

108th Annual Kansas PTA Convention April 21-22, 2023

Savior Pastoral Center

12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109



2023 Convention Speakers include:

**Lee Morin – NASA Astronaut—Project Artemis
Team member - Ret. U.S. Navy Captain -
Friday evening Keynote**

**Yvonne Johnson - National PTA President Elect -
she will be with us all weekend**

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Kansas PTA Board of Managers

Patty Jurich, Kansas PTA President



Connection - Transition - Reflection

It's hard to believe that it's already 2023! The school year is halfway over and I know you have many exciting things still planned, as does Kansas PTA. Your units and or council have already accomplished many things and you should be proud of your endeavors.

Have you shared your accomplishments with your parents, school staff and others in the community? Take time to inform them of the great things your PTA is doing and thank them for their support. **They won't know how wonderful your PTA is if you don't tell them!**

This is a time to reflect and evaluate your PTA's programs and goals.

- * What worked and what didn't.
- * Is there anything you would recommend doing differently next year?
- * Have your programs been driven by the PTA Mission?
- * Does your budget need amended? (Check your bylaws on the proper procedure.)
- * Are you addressing community issues?
- * Are you involving your entire community?
- * How can membership be promoted in the second half of the year?
- * Has a nominating committee been elected?
- * Are you compiling a procedure book to pass on to your successor?

In addition, are you planning for the future by motivating and developing new leaders?

This is also a time of transition - developing new leaders from within our membership ensures that our organization has a constant influx of new ideas worthy

of the PTA mission.

The election of your nominating committee is a critical component. Your Bylaws and standing rules will tell you when and who elects your nominating committee.

Once new officers are elected it is essential that both the outgoing and incoming officers plan for a smooth transition.

Part of that smooth transition is making sure that information is shared from the outgoing officer to the incoming officer, through procedure books and one on one meetings. It is essential that the new officers have the tools and information they need to step into their new roles and lead your PTA.

One important way for new leaders to get information and training on how to run a PTA is by attending the **Annual Kansas PTA Convention**.

Information on the annual convention and how to register is in the "[Call to Convention](#)", which was sent out February 10th, through MemberHub and a printed copy should also arrive at your school.

Remember... Nurturing our emerging leaders is important not only for the seamless operation of units from term to term, but it's also the means by which PTA remains relevant to the school community.

Kansas PTA is:

A powerful voice for All children
A resource for parents
A strong advocate for public education

Reasons People Volunteer:

- Because they were asked.
- Because someone they love benefits.
- To meet people and because they enjoy working with people

Recognize and reward achievement:

- Saying "Thank you".
- Recognizing them publicly either with
- informal praise or an award.
- Giving them more training and responsibility. (PTA Convention is right around the corner).

NOMINATIONS ARE IN ORDER...

The election of officers is one of the most important duties of the association. The bylaws should define the method of nomination and election that best suits the needs of the association. Nominations by a nominating committee is the method most widely used. Your bylaws should state when the committee is elected and by whom.

Serving on a nomination committee is an honor and a privilege. The decisions of the committee will impact the future of your PTA. Check your bylaws NOW!

- * The committee members are **elected**, not selected, and should have PTA knowledge and know members within the PTA.
- * The **president does not** appoint the nominating committee and may not be an ex-officio member, nor is it appropriate for the president to exert any influence on its selection of nominees.
- * The chair of the nominating committee is selected according to the provisions of the bylaws.
- * It is the responsibility of the nominating committee to recognize and seek qualified nominees for the elected leadership of the PTA. The members of the committee, therefore, have a tremendous influence on the future of the PTA and should be carefully elected.
- * Committee members themselves may be nominated for office if their standing rules allow for this. If it does, they should be excused from the room while

their nomination is being considered and may return to vote.

- * **Discussion of the nominees is confidential** and voting should be by ballot. A prospective nominee does not need to know that he/she was not your first choice

Consider new people so your PTA grows and does not give the impression of being a "clique."]

- * Don't just select people because they expect to be asked or might be offended if not asked. Choose them because they are right for the job.
- * Don't tell prospective candidates, "It's not a big job." The prospective nominee should be informed of exactly what the position entails.
- * Nominees must give their consent to serve if elected.

The entire board is responsible for your success, but remember, it is not the job of the officers to "do it all." You will recruit committee chairs and volunteers to help you accomplish each of your PTA's goals.



Recognize Excellence



This is an excellent time to plan ahead to recognize all those wonderful volunteers and educators who make a difference in the lives of children. (information about the following awards are on the Kansas PTA website, www.kansas-pta.org .

- * Nominate an educator for the Kansas PTA Outstanding Educator Award -the deadline is March 15th.
- * Nominate a student for the Kansas PTA Outstanding Student Award - the deadline is March 15th.
- * Nominate an outstanding leader for the Virginia Peak Outstanding Leadership Award - the deadline is March 15th.

With a \$10 donation you can say "Thank You" to those individuals who have made a difference in the lives of children, by nominating them to the Marjorie Holwich "Wall of Fame." The form is on the Kansas PTA website (click on the Programs tab, and then the Arts & Awards tab, and then scroll down the page to the bottom) nominations may be made year-round. **Proceeds benefit the Kansas PTA Scholarship Program.**

2023-2025 Kansas PTA Slate of Nominees

*** The Nominating & Leadership Development Committee presents the following candidate to serve as President Elect for the remainder of the 2022 -2023 term: and then serve as President for the 2023-2025 term:**

President -Elect: Denise Sultz - Region 8, 2022-23 term

*** The Nominating & Leadership Development Committee presents the following slate of candidates to serve as Officers for the 2023 - 2025 term:**

President -Elect: , Region 7, for the 2023-2025 term, then as President for the 2025-2027 term.

Vice President of Advocacy: Region 2023 - 2025 term

Vice President of Extension Services: Region 2023 - 2025 term

Vice President of Member Services: Janell Keltner, Region 7, 2023 - 2025 term

Secretary: Angie Gunion, Region 8, 2023 - 2025 term

Treasurer: Sarah Dunn, Region 8, 2023 - 2025 term

*** The following candidates have been nominated to serve on the Nominating & Leadership Development Committee for the 2023-2025 term:**

Patty Jurich, Region 1

Jean Baucom, Region 8

The Nominating & Leadership Development Committee shall report to the convention body on the first day of business, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided consent has been obtained from the nominees. **Nominees running from the floor must give thirty (30) days notification before the beginning of the state convention of their intent to run.** This notification must be given in writing to the State President and Chairman of the Nominating & Leadership Development Committee. When there is only one nominee for an NLDC position the nominee shall be declared selected by the presiding officer. ***Notification of intent to run must be emailed to Kansaspta@gmail.com , no later than March 21st, 2023.***

Denise Sultz is Nominated for President Elect 2022-2023-

Denise Sultz has spent many years involved in PTA from the local to the National Level. She is currently a member of the NPTA Nominating and Leadership Recruitment Committee and will finish her three year term on June 30th this year. She served as the National PTA Secretary-Treasurer from 2017 thru 2019 and served 4 years on the National Board of Directors from 2010 thru 2014. She also served as the National Representative at the Iowa PTA State Convention.

Denise was the Kansas PTA President from 2015-2017. Before that she served as President-Elect, Vice President of Member Services, and Vice President of Extension Services and Region 6 Vice President. She has been the chairman of many committees including 2012 Convention Committee Chair, Convention Workshop Chair and Audit Committee chairs.

In addition she has served on the Scholarship, Legislative, Bylaws and Resource Development committees.

At the local level she has served in many role including Treasurer, Vice-President and as the President of the Shawnee Mission Area Council, and was PTA President at both Comanche Elementary and Shawnee Mission West High School.

Denise is a Revenue Accountant at KBPbrands. She has a Bachelor's degree in Management and Human Resources and an Associate's degree in Business.

She and her husband David have three grown children, and three pets, a dog and two cats. She lives in Overland Park, KS.



2023-2025 Kansas PTA Slate of Nominees Continued...

Vikki Mullins is nominated for President Elect 2023-2025

Vikki Mullins is currently serving as the Vice President of Member Services for Kansas PTA. Other past Kansas PTA positions include, Treasurer, Arts in Education Chairman, Youth Advisory Committee Sponsor as well as others. She has served on several executive boards in the Turner School District, at the elementary, middle and high school and Council levels, including having serving as President of Turner Council PTA, Turner Elementary PTA and Journey school of Choice PTA. She serves on other community boards including the Turner Days Committee and is the Executive Director of the Turner Foundation. Vikki has also been involved for the past 19 years with Biker Against Child Abuse where she serves as a primary contact, treasurer & patched member of the Kaw River, Kansas Chapter. She is serving as the Kansas State Treasurer of B.A.C.A. and as International Event Coordinator for B.A.C.A. Vikki works at Wolcott Foods in Kansas City, KS that provides home delivered meals to clients with traumatic brain injuries and other disabilities.

Vikki has one son TJ, and daughter-in-law Rachel. When she is not busy volunteering, she spends every free moment with her beautiful grandsons, Brantley and Taylor.



Devin Wilson is nominated for Vice President of Advocacy

Devin Wilson is a current member of the Kansas PTA Board of Managers. Devin began volunteering at his kids' school, Mill Creek Elementary PTA in Lenexa, Kansas as legislative co-chair in order to learn more about how legislation affects students and schools, as well as joining the education advocacy organization Game On for Kansas Schools. He continued in similar roles at Trailridge Middle School, Shawnee Mission Northwest HS, and Shawnee Mission Area Council of PTAs (SMAC PTA) and is currently serving as the Kansas PTA Legislative Advocacy chair. The Legislative Advocacy team is part of an informational network of people from other groups to better engage parents and other PTA members in advocacy efforts. Outside of volunteering Devin is an Environmental Scientist working with natural resources conversation and restoration and clean water.



Janell Keltner - is nominated for Vice President of Member Services

Janell Keltner has been involved in PTA for 24 years and is currently serving on the Kansas PTA Board of Managers as it's Membership Chair and 2023 Convention Chair. She also serves on the Bylaws and the NLDC committees. She has served on numerous committees including Art's in Education Chair, Bylaws, and as a Region Field Service Rep. She has served



on various PTA boards and committees from Elementary through High School, and as President of Turner M.S. and Turner H.S. and various positions on the Turner Council PTA.

Outside of PTA, Janell likes cooking, doing crafts and gardening. She is involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution and is active at her church. Janell is a Hairstylist in Overland Park, KS. She and her husband Kevin have two grown sons, Cody and Caleb and was a Sports Mom when they were in school.

Angelique Gunion - is nominated for Secretary

Angie Gunion has been served in many roles in PTA over the last 14 years, She has been on several committees for Kansas PTA including the NLDC, Meeting Assistant, and Exhibitors Chair. She has served as Treasurer at Shawnee Mission West HS and Comanche Elementary PTA and Vice President of Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA. She is the current President of Comanche PTA and the Ways & Means at SMWHS.



Angelique has also served on the District Strategic Planning Committee, the West is Best board and the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation board.

She is also a business owner of TITAN Environmental Services, located in KCK. Angelique is very involved in the professional business community serving as Treasurer, Vice Chair, Chair and now Chair Emeritus of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City. For the last 8 years she has served as the Chair and chief organizer of the Annual Gala.

Angie graduated from Rockhurst University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

She is the team mom for 4 youth football teams including the wrestling program at SMWHS and at the Kansas City Wrestling Club. Angelique and her husband Kyle have 7 children from 9 to 18 years of age.

Sarah Adams- is nominated for Treasurer

Sarah Adams has been involved in PTA for a little over 14 years, between the local school, council and state levels.

She has served as the Kansas PTA Family Engagement Chair since 2017 and is currently the VP of Public Relations for SMAC PTA in Shawnee Mission.

Sarah and her husband, Michael, live in Overland Park. They have a junior Taran, Freshman Aleigha, adult daughter Tarah, 3 year old granddaughter Nova, 7 year old Julian, and two 3 year old Frenchies, Evie and Gwen.

She works for a local construction company as an accountant, she also has her own tax preparation and book keeping company. One of her other big passion is Girl Scouts. She was a Girl Scout as a kid and has been a Girl Scout leader for the last 14 years. She currently has a troop of 11 graders.



Teacher Appreciation Week - May 8-12, 2023

In 1984, PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week-- the first full week in May -- to honor the dedicated men and women who lend their passion and skills to education our children.

"Teachers can instruct our students in math, science, and language, but more than that, teachers can give our children the will to continue learning for the rest of their lives".

Please remember this important week and celebrate the wonderful teachers who play such an important role in our children's lives. Take this opportunity to thank them.

Working together, teachers, parents, and communities can make every child's potential a reality

Let's Celebrate!!!

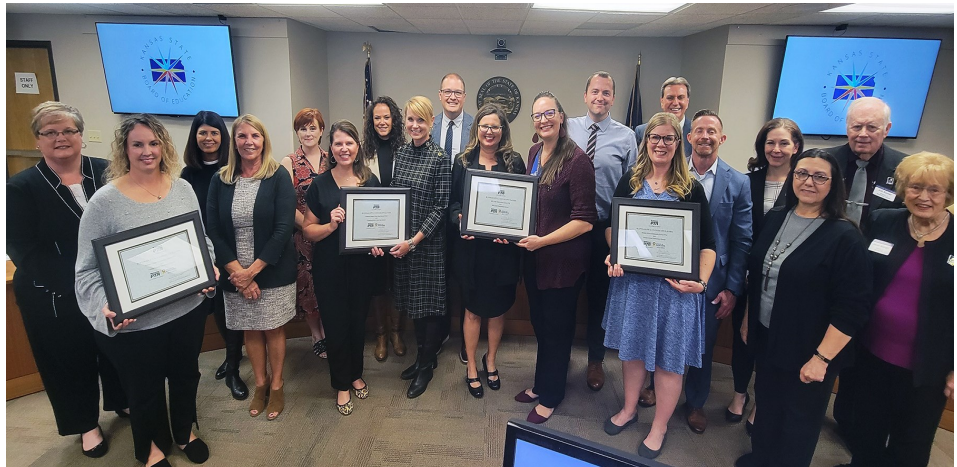
Please visit the National PTA website at www.pta.org for Teacher Appreciation Week ideas.



National PTA Schools of Excellence Certification Recipients

2021-2023 Kansas Recipients (recognized at the 11/10/2022 KSDE State Board of Education Meeting in Topeka, KS.) Broken Arrow Elementary School, Mill Creek Elementary School, Shawnee Mission East High School - Shawnee Mission School District and Timber Creek Elementary School -Blue Valley School District

Pictured: L. to R. - Back Row; Dr. Katie Collier -Blue Valley School District Deputy Superintendent , Tara Walrod -Timber Creek Elementary School Assistant Principal, Sarah Dunn - Kansas PTA Family Engagement Chair, Dr. Michelle Hubbard - Superintendent of Shawnee Mission Schools, Jason Peres - Shawnee Mission East High School Principal, Jonathan Ferrell - Mill Creek Elementary School Principal, Dr. Randy Watson - Kansas Commissioner of Education, Ryan Horne - Principal of Broken Arrow Elementary School, Melanie Haas - KS State BOE Member, District 2, Jim Porter - Chairman of KS State BOE, District 9, Front Row L-R, Heather Southwell-Timber Creek Elementary PTA President, Dr. Pam Bakke-Timber Creek Elementary School Principal, Tiffonie Dirks -Shawnee Mission East PTSA School of Excellence Chairman, Michelle Schmidt-Shawnee Mission East PTSA President, Heather Novacky- Mill Creek Elementary PTA President, Aimee Hirsch - Mill Creek Elementary PTA School of Excellence Chairman, Dr. Liz Indelicate - Broken Arrow Elementary PTA President, Patty Jurich - Kansas PTA President, Janet Waugh - Vice Chair KS State BOE, District 1.,



Kansas PTA encourages all schools to participate in this certification program as the first step in evaluating parent involvement in your school. The program is a two year certification based on the National Standards for Parent/

National PTA is Committed to Excellence



National PTA **School of Excellence** recognition program opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within school communities to make data-driven decisions that yield positive, long-term results. School of Excellence is committed to supporting and recognizing partnerships between local PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

Over 40 years of research shows increased family engagement is linked to school improvement and student achievement. By enrolling in this program, your PTA and school administrators are making a year-long commitment in identifying and implementing an action plan for school improvement based on PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships and the Four 'I's of Family Engagement.

- The School of Excellence Program aims to :
- Provide a framework for PTAs to **identify and implement best practices in family engagement** to strengthen family-school partnerships.
- **Build inclusive and welcoming school communities** where all families contribute to enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.
- Help PTAs **attract new, action-oriented PTA members** who want to focus on the issues that affect our children the most.
- **Provide step-by-step guidance and networking opportunities** for PTAs to gain support and feedback-identify and reach goals and earn recognition.
- **Celebrate designees** and top Phoebe Apperson Hearst awardees as national leaders in building effective family-school partnerships, which opens up additional honors and opportunities.

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 program will open on **May 1, 2023**.



2022-2023 Kansas PTA REFLECTION'S Award Recipients

Kansas PTA is proud to announce the following Reflections awards for work created to this year's theme **"Show Your Voice!"** All Award of Excellence winners be judged at the National PTA level, with results available in early May. Congratulations to our talented Kansas students and their families!

Dance Choreography – Award of Excellence

Primary division:	"Wild" by Heidi Francia,	Overland Park Elementary
Intermediate division:	"I Feel Brand New" by Maxwell Deane,	Trailwood Elementary
Middle School division:	"Something Wild" by Brecklyn Harrison,	Trailwood Elementary
High School division:	"Light of Love" by Kira Wagner,	Shawnee Mission West High School

Film Production – Award of Excellence

Intermediate division:	"I Roar for Hank the Polar Bear" by Patrick Zueckert,	Highlands Elementary
Middle School division:	"The Great Pen Ban of Lego City" by Walker Cobb,	Belinder Elementary
High School division:	"The Voices in our Head" by Cheighton Smith-Allaire,	Shawnee Mission West High School

Literature – Award of Excellence

Primary division:	"Every Little Bit Counts" by Caroline Shehan,	Corinth Elementary
Intermediate division:	"Beyond These Ocean Waves" by Ellie Tritsch,	Mill Creek Elementary
Middle School division:	"One Word" by Viola McCarthy,	Lenexa Hills Elementary
High School division:	"Writing the Stars" by Campbell Wood,	Shawnee Mission East High School

Music Composition – Award of Excellence

Primary division:	"Finding The Sheikah Slate" by Blue Tuley,	Westwood View Elementary
Intermediate division:	"Unspeakable" by Jiya Bhavsar,	Briarwood Elementary
Middle School division:	"Autumn Leaves" by Laney Sofia McGill,	Santa Fe Trail Elementary
High School division:	"Amalgamation" by Ishya Bhavsar,	Shawnee Mission East High School

Music Composition – Award of Merit

Primary division:	"I Love Soccer" by Tobias Gamboa,	Starside Elementary
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Photography – Award of Excellence

Primary division:	"Night Lights" by Louisa Dayani,	Belinder Elementary
Intermediate division:	"Every Voice Matters" by Katie Barnes,	Christa McAuliffe Elementary
Middle School division:	"Let Your Light Shine" Darius Bean,	Westridge Middle School
High School division:	"Lost in the Green Eye" by Chloe Cowley,	Shawnee Mission South High School

Visual Art – Award of Excellence

Special Artist division:	"Swirly" by Arianna Aguilar Rainwater,	Overland Park Elementary
Primary division:	"Use Your Voice and Make the Right Choice" by Olivia Staab,	Lenexa Hills Elementary
Intermediate division:	"A Storm is Coming This Way" by Campbell Rigsby,	Prairie Elementary
Middle School division:	"Ripples of Encouragement" by Afsana Kangas,	Brookwood Elementary
High School division:	"Voice of Passion" by Kimi Ayisho-Capule,	Shawnee Mission West High School

When applying for College Scholarships - Be sure to list your Reflection's & Citizenship Awards in the "Other Awards or Achievements" section on the applications.

College scholarship committees do look at this kind of information.

2022-2023 Kansas PTA Citizenship Award Recipients

Kansas PTA is proud to announce the following Citizenship awards for poetry and essays created to this year's theme ***"Future Me Hopes to Be"*** submitted by Hannah Clark of Indian Woods Middle School. All school winners will have the opportunity to submit ideas for next year's Citizenship theme.



Congratulations to our talented Kansas writers and their families!



Poetry - Award of Excellence

Ellie Tritsch

Mill Creek Elementary (5th Grade)

Xander Adams

Benninghoven Elementary (6th Grade)

Mia Clark

Indian Woods Middle School (7th Grade)

Hannah Clark

Shawnee Mission South HS (9th Grade)

Abby Dumont

Shawnee Mission South HS (10th Grade)

Peter Stechschulte

Shawnee Mission East HS (11th Grade)

Morgan Tate

Shawnee Mission Northwest HS (12th Grade)

ESSAY – Award of Excellence

Sarah Brown

Tomahawk Elementary (5th Grade)

Leila Bibbs

Christa McAuliffe Elementary (6th Grade)

Victoria Olberding

Indian Woods Middle School (8th Grade)

Elizabeth Barnes

Shawnee Mission West HS (9th Grade)

2023 Virtual National PTA Convention

The 2023 National PTA Convention will be held Virtually this year. Information will be coming out soon on how to register along with the event schedule, workshops and Keynote speakers. They are looking forward to seeing you!

SAVE THE DATE!!

June 15 - June 25, 2023

Speakers!! Speakers!! Speakers!!

Lee M. Morin - NASA Astronaut (M.D. Ph D) (Captain, U.S. Navy, Ret.)



Dr. Lee M. Morin was selected as an astronaut in 1996. He holds several degrees, including a Bachelor of Science in Mathematical/Electrical Science- University of New Hampshire, 1974, Master of Science in Biochemistry-New York University, 1978, Doctorate of Medicine and a PHD in Microbiology NYU. 1981 and 1982, A Masters of Public Health- University of

Alabama in Birmingham, 1988, and a Master of Physics-University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2009.

In 1982 Dr. Morin received a Direct Commission in the Naval Reserve and in 1983 he entered active duty and attended the Naval Undersea Medical Institute in Groton, Connecticut. He was designated as an undersea Medical Officer and after joining the USS Henry M. Jackson, he qualified as a Diving Medical Officer, and also received his "Dolphins" as a qualified Submarine Medical Officer. Morin then entered Flight Surgeon training at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI) in Pensacola, Florida where he received his "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Flight Surgeon in 1986.

In 1989 left active duty and was in private practice and Occupational Medicine before he was recalled to active duty during Desert Shield, where he served as Diving Medical Officer/ Flight Surgeon in Bahrain during Operation Desert Storm. In 1992 he was named Director of Warfare Specialty Programs at the Naval Aerospace and Operational Medical Institute.

NASA Experience:

In 1996, Retired Naval Captain Lee Morin was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA and completed 2 yrs of training at Johnson Space Center and qualified as a Mission Specialist where he flew aboard the Space shuttle Atlantis and served aboard the Spacewalking (EVA) crew of STS-110, (2002) where he logged over 259 hours in space including over 14 spacewalk hours. Mission duration- 10 days, 19 hrs and 42 minutes. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Health, Space and Science with the Department of State, Washington D.C. After this tour, he returned to JSC and is currently assigned to the Exploration Branch, of NASA. He is the supervisor of the Crew Interface Rapid Prototyping Lab, working on the cockpit of NASA's newest spacecraft, the Orion Multipurpose Crew Vehicle.

Spaceflight Experience:

STS-110 Atlantis (4/8 to 4/19, 2002). This was the thirteenth shuttle mission to visit the International Space Station. Mission milestones included the delivery and installation of the S0 (S-Zero) Truss; the first time the station's robotic arm was used to maneuver spacewalkers around the station; and the first time that all of the shuttle crew's spacewalks were based from the station's Quest Airlock. Morin has numerous Awards/ Honors and is involved in many prestigious organizations. He is married with two children and four grandchildren. An amateur machinist, he also enjoys math and gardening.

Yvonne Johnson - National PTA President-Elect



Yvonne Johnson is the President-Elect of the National PTA. As the President-Elect, Yvonne serves to support the work of PTA. She currently serves as the chair of The National PTA NCAAC and The Governance Policy Committee and is a member of the National PTA Finance Committee. During the 2019-21 term- Yvonne served as the Vice President of Advocacy for National

PTA and chair of the National PTA Legislation Committee, she served on the Government Policy Task Force and the special working group of the Strategic Planning Committee. Other past highlights include serving on the National PTA Board of Directors (2015-17), National PTA Resolutions Committees (2015-19), and National PTA Field Service Committee (2013-15).

Yvonne's personal motto is, "Never underestimate the power of a parent's voice!" She has been involved in PTA for nearly 30 years, serving Delaware PTA at the local, region and state level in many capacities, including State President (2011-13). She has worked closely with elected officials and decision makers for years, making a difference in the lives of all children.

Advocacy is her passion. During Johnson's term as NPTA VP of Advocacy she was the directing arm of all advocacy issues and served as the voice for families around education issues. Johnson and her Legislation Committee hosted NPTA's first ever virtual legislative conference and led the effort to form the Public Policy Platform for the 117th Congress. She has successfully assisted in passing many education bills in the state of Delaware and was proud to have received the National PTA 2014 Shirley Igo Award for leading a grassroots advocacy campaign around inclusive classrooms in a local school district. She continues to work with local, state, and federal officials on behalf of all children. Yvonne is committed to the vision and mission of PTA and will serve to move PTA forward. Yvonne is committed to being intentional with PTAs efforts to be more inclusive, diverse, and equitable. Yvonne will be the President of NPTA in June 2023.

Yvonne is the recipient of many recognitions for her work with the Delaware General Assembly including resolutions and proclamations presented to her by the Governor and Lt Governor as well as the Senate and House of Representatives of Delaware for her advocacy work around education issues.

Professionally, Johnson is an independent consultant, working with local school districts on school board reform, family engagement, education funding, grant writing, and community outreach. She is married to John and has three children, Ross (Stephanie), Jessica, and Derrick (Melody), and a grandson, Crew.

Kansas PTA Convention!! It's In-Person - What You Need To Know!

Convention Packet - Have you received yours yet? The packet was sent out of February 10th, through MemberHub and the USPS, Make sure you check your PTA Mailbox at school and your email so you don't miss it. Check out the Workshops being offered and sign up! **Sign up early and get the Early Bird discounts.** Remember, when you **Buy 3 & get a 4th registration Free!!!** Does not include meals. The Call to Convention is also on the Kansas PTA website, kansas-pta.org

Special Guest Speakers -You don't want to miss the exciting and excellent speakers scheduled to attend, including **National PTA President-Elect - Yvonne Johnson and NASA Astronaut - Lee Morin.** Come and enjoy the fun!

Region Meetings! - Friday evening following the General session. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with your fellow Region unit members. Take the time to find out what's going on in your home region and Kansas/National PTA. Regional Field Service Representatives will be elected during this meeting!

Election of 2023-25 Officers and new Nominating, Leadership & Development Committee Members - We will be electing new officers and two new NLDC members and an alternate to serve on the committee for the 2023-2025 term. **Nominees are listed in this issue - and any individual wishing to run from the floor must notify the Kansas PTA President and NLDC Chair in writing no later than March 21st.** You can email your intent to run to the Kansas PTA office at kansaspta@gmail.com.

Honor that Special Volunteer or Educator! Don' forget to honor them with a \$10 donation to the **Marjorie Holwick Wall of Fame.** The money donated will be donated to the Kansas PTA Future Teacher Scholarship Fund. The honored individuals will receive a certificate and a letter from Kansas PTA announcing they were part of the Wall of Fame and who submitted their name and why. Nominations will be displayed on the Wall of Fame at convention, on the Kansas PTA Facebook page and Kansas PTA Website.

Exhibitor's Expo Hall - Come see the latest and greatest from reputable PTA-supporting companies at our **Exhibitor Expo Hall.** Whether it's a fundraising program, field trip opportunity or cultural arts event you can plan, we'll have this and much more a the Exhibitor Expo Hall.

Come discover something new! Get free samples!!!!

The Exhibit Hall will be open on **Saturday April 22nd from 12:15 - 2:15pm.** You can meet and chat with the vendors about their products & services. Ask your questions & get your answers!

Friday Evening Convention Kick-Off & Opening General Session 1. - Come join us as we begin our Convention Kick-Off with the opening our first General Session and later hear from our first Keynote Speaker - **Lee Morin, NASA Astronaut and Ret. U.S. Navy Captain** as he shares information on STEM, STEM resources with NASA and NASA's "**Project Artemis**" as they prepare to go back to the moon in 2024!

We hope to see you in Kansas City, Kansas!

Come join all your PTA Friends from across the State of Kansas for this exciting

108th Kansas PTA Convention!

Janell Keltner & Diana Fabac, 2023 Convention Chairmen

Convention Highlights

Kansas PTA Convention T-Shirt

Kansas PTA will be offering a Convention T-Shirt to our convention delegates on a **Pre-order- Pre-pay basis only. Order by March 31st for pick up at convention.**

If you are interested in purchasing a T-Shirt, check off the size you want and include the payment with your convention registration form. <https://kspta2023.company.site/>

These are the **Soft Style-Bella T-shirts..**

They are a 90/10 cotton polyester blend, on an Ash colored T-shirt.



Don't Miss Out!

XS - 5X - \$15.00

Workshops

Workshop Session 1 - Saturday 4/22/23
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

101 - All About President
102 - Treasurers Rock
103 - Fiduciary Responsibility

Workshop Session 2 - Saturday 4/22/23
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

201 - Advocacy 101
202 - Inclusive Membership
203 - MemberHub is Your Friend

Workshop Session 3 - Saturday 4/22/23
4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

301 - Healthy Lifestyles Includes; Bodies; Minds: Earth
302 - REFLECTIONs & Citizenship - Our Children Speak
303 - Family Engagement thru Schools of Excellence

Check out the Kansas PTA website for the most current Convention information : www.kansas-pta.org

PTA Store

- **Visit our PTA Store!** We have great mementos including convention pins, and much more for you and your unit members.
- **What a nice remembrance of the year to give a pin or gift to the outgoing/incoming officers, chairmen, Principal and/or school staff... and don't forget your volunteers!**
- Many PTA units build these costs into their budget (or administration costs).
- **Don't forget your outgoing President's pin/gift** (usually the duty of the First Vice President or Treasurer) – check your Standing Rules.

Stop by and see what's new!

Silent Auction!

Have you thought about bringing an item for the **"Dollars for Scholars" Silent Auction** this year? It's easy - your item (or items) can be collectibles, crafts, gift items, household items, something you bought or that you had donated by a business.

Or your board can put together a basket with items given from each member of your board.

Just bring them to Julie Howard, Silent Auction Chairman, on Friday (or as soon as you arrive at convention) and she will take care of them. The items will be displayed on tables for open bidding.

All monies benefit our Kansas PTA "Future Teacher Scholarship Program".

Remember to bring your Cash, Checkbook or Credit Card and your Enthusiasm!

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March, 2023

Month Long .. National Reading Month

24 .. Early Bird Kansas PTA Registration deadline

31 .. Deadline to submit dues to qualify for Membership Awards

April, 2023

7 .. Advanced Kansas PTA Registration deadline

21-22 .. 108th Annual Kansas PTA State Convention - Kansas City, KS

May, 2023

Month Long .. Mental Health Awareness Month

May 1 .. NPTA School of Excellence Enrollment begins

May 8-12 .. Teacher Appreciation Week

June, 2023

15-25 .. National PTA Virtual Convention

If you are no longer a PTA president, please notify the Kansas PTA State Office.
Forward this and all mailings immediately to your successor.

“Thank You”