.

Dates to Remember:
- September 15, 2016: Audit Report due to State Office
- September 17, 2016: Fall Leadership Training
- September 30, 2016: New Officer Form - Final Due Date to be a Unit in Good Standing
- October 1, 2016: First Dues to State Office – Early Bird Deadline
- November 11, 2016: Citizenship Entries to Field Service Representatives
- November 15, 2016: 990 Report Due to IRS with copy to State Office
- December 2, 2016: Citizenship Entries from Field Service Rep to KS Arts Chair
- December 15, 2016: Reflections Entries to Field Service Representatives
- April 28-30, 2017: Kansas PTA Convention – Kansas City, KS
Kansas PTA Membership

Hello! My name is Jose Gutierrez and I am the Kansas PTA Membership Chair.

First, I hope everyone has had a good summer. I want to welcome everyone back for the 2016-2017 school year. The Kansas PTA Board of Managers have chosen the theme for this school year of “HIT A HOMERUN WITH PTA.” We hope you have fun with this theme.

I am ready to have an awesome year with membership with everybody’s help and together we will keep our association strong. Do not forget our mission is to advocate for all children for a better future.

Have a great year! Thank you!

Guidance from Kansas PTA on Family Memberships

Family memberships are becoming a very popular option for local PTA units. They can be a great way to get both Mom and Dad engaged in the school and receiving messages from PTA. It is also a way to keep Grandma and Grandpa aware of what is going on in their grandkids’ schools. Family memberships are a fantastic way to increase your membership numbers and your voice for advocacy efforts. Kansas PTA commends those units for out of the box thinking about membership and encourages you to continue to work hard to increase your membership! When setting your family membership dues rates, please keep in mind that Kansas PTA and National PTA do not recognize family memberships. Our membership, like most other national associations, recognizes individual memberships only. The combined Kansas PTA and National PTA portions of the dues that you charge are $3.50 ($1.25 for Kansas $2.25 for National). If you have a family of four eligible PTA members (age 11 and up for PTSA schools), that would be a total of $14 due to Kansas PTA. We encourage you to keep that in mind when setting your dues for family memberships and when counting your membership numbers when you are ready to remit to Kansas PTA. Keep up the great work on membership and have a wonderful beginning to your school year!!!!

Get the 2016-2017 Back-To-School Kit Now!

The 2016-2017 National PTA Official Back-To-School Kit is jam-packed with tools, resources and info—info for Presidents, Finance, Membership, Programs, Fundraising and Marketing—all specially designed to help you run your PTA. It’s a one-stop click for everything you need to know.

The kit is completely digital - you can view the website from your phone, tablet or other mobile devices. Having the Back-To-School Kit with you while you're on the go is a big perk. We guarantee it will help you be more efficient and productive as a PTA leader.

YOU MUST REGISTER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE Back To School Kit. Registration is a very simple process. Here’s How:

• Go to PTAKit.org. National PTA President Laura Bay’s welcome video and the homepage are open to everyone.
• Once you begin to use the site, you'll be prompted to register. There is also a "REGISTRATION" tab on the top right corner of the homepage.
• Fill out all of the required information.
• Once you've completed your registration, you'll receive an email with a link. Click the link to set a username and password.

Mia Wooldridge
Marketing KS PTA Chair
USDA releases final rules on Smart Snacks, wellness policies, school meal program reviews, and Community Eligibility Provision

Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released four final rules on Smart Snacks, local school wellness policies, school meal program reviews, and the Community Eligibility Provision. These rules finalize changes initiated with the 2010 Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act and strengthen the commitment to creating healthier school environments.

Read the full press release from the USDA.

These rules help to make healthy choices the easy choice for schools and students by:

- aligning snack foods sold in schools with the nutrition standards for school breakfast and lunch;
- ensuring robust implementation of updated nutrition standards for school meals, snacks, and beverages;
- providing consistent messaging and marketing about healthy food and beverage choices in schools;
- fostering a collaborative approach to local school wellness policies to improve access to healthy food and physical activity;
- expanding access to school meals;
- maintaining school meal program integrity through accountability and standards; and
- strengthening efforts of parents, teachers, coaches and school partners to help students reach their potential in a healthy school environment.

We will share more information on these final rules in the upcoming weeks. Our Wellness Policy Tool will be updated to reflect the new changes and to help school districts realign their wellness policies with the updated requirements. We will also offer free webinars and additional resources about these final rules. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and on our events calendar.

Fuel Up to Play 60 Program Advisor Training Camp

Want to empower your students and build a healthier school and community? Here’s your chance! Join fellow educators, administrators and other community members who share your passion for health & wellness at the interactive 2016 Fuel Up to Play 60 Program Advisory Training Camp. When? Tuesday, September 27 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Where? Wichita Art Museum. Throughout the day you will learn how to develop student leaders and build a healthier school through Fuel Up to Play 60, network & exchange ideas, & dig into available funding, rewards and incentives. This event is free to attend. Interested in attending and want to learn more? Email Marley Sugar, Health & Wellness Chairman for Kansas PTA at msugar@midwestdairy.com.

Win a Fuel Up to Play 60 with KC Wolf Assembly for Your School

Midwest Dairy Council and the Kansas City Chiefs are on a mission to help your school become a healthier place and have a little fun in the process! The Fuel Up to Play 60 with KC Wolf Assembly is a no cost, 45 minute interactive program for students in grades K-8 that teaches about the importance of eating healthy and staying active. During the event, KC Wolf will help your school kick off and continue your Fuel Up to Play 60 plans while inspiring your students to get in the game! If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please reach out to Marley Sugar, Health & Wellness Chairman for Kansas PTA at msugar@midwestdairy.com.

Access template newsletters, suggested social media posts, graphics and more!

It’s back-to-school season and a great time to share the benefits of including power-packed protein, such as milk, cheese and yogurt, in meals, school lunch boxes and snacks. Midwest Dairy Council has created a Power Up with Protein communications toolkit to share how dairy foods make it easy to fuel your day with protein-packed dairy foods. You’ll find newsletter and blog copy, suggested media posts, graphics and more! Visit midwestdairy.com to access these resources.
Because I believe in the potential of each and every child.
Because it is up to us, through involvement, to ensure our children have the future each deserves. (Josh)
To give ALL kids the same opportunity.
Because we can make a difference in the kid’s lives and the community (Josie)
Because I want better education and better future for all the kids.
To be an example to my own children, the importance of volunteering for the needs of kids. (Mia)
To advocate for individuals with special needs and to be there as a partner with my children’s teachers (Dawn)
I was asked by my 5 year old to come for her, to help her class. My why I stayed? The same 5 year old said come back because other mommies can’t. (Monica)
We are better advocates of our school kids working together! (Devin)
Because we need each other to work together for the kids in Kansas. We all come from different communities but we are here doing the work of PTA for ALL kids in our state and around the country. (Rachel)
Because all children’s lives matter! Whether it is race, disability, economic status; every child deserves the best future we can give them to be successful adults tomorrow! (Diana)
Because I like to make popcorn and have fun with all children in Kansas. (Jill)
I PTA to better get to know my son’s teachers and peers. Those relationships allow me to be a more informed and connected advocate for Kansas kids and academic careers. (Vikki)
It’s Passion, It’s Teamwork, and It’s Action (Pam)
Because I was asked almost 20 years ago and I feel like I can make a difference in all children’s lives. (Sheila)
Working along side teachers / administration, and supporting them creates informed and stronger advocates for our kids—Tash
Because I wanted to help lead a reading group for my oldest daughter’s class about 30 years ago. Several children in the group would see me at school for other things and come up and say hi and call me the reading mommy. I was hooked. (Denise)
Greetings Region 1

"PTA in KCK, We’re Hotte in the Dotte". Summer is rapidly coming to an end and with that the beginning of a new school year. I would like to encourage all units in USD 500 to send these forms to the state office, the 2016-2017 new officers form, 990, a copy of their audit and standing rules.

I am ready to deliver the summer packet (flash drive) and membership cards.

Let’s get ready to make a difference.

PTA is Passion, Teamwork and Action!

Pam Smith, Field Service Representative Region 1

Hello Region 4 and Region 7 from your Field Service Representative, Diana Fabac

It is that time of year where you are starting to get ready for Back to School. Here are a few items to keep in mind when getting ready:

Be sure to have a board/planning meeting to get ready for a staff back to school and parent/student membership drive. Have your membership drive theme already in place and be sure you have the amount in your budget to hold your membership drives. If selling family memberships; remember that if the family consists of say 4 or 6 family members, you MUST send in membership to the state at $3.50 for each of those members. Saying this, you need to price your family memberships accordingly. I have membership cards and Summer Packet flash drives for Region 7; I will be contacting you after I see that your New Officer Form has been received in the office.

Region 4 - yours will be sent out by the State Office after we receive your New Officer Form and should be to you shortly thereafter.

There will be a Fall Leadership Training in September through the State PTA, please watch for the date and times and please plan on attending this training. It is very important that your board is trained and continues to take advantage of any training offered.

Lastly, I want to say that I am here for you if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me at my new email address of fabacd@yahoo.com. I also want you to just have fun with your membership drives. You are not limited to one membership drive a year. Have them monthly. You always want to offer the opportunity to people in your school to become new members so be prepared to ask and have membership forms with you at all times. There will more to come from me soon, welcome back, and I hope to see all of you, my PTA friends, in the near future.

Julie Howard | Early Childhood Chair

Good day! Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Now as it is back to school time it is also a time that many young children’s programs start up, such as Parents As Teachers, preschools, and parent groups. If you contact your local school district they will be able to tell you what is available in your area and what age groups they serve. If you have a Parents As Teachers group in your area they serve birth to 3 years so your child is never too young to get started in learning. It is also time for many to get immunizations. Playing nurse or practicing getting shots can help ease some of this fear and remember parents - to keep yourselves calm as well.


Tell me what to do instead Tip:

Avoid: Don’t play in the water/sink
Say: Wash your hands. When you are finished washing your hands, please dry them.

Positive acknowledgement: You washed your hands. What a healthy guy! You followed the hand washing steps! You try hard.

Extra Extra Read all about it!!!!!!

My name is Josie Gutierrez and I’m the VP of Extension Services for Kansas PTA. Myself, Diana Fabac, KSPTA Extension Chair, and Jose Gutierrez, KSPTA Membership Chair want to welcome you to KSPTA and to the first Hispanic Community PTA in the state of Kansas and in the Turner School District. We are looking forward to allowing them to learn about PTA in their own language during the 2016-2017 school year and all the years to come. The Hispanic Community PTA is going to be working hard to advocate for the Kansas PTA/PTSA children and parents of this community. For those of you in the Turner School District, please feel free to refer people to us that you feel might benefit from hearing about PTA in the Spanish language. If you are not in the Turner School District and would like more information on how to start a Hispanic Community PTA to help your Spanish speaking population, please contact Josie Gutierrez at Josiechad@yahoo.com or email the state office at kansaspta@gmail.com.

Please join me on giving a Huge Welcome and congratulation to our First Hispanic Community PTA in the State of Kansas.

Thank you,

Josie
It’s back to school time, but our Kansas Legislature won’t be back in session until January. There are no special sessions or special committees regarding education scheduled at this point. However, a lot is up in the air, since it is an election year with all 125 House seats and all 40 Senate seats up for grabs. Incumbents are either running ON their voting records, or running FROM their voting records. Check out Kansas PTA Legislative’s Vote Counts on Tax Policy and Education Policy here [http://www.kansaspta-legislative.org/](http://www.kansaspta-legislative.org/). At the time of my writing, it is still before the August 2nd primary election with our first chance to change for the better. The November general election will determine our course for the next few years in Topeka. Please don’t overlook the downballot candidates. Judicial retention is an important decision as well.

The Legislature met for two days in June for special session, and through a rare bipartisan effort, worked together approving a Gannon Equity school funding solution that was approved by the courts. September 21, the Kansas Supreme Court will hear arguments regarding Gannon Adequacy. If the Kansas Supreme Court upholds the decision of the lower court, that could result in an additional $800 million required for Kansas Public Schools. Through our growing advocacy network, we have been able to successfully block some bad bills over the past two years from becoming law. It takes timely and effective communication, and we all play a role in this part. Spreading information from State PTA to local units and then to our parents and patrons is critical in making sure our elected get the message. I am encouraged that more and more people are becoming aware of the issues facing education, and holding their elected accountable. I’m challenging each and every one of you to vote in the primary and general election this year! Vote informed, and check out our Kansas PTA Legislative website for incumbents’ voting records. Not sure who your elected is? Enter your address into [http://openstates.org/](http://openstates.org/) and your state house representative and senator will be listed.

If your unit doesn’t have a legislative chair, find someone who might be interested. It’s a fun and rewarding position, and only requires the work that you put into it. At a minimum, the person passes on information from State PTA to local PTA members. If the person prefers to go all in, he/she can put together testimony and present in committee in Topeka, among other things. There is definitely a range of involvement, and a fit for anyone! And you befriend the best people along the way!

Back to school means back to learning. Remember, Kansas PTA is available to come to your location and present on many topics of interest, from the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards, to Legislative issues, to Advocacy.

Have a great and wonderful school year!

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Dawn Lalumondier | Treasurer 2015-2017
treasurer@kansaspta.org | 913-660-4763

The start to the school year is always so exciting. Seeing the looks of apprehension on the children’s faces as they enter their new classrooms and meet their new teachers. Seeing those looks change to looks of joy as they see that their friend has the same class as them or the first time the teacher smiles or gives them a kind word. The PTA is extremely busy this time of year with Back-To-School nights, fundraisers, setting the strategy for the coming year and, of course, getting their own children comfortably into the new school year. During this busy time, I want to remind you of the importance of getting your PTA year started off on the right foot. In order for Kansas PTA to get you the information that your unit needs, please make sure that your incoming officer form has been submitted to Kansas PTA. Make sure that your books have been audited before the new treasurer takes over (or before the continuing treasurer continues their work). Ensure that that audit is submitted to Kansas PTA. At your first meeting of the year, ensure that a budget is passed in order to ensure that your members have a voice in how the children’s money is being spent. As always, your Kansas PTA Board of Managers are available to you to answer any questions that you have. I hope that all of you and your children have an amazing start to this school year!
Don’t Forget to Include Family Engagement When Planning Your PTA Programs For The Upcoming School Year!!

Many times we are asked “What does my dues help pay for?” Part of the answer is — programs. Go to PTA.org to find out more about all of these free programs that you can use for your school!

Some great programs include;

3 For Me is a program to increase parent volunteers and to help you engage your parents in their child’s school.

Take your Family to School Week — Feb. 13-17, 2017 — will celebrate PTAs, families and schools working together to support your student rock star. Here are some event ideas to host: Connect For Respect (C4R) Toolkit…Creative Career Fair Event Guide…Family Reading Experience Powered by Kindle Toolkit…Healthy Lifestyles…Multicultural Event Guide…Safety Toolkit…Smart Talk Toolkit

Kindle Family Reading Experience is an interactive event that engages the whole family in reading activities. Parents take part in the fun with their kids and leave the event with a deeper understanding of the simple ways they can support the core skills of literacy. Access the Family Reading Experience Toolkit to help you plan your PTA Family Reading Experience for March 2017 (or anytime of the year) using the National Reading Month event check-list, interactive learning stations, turn-key event promotion tools, take-home family tip sheets, videos to share and more. Also learn how you can access free Kindle e-readers for your school with the Kindle Giveaway.

Every Child in Focus is a campaign to strengthen family engagement in schools by celebrating the achievements and reporting the disparities within diverse populations, and sharing resources and advocacy tools to help understand the needs of every child. Each month, National PTA will spotlight the educational issues surrounding a particular group, highlight their accomplishments and focus on ways to help foster Family-School Partnerships (view their 2016 calendar). The campaign is a school-year-long series that provides educators, families and PTAs with the information they need to deepen family engagement in schools through the PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.

Don’t forget to View NPTA’s Leadership Series; attend live webinars and watch recorded events about effective family engagement and community outreach strategies for PTAs to build change.

Other Parent Engagement Tools:

PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships | Diversity & Inclusion Toolkit | Male Engagement | Military Families | Urban Families | Smart Talk Toolkit

Greetings from the Kansas PTA Secretary!
Rachel Henderson

Hope you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer with family as we begin to prepare for the busiest time of year – BACK TO SCHOOL. Hopefully you had time to relax by the pool, take a family vacation, or just enjoy the company of those you love. This summer, I had the extreme pleasure to represent Kansas PTA at the Annual National PTA Convention in Orlando, Florida and it was magical. There were so many great workshops, phenomenal speakers, and best of all the greatest bunch of PTA advocates I know, just like you and I. There were so many great topics discussed but one of the most important was relevancy. As you begin to prepare for classes to resume, develop ways to increase parent/teacher involvement, and the plans for your school’s PTA, I encourage you to reflect on the relevancy of your school’s PTA to the families and community you serve. PTA is more relevant in education than ever, PTA has a voice and a place at the table of decision makers, more than ever, and PTAs are needed in our schools, more than ever. Laura Bay, National PTA President, repeated the following words during convention and I believe they are so true to PTA’s today...“If not them, who will? WE WILL!”

Sending well wishes to you and your PTA for a wonderful 2016-2017 school year.

Kansas PTA is excited to announce a new partnership with KTWU Public Television in Topeka, KS. Our first event will be Lights, Camera, Auction 2016. We will be looking for volunteers to sign up to work the telebank and to serve as auction assistants. Those interested in volunteering for the event the first weekend in November should contact Vikki at ksptamom@aol.com. Winston Churchill said it best, "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." We hope you’ll join us in this opportunity to give back to our community & state.

Vikki Mullins | Arts & Ed Chair
The JCCC Arts Education program is pleased to present a wide variety of events for students, teachers and community members. Arts Education offers youth performances that cultivate future audiences, learning opportunities to impact teaching practices and artist master classes connecting you directly with visiting artists.

Our productions are professional touring companies. We look forward to introducing your students and your family to the transformational power of the arts!

2016-2017
Arts Education
Johnson County Community College

Activities for Schools and Community

School tickets $5 or less | Reservations 913-469-4445

General Public tickets $6 | Online jccc.edu/TheSeries | 913-469-4445

10 A.M. AND 1 P.M. | NOV. 16 | YARDLEY HALL
ROCK THE PRESIDENTS

10 A.M. | JAN. 27 | YARDLEY HALL
EVERYBODY'S HERO: THE JACKIE ROBINSON STORY

10 A.M. AND 1 P.M. | FEB. 7 | YARDLEY HALL
BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR AND OTHER TREASURED STORIES
BY ERIC CARLE

1 P.M. | FEBRUARY 28 | YARDLEY HALL
ODD SQUAD LIVE!

10 A.M. AND 1 P.M. | MARCH 8 | YARDLEY HALL
ELLIS, ISLAND OF DREAMS

10 A.M. | MARCH 23 | YARDLEY HALL
THE TEMPEST by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
performed by Heart of America Shakespeare Festival

CALL
913-469-4445
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon-Fri

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jccc.edu/TheSeries
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12345 College Blvd.
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Professional Development
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Partners in Education Program
The PAS Arts Education Program and Shawnee Mission School District are partners to provide Arts Integration learning opportunities for educators. Our goal is to create and develop arts programs to educate teachers. This expands their abilities to integrate the arts into curriculum, provide innovative teaching techniques and tools, and to inspire the artist within each of them.

Check our web page for class location and updates at jccc.edu/TheSeries, click on Arts Education.
Happy Back to School Days, Friends!

I am super excited about the new school year for Arts in Education. We’ve made some changes to our Arts Program that I think are really going to get our kids’ creative juices flowing. Access Kansas Arts & Awards [here](#):

Here’s what you need to know: 2016 – 2017 Themes

Citizenship – “My Generation Can Change the World by…”

Reflections – “What is Your Story?”

What’s New:

- Citizenship Contest grade participation - Citizenship is now open for 5th – 12th grades! What a great opportunity to help round out those scholarship applications!
- All forms are now fillable - All of this year’s forms are completely fillable. Type & print!
- New form content requests - There’s some new fields this year requesting Parent/guardian specific information. This allows us to better communicate with our winners. Also be on the lookout for word count. Under/over word count is our most common disqualifier. The new form field will nip that problem in the bud!
- Reflections timeline changes - Reflections entries now are due in to your school units before winter break. Be sure to watch out for more information from your school’s PTA.

What’s Not New (but great reminders!):

- Multiple entries - Students may enter an essay AND a poetry piece in Citizenship, as well as pieces in EVERY Reflections category
- Special Artist Category - We are hoping to partner with SEPTA this year to offer a Special Arts Night to assist special needs students with Reflections entries. Watch the Kansas PTA Facebook page for more information!
- Student entry - Students and parents can self-submit to the National PTA Reflections system! Check it out at [https://ptareflections.fluidreview.com/](https://ptareflections.fluidreview.com/)
- National PTA Reflections Theme Search - Entry forms are available through your school PTA Unit and at [http://www.kansas-pta.org/](http://www.kansas-pta.org/). There is a $100 prize available for the student whose theme is chosen!

Awards:

The most exciting part of the Arts year is celebrating our students at the annual awards ceremony! The 2017 Kansas PTA Membership & Arts in Education Award Celebration will take place on Friday, April 28, 2017 starting at 7:00pm at the Kansas PTA Convention in Kansas City, Kansas.

We look forward to see you there!

That’s all from the arts corner. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. You can reach me by email at [ksptamom@aol.com](mailto:ksptamom@aol.com).

Now, go forth, and CREATE!

~ Vikki

KS PTA Arts & Awards Chair
Participate in The School of Excellence Program! **Now is The Perfect Time to Start Planning!**

**Now** is the perfect time to talk to your PTA leaders, your Principal and your families about participating.

If you enroll your school/PTA before school starts, you will have the added opportunities to survey your school community at your Back to School events, Open House or include your surveys in the students back to school packets during the first week of school - (Parents are always looking for papers and forms to fill out during the first week of school) It’s a Great time to get started!

By enrolling early you will have more time to survey your school community and starting working on your goals. **Things you can do now so you are prepared to enroll:**

- Determine that your school community wants to participate.
- Before you enroll, determine who will be on your School of Excellence committee (your committee should reflect your school community).
- Before you enroll determine how to best survey your school’s families and the best time for doing that (once you enroll you will receive access to surveys for your school Principal and your school’s families).
- During the online enrollment you will need demographic information about your school community which can be obtained from your school’s administration.

**The National PTA School of Excellence program,** celebrates the partnership between PTA leaders and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students.

**What does it take to be recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence?**

It takes a joint commitment of PTA and school leaders who want to work together to engage families in a meaningful way. Put together a team that represents your school community to work on this program. Once you have that, National PTA makes the rest easy for you with this step-by-step process:

Enroll before **Oct. 1** for the **2016-2017** school year at PTA.org/Excellence or phone at 800-307-4782. You will receive the **Getting Started Guide**, which describes program components, including your first steps to gather feedback from families and set goals with your school partner.

- Survey families and submit the results through National PTA’s Family-School Partnership Scan.
- Receive a customized **Roadmap to Excellence** containing recommendations that responds to your family survey results reported in the Family-School Partnership Scan.
- Complete the National PTA School of Excellence application before June 1, 2017.
- Celebrate your excellence! All National PTA School of Excellence recipients will receive a toolkit to support celebration activities.

In addition to local visibility, your PTA and school will gain national and statewide recognition as a National PTA School of Excellence. On top of that, your PTA will be eligible to earn the **Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award**. This is National PTA’s highest honor recognizing effective family engagement strategies and includes a $2,000 grant.

**Enroll Today!!**

Submitted by Patty Jurich  
Kansas PTA Family Engagement Chair  
Information from National PTA  
Visit PTA.org/Excellence or call 800-307-4782
# Kansas PTA Board Roster

Kansas PTA Bulletin

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