

Tennessee PTA Annual Convention

Save the Date

April 21 – 23, 2023

Our Journey through PTA

Stay tuned for convention registration details to be coming in January 2023! The venue for the workshops, the annual meeting, and student awards ceremony will be at the Public Safety Center in Franklin, Tennessee.

November is Healthy Lifestyles Month

PTA is committed to improving the overall health and well-being of families. Find out more at pta.org/HealthyLifestyles



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Message from the President

It is November already!

November has several good standing deadlines. Two have already passed by on November 1. The 990 tax report to the IRS is due no later than November 15 and confirmation of that filing is due to Tennessee PTA no later than November 20.

National PTA has refreshed the National standards for Family and School Partnerships. Please join the townhall meeting on November 17, at 7 PM Eastern. Register at <https://forms.gle/Jv6FxDvRneHnWiwX8>. Find more information on page 6 of this newsletter.

This year National PTA is introducing a new membership program: **Membership Mania**. Local PTAs can stay connected and in the know throughout the school year by joining Membership Mania. This is a fun and interactive year-round journey that is easy and flexible. PTAs can participate in two calls and weekly emails spread across the entire school year. There are no minimum requirements, leaders only do what they can. [Sign up today](#) to join this program to strengthen membership together.

Save the date of April 21-23, 2023 for the Tennessee PTA Annual Meeting and Convention to be held in Franklin, Tennessee. Have your PTA unit budgets reflect sending a delegate to convention. This is a legitimate PTA expense! Please consider submitting a resolution for consideration. Find more information on page 7 of the newsletter.

We are advocacy. PTA was founded as an advocacy association. Read our PTA [Mission statement](#)—you will find the word advocate in the statement. What other parent-teacher association has been around for 125 years advocating for children and youth? Not one single organization beyond PTA. PTA is all of us.

We are PTA!

Dwight Hunter
President, Tennessee PTA



Congratulations to Our Early Bird Membership Units!

East Tennessee Region

A.L. Lotts Elementary School PTA
Amherst Elementary PTA
Bonny Kate Elementary PTA
Cedar Bluff Elementary School PTA
Cedar Bluff Middle PTSA
Christenberry Elementary School PTA
Emerald Academy PTSA
Karns Elementary School PTA
Knox County Schools Teacher Supply Depot PTA
Powell Elementary PTA
Powell Middle PTSA

First Tennessee Region

Avoca Elementary PTA
George Washington Elementary PTA
Grandview Elementary PTA
Holston View Elementary PTA
Lamar Elementary PTA
Mountain View Elementary School PTA
Northside Elementary PTA
Science Hill High School PTSA
South Side Elementary PTA
Towne Acres Elementary PTA
Woodland Elementary School PTA

Mid Cumberland Region

Crieve Hall Elementary PTA
Inglewood Elementary PTA
Nashville Head Magnet PTA
Rosebank Elementary PTA
Ruby Major Elementary PTA

Memphis Delta Region

Arlington Middle School PTSA
Collierville Elementary PTA
Collierville Middle School PTA
Collierville Virtual Academy PTSA
Crosswind Elementary School PTA
Donelson Elementary PTA
E E Jeter PTSA
Frayser Community PTSA
Schilling Farms Elementary PTA
West Collierville Middle School PTA
Westwood High School PTSA

South Central Region

Marvin Wright Elementary PTA
Spring Hill Elementary PTA

Southeast Region

Alpine Crest Elementary PTA
Daisy Elementary PTA
East Brainerd Elementary PTA
East Hamilton Middle School PTA
Hunter Middle School PTA
Loftis Middle School PTA
Lookout Mountain Elementary PTA
Lookout Valley Elementary PTA
McConnell Elementary School PTA
Nolan Elementary School PTA
Rivermont Elementary PTA
Soddy Elementary School PTA
Thrasher Elementary PTA

Southwest Region

Rose Hill PTA

Statewide Unit

Tennessee At Large Local Unit PTA (TALL)

2023 Membership Increase Awardees!

Congratulations to our Gold Units!

Units listed in alphabetical order

Units move up in Status as Membership Dues are turned in!

Gold Certificate Status At Least a 20% Increase in Membership!

Apison Elementary School PTA
Arlington Middle School PTSA
Bonny Kate Elementary PTA
Collierville Middle School PTA
Daisy Elementary School PTA
East Hamilton Middle School PTA
Loftis Middle School PTA
Lookout Valley Elementary PTA
Marvin Wright Elementary School PTA
Nolan Elementary School PTA
Oak View Elementary School PTA
Rivermont Elementary School PTA
Rose Hill PTA

Congratulations to our Units that have Achieved Silver Status!

Our Silver level units can still move up to Gold status!

Keep enrolling members! Reach for gold status recognition!

Silver Certificate Status At Least a 10% Increase in Membership!

Crieve Hall Elementary PTA
Nashville Head Magnet PTA
Northside Elementary PTA
Schilling Farms Elementary School PTA
Soddy Elementary School PTA
South Side Elementary PTA
West Collierville Middle School PTA

Awesome!

Congratulations to our Units that have Achieved Bronze Status!

**Our Bronze level units can still move up to Silver/Gold status!
Keep enrolling members!**

Bronze Certificate Status At Least a 5% Increase in Membership!

Rosebank Elementary PTA

West Hills Elementary PTA

Wolftever Creek Elementary PTA

Congratulations to all of our units listed for a membership increase of at least 5 percent or more over [2021-2022](#) membership numbers!
We have units closing in on a Bronze status—Keep enrolling members!

Congratulations to our Units that have Achieved +1 Status!

**These units have increased membership by at least +1.
Keep enrolling members!**

Avoca Elementary PTA

Collierville Elementary PTA

Thrasher Elementary PTA

Outstanding!

Our 2021-2023 Membership Theme

Building a Stronger PTA Together!

Raising the Bar with the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

A National PTA Virtual Townhall
7:00 p.m. EST., Nov. 17

Co-Hosted By



National PTA President
Anna King



U.S. Secretary of Education
Dr. Miguel Cardona

Register Now



National Standards for
FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Families are essential partners in providing a high-quality education for every student. National PTA's [National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#) set the bar for how schools and parents should work together to support student success.

The updated Standards provide critical guidance and best practices for strong partnerships that will make a real impact for all students, families and schools.

National PTA, alongside other leading education organizations, will host a virtual townhall Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. EST in conjunction with National Parent Involvement Month. The townhall will be streamed live on [National PTA's Facebook page](#) and [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts.

Register Now: <https://forms.gle/Jv6FxDvRneHnWiwX8>

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS: 2023 TENNESSEE PTA CONVENTION

On behalf of Tennessee PTA, the resolutions committee is seeking resolutions for consideration during the 2023 Tennessee PTA Convention, April 2023 in Franklin.

All resolutions with all supporting documentation and indexing must be mailed to the Tennessee PTA office, and postmarked no later than February 15, 2023.

Why submit a resolution?

Resolutions call for action by Tennessee PTA or its constituent bodies (region, council or local units). Tennessee PTA resolutions seek to address problems, situations or concerns that affect children and youth statewide and that require statewide action for solution. Resolutions provide context for Tennessee PTA official response to media requests.

Who can submit a resolution? PTA members, local units and councils

For more info, go to <https://tnpta.org/index.php/resolutions>

If you need further assistance, please contact Anita Allen, Resolutions Committee Chair at aallen@tnpta.org.



On Thursday, October 27 2022, Frayser Community PTSA held it's STEM + Families Fun Night - Covid 19 & Booster Event at the Ed Rice Community Center. The Community enjoyed STEM projects, food and fun. There were more than 250 people in attendance. YouTube video from the October 27 meeting at: <https://youtu.be/dEENTryM5Wg>

Gloria Jones, FCPTSA President, Regenia Dowell, FCPTSA Treasurer.

Updates from the Tennessee PTA!

From the Tennessee PTA Blog: Updated Filing 990N requirements!

You must use your IRS personal identification number or your ID.ME account to file the 990N. Read more about this change and find two links from the IRS tutorial database on our blog post: <https://tennessepta.tumblr.com/post/692838859613093888/the-irs-changes-the-990-n-authentication>

From the Tennessee PTA Blog: Tennessee PTA Position Statement Supporting Our Teachers.

Did you know the TNPTA Board of Directors adopted a position statement about supporting our teachers during the July 2022 board meeting? Read the blog post at: <https://tennessepta.tumblr.com/post/690227818537287680/tennessee-pta-position-statement-supporting-our>

From the Tennessee PTA Blog: VIDSIG Partners with Tennessee PTA

"Tennessee PTA is excited to expand our 2021-2023 advocacy focus, crossing the gap from high school to postsecondary, by offering **high school students** the opportunity to ask questions of their college peers," stated Dwight Hunter, President of Tennessee PTA. "We are pleased to partner with VIDSIG to support Tennessee high school students during their college explorations and finding their path to cross the gap to postsecondary education." Read more about the partnership at: <https://tennessepta.tumblr.com/post/685263611191541760/vidsig-partners-with-tennessee-pta>

Congratulations to the following PTA Units!

School of Excellence for 2022-2023: Ruby Major Elementary PTA

National PTA Grant Recipients:

Loftis Middle PTA | Collierville Virtual Academy PTSA | Nolan Elementary PTA
Holston View Elementary PTA | Chattanooga School for Liberal Arts PTA
Lookout Valley Elementary PTA | Oliver Middle School PTA
Inglewood Elementary PTA | Alpine Crest Elementary PTA |
Westwood High School PTSA

Tennessee PTA Strategic Plan 2022 Adopted in April

In April 2022, the Tennessee PTA Board of Directors adopted an updated strategic plan. Strategic plans are vital to help associations envision what to plan for future steps. Vision is a vital component to leadership and strategic plans help with the visioning process.

Strategic Plan - Tennessee PTA

Connect

- Face to Face
- Through our Social Media
- Members to MemberHub
- Like Minded Organizations
- With Parents/Teachers/Students

Advocate

- Legislative priorities
- All voices Parent, teacher and student matter
- Register to vote/get to know your Legislators
- Why have Resolutions/Position Statements
- Attend School Board meetings

Recruit

- Inspire Future Leaders
- Ask people to join PTA
- Provide Resources to Leaders
- Grow our Membership
- Host Multiple Training Opportunities
- By celebrating unit's successes

Build

- Community Partnerships
- Diversity and Cultural Inclusion awareness
- Students/Educators/Parents knowledge of PTA Mission
- Stronger PTAs (Local Unit, Council, Community)

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Tennessee PTA Arts Enhancement Grant

Want to apply for \$250 for your unit? Tennessee PTA offers an arts enhancement grant. This grant is to be used for the National PTA Reflections, or Tennessee PTA Citizenship Essay and Safety Poster contest programs. To be considered for a grant, complete the grant application anytime before March 1, 2023. PTA units must be in good standing to apply. Find more information about the grant at <https://tnpta.org/index.php/arts-enhancement-grant/>

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