

## 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!

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**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 anum. In combination with National PTA's dues, this will mean that dues will change to being a combined \$4.00 per person per anum 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](http://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  
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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](http://www.kansas-pta.org)).

Patty Jurich Kansas PTA Scholarship Chairman



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Start Planning Now** to put your school on the National PTA School of Excellence map for the 2017-18 School Year!

**Now** is the perfect time to talk to your PTA leaders, your Principal and your families about participating. By enrolling early you will have more time to survey your school community and starting working on your

**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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>** and before **October 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Elementray 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

## 2016-2017 Kansas PTA Membership Awards -continued-

**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

Prairie Elementary PTA

Rising Star Elementary PTA

Shawnee Mission East PTSA

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