Kentucky PTA

Mission

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Advocacy

PTA is an advocacy association founded in 1897. Since its founding, PTA has advocated for child labor laws, the establishment of the juvenile justice system, hot lunches in schools, and for health and safety reforms. We advocate at each level - from the classroom, to issues in your school, the district, state, and national levels.



Kentucky PTA is a 501(c) (3) non-profit tax exempt association, and is a branch of National PTA

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Great Things Can Happen!



Kentucky PTA Programs

Kentucky PTA Kids' Day

- Established in 1985
- Goal is to send message to each child that he/she is a special and unique individual who is respected and loved
- This day helps to focus the attention of the community on the needs of children and youth
- Celebrated on the fourth Tuesday in September

Reflections



- Reflections is a National PTA Cultural Arts Program
- Program provides students in preschool through senior high the opportunity to create works of art in six categories: visual arts, photography, musical composition, film production, literature, and dance choreography
- Theme for 2014 -2015 is "The World Would Be a Better Place if...."
- Awards are given at the local, district, Kentucky PTA, and National PTA levels

Scholarships and Awards

- Kentucky PTA offers various scholarships and awards where students are recognized for their talents and efforts
- Scholarships are also available for teacher and parent members
- The Rising Star Award recognizes students who have successfully worked to improve their grades, attendance, attitude, and character
- The Self Esteem Award is a written composition in which students express what makes them feel special or unique
- For a complete list of Awards and Scholarships go to www.kypta.org

Kentucky PTA holds a Student Recognition Program every Spring where student winners from across Kentucky are recognized.

Unity Day

- Unity Day was established by Kentucky PTA in 1999 and is celebrated on the Monday of Thanksgiving week
- PTA believes that all children and families are important, regardless of their religion, race, color, ethnicity or socio-economic condition
- The purpose of this day is to celebrate the differences that make us unique and contribute to what unites us

Leadership Development/Trainings

Workshops

Kentucky PTA holds an annual Convention every July in order to conduct the business of the association and during Convention a variety of workshops are offered to PTA members.

Advocacy Training

Training is offered every November for PTA Members with emphasis placed on speaking with elected officials and becoming a more effective advocate for children and families.

Onsite Trainings

Trainings are available throughout the year for newly elected officers and board members.

Kentucky Core Academic Standards (KCAS)

In collaboration with National PTA, the Kentucky Department of Education, and a local school district, Kentucky PTA developed KCAS presentations and materials.

Workshops and resources are available to help parents navigate the new academic standards, assessments and accountability benchmarks

Parent guides are available with suggestions on ways to help their children meet the new standards.



Website

The website contains many helpful resources including *The Leaders' Notebook* which is a guide for all PTAs - www.kypta.org

Kentucky PTA Bulletins

Bulletins emailed seven times per year

National PTA's E-learning

Online courses which allow you to enhance your leadership skills For a complete list of online courses go to PTA.org/elearning