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From Our Director

Happy New Year! A new year is time for PTAs to work on finding new leaders for the next PTA term. Hopefully many of you have already elected your nominating committee and have given them your bylaws, standing rules and any other material that will help them slate the best candidates for office. If you haven't done this yet, please make it a priority to do so shortly. Each PTA is governed by their specific bylaws. If you are thinking about becoming an officer, are sitting on a nominating committee, thinking about participating on the committee or if you are just curious about the process, please join us at the Nominating Committee workshop on January 20th.

Information on the upcoming Illinois PTA Convention should soon be heading your way. Please keep a look out for it. The state board recently held its January meeting at the convention site. From personal experience I can now say that the staff in the hotel are fabulous and nothing but courteous. The hotel has a pool and fitness room as well board games that are available to check out from the front desk. There is much to do in the area should you decide to bring your family for the stay. The convention location is surrounded by restaurants and is on the riverfront in East Peoria.

If you haven't already done so, start thinking about which delegates you will be sending to have your PTA's voice heard. This year Illinois PTA officers will be elected (be sure to have the voice of your PTA heard at elections). Workshops have been tailored to address the survey responses received from last year's convention. Please come join us

Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18 in East Peoria. Yes, Northwest Cook Region will again have a hospitality suite set up for your usage during convention courtesy of our three councils! Caucus will be held Friday night in the hospitality suite.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our bylaws lab on the 15th and to all the PTAs who have been working with me to update their bylaws this year. So far we have successfully updated twenty PTA unit's bylaws! However, please remember that the bylaws approval process is not complete until they are posted at least 30 days prior to the general membership meeting when the general membership votes to approve them and then the signed and dated copy is returned for our state records. I look forward to receiving those final documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I am here to serve you and help you make your PTA the best it can be.

Nicole

Illinois PTA NWCR/District 37 Director

We need you as NWCR membership chair.

Duties include monitoring the unit's membership numbers, encouraging unit chairs to gain members, carrying out the NWCR membership incentive, and writing newsletter articles. Contact Nicole for info.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Jan 20 | Nominating Committees Central Road School | 7 PM RMdws |
| Jan 22 | Elections Online | 7 PM |
| Jan 29 | Money Matters101 Online | 7PM |
| Mar 3 | Reflections Reception Virgina Lake School | 7 PM PAL |
| Mar 28 | SPOTLIGHT Milikin University, Decatur | 12-4 PM |
| Apr 17-18 | Illinois PTA Convention Embassy Suites, East Peoria | |
| Apr 17 | Region Caucus Embassy Suites, East Peoria | 7:30 PM |
| June 19-22 | 119th National PTA Convention Charlotte, North Carolina | |

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back from the break! Where has your PTA been flying this year? Has your membership made it to Springfield to start your journey?



Here are the basics of our Region's Membership Campaign this year. **Meet your 2013-2014 membership total** - earn one ticket to Springfield. For every additional ten members you have over last year's total, you will receive one more ticket. So add ten members - get two total tickets, add twenty members - get three total tickets. The number of tickets/destinations that your PTA travels is limited only by your membership growth! NWCR PTA will track all of your entries. As you earn tickets, your PTA plane will travel across the world.

So far our Region has issued 42 tickets amongst 14 of our PTAs! The most tickets given to a single PTA is 7! This honor goes to Pleasant Hill PTA. Take the challenge and fly further than Pleasant Hill currently has: It's not impossible.

See how far you can take your PTA this year!

REFLECTIONS – Joan Scovic



Reflections projects have all been sent to state level for appraisal. Congratulations to all our children who participated in the Reflections Program this year. We are extremely proud of each of the participants.

On March 3rd, Northwest Cook Region will be hosting a celebration of the students who had projects advance to the district level for viewing. Everyone is invited, however, only those projects that were sent to the district level will be highlighted. This celebration will be held at Virgina Lake School in Palatine at 7pm. Please be sure to publicize this to your community – administrators, parents and students alike. We look forward to seeing you there.

ILLINOIS PTA SPONSORED TRAINING AVAILABLE

All trainings are done via the computer located in the comfort of your home. Trainings are done through a service and a program will need to be downloaded to your machine in order to take the course. Directions to log on to the training will be emailed to you once you have registered.

- **Elections**
Thursday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Webinar facilitator: Rhonda Jenkins
- **Money Matters 101**
Thursday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Webinar facilitator: Rhonda Jenkins

If you have questions or to register for any or all three of these webinars, please email:

rjenkins@illinoispta.org

PARENT ED – Matthew Rodriguez

In today's world, many of us wonder how we are going to keep our kids safe. There are all types of dangers we did not have years ago – many revolve around today's advanced technology. Although technology is supposed to help us advance and leap forward, technology creates more worries for parents today than that of parents yesterday.

Currently, a hot topic among educators and legislators is Data Privacy. We are examining legislation of other states to help us make sure our language is strong. There are entities that are against parents having a choice to “opt out” of collecting our children's data (statistical or aggregate) that is available to different parties. The issue really takes a turn with no one really knowing the specifics of what data is taken and what is being done with it at all times. FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is in place already, but if there was a data breach, such as some of the big corporations have had, there is nothing in place to deal with that. More on FERPA can be found at: <http://www.isbe.net/sis/html/ferpa.html> .

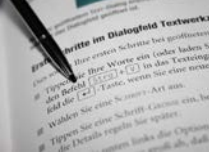
If you are asking yourself, as I did, why would anyone want to use our children's data? The answer is identity theft. We do NOT ever want our children to be in harm's way and there are plenty of criminals that can exploit that avenue. There are rules, plans, and processes in place regarding our children's safety we just want to make sure there is strong language in place. On a federal level Senator Mark Kirk's education committee is looking to make changes to the FERPA. It is important our voices are at the table.

I urge you to let me know how you, as parents, would like me to speak on your behalf or you can contact your legislators and let them know how you feel. A bill should be moving forward hopefully in the winter but definitely in the spring session.

On another note the Family Resource Center on Disabilities is hosting information sessions for parents if you are interested. The next session is January 17, 2015 on Principles of IDEA. For more information you can go to: <http://illinois.edu/calendar/detail/4808/32334937>

SECRETARY – Michele Sheppard

TIPS FOR RECORDING THE MINUTES

- ✎ Record minutes that are brief, yet contain all important information needed to check past proceedings. 
- ✎ Record what is done, not what is said.
- ✎ Do not reflect the secretary's personal opinion about anything that is said or done.
- ✎ Record the business in the order it happened.
- ✎ Write minutes immediately following the meeting.
- ✎ Send an advance copy of the minutes to the president as soon as they are completed.
- ✎ Record the name of the member who introduced the motion and the results of the vote (carried or lost).
- ✎ Do not record the name of a person who offered the second.
- ✎ Record a ballot vote as follows: number of eligible votes, number of affirmative votes (ayes), and number of negative votes (no's). For an election, include the name of the nominees and the number of votes each nominee received. A motion to destroy the ballots is in order.

HEALTH/SAFETY

Five Tips for a Healthy Start to your New Year

Source: Let's Move! Blog;
<http://www.letsmove.gov/blog/2015/01/02/five-tips-healthy-start-your-new-year>; Posted by Kelly Miterko, Deputy Associate Director, Let's Move! on January 02, 2015

Making a New Year's resolution this year? We're here to help you start your year off right. Check out the ideas below to help your family have a happy and healthy 2015!

1) Make half your plate fruits and vegetables. By following [MyPlate](#) and making each meal half

fruits and vegetables, you can help to ensure you are getting nutrients needed to lead a healthy lifestyle. Look for fruits and vegetables that are red, orange and dark green – they are full of vitamins and minerals.



2) Cook more meals at home. You can start with cooking just one more meal each week. The key is to prepare in advance and check out resources like the [MyPlate board on Pinterest](#) to find new recipe ideas that are both delicious and good for you. Cooking at home lets you control portion sizes and sodium levels and often leads to healthier meals.

3) Drink more water. You are what you drink, and when you drink water, you [Drink Up](#). Keep a reusable bottle filled with water with you throughout the day as a reminder and an easy way to stay hydrated. To mix it up, try adding fresh fruit, like oranges or lemons, to your water for fun and a little flavor.

4) Try new activities. Discover new things you and your family can do to be active and have fun. Get creative and find activities that require little or no equipment so you aren't limited by what you have or don't have. Make being active a priority by setting aside time for new activities and invite other families or friends to join when possible as a way to spend time together while also being active.

5) Make healthy changes together as a family. Involve everyone in coming up with new meal and activity ideas so each family member feels invested in the effort. Encourage your kids to get involved in preparing family meals and leading new games and activities.

LEADERSHIP – Tracey Coleman

It's awards season – the Grammys, the Golden Globes, the Oscars – and the Illinois PTA Awards Program too!

As we saw at our Region annual meeting in October, there are plenty of local units and councils in the Northwest Cook Region that are award-worthy! Illinois PTA is proud to recognize the outstanding work done by PTAs across the state, and now is the time to let them know how fabulous your PTA is by submitting award nominations.

You're already doing the hard part – the actual work of your PTA. So please take a few minutes and write up a brief nomination or two. Think of it as an extra “thank you” for your volunteers who work so hard for your school community. You can't win if you don't apply! If you need help, please contact your Council President or anyone on the Region board. We'll be there cheering for our Region's winners at the Illinois PTA Convention in April!

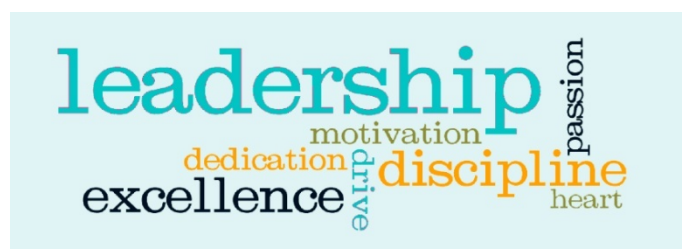
The applications are available at <http://illinoispta.org/leadershipresources.html>

Awards with February 15, 2015 Deadlines

- [Outstanding Volunteer of the Year](#)
- [Outstanding Teacher of the Year](#)
- [Outstanding Principal of the Year](#)
- [Outstanding Youth Service Leader Award](#)
- [Outstanding PTSA Student Board Member Award](#)

Awards with March 1, 2015 Deadlines

- [100% Membership Award](#)
- [Environmental Concerns Award](#)
- [Healthy Students Award](#)
- [Juvenile Protection; Safety Award](#)
- [Legislative Award](#)
- [Outstanding Council Award](#)
- [Outstanding Newsletter Award](#)
- [Outstanding Website Award](#)



NEWSLETTER – Michele Sheppard



Does your PTA newsletter include student recognition? What is your PTA's policy on publishing student's name? How about photos of students?

When you publish a newsletter, you need to protect the identity of the students. Most PTAs follow the school district publicity policy. This is a good first step. However, every PTA should also have publicity releases for the students that they publicize. This is especially important if you publish an e-newsletter or post your newsletter on your PTA website.

ILLINOIS PTA NEWS

SPOTLIGHT is presented by Illinois PTA in partnership with Millikin University to celebrate children from across the state. This free event is open to all children in Illinois. The afternoon, held on Millikin University's Campus in Decatur, Illinois, celebrates Reflections artists, scholarship winners, and students who serve their communities.

The afternoon will include:

- Workshops for children and adults presented by faculty and students from Millikin University;
- An art gallery of almost 500 Reflections pieces; and
- Reception with light refreshments.

The culmination of the afternoon will be a ceremony recognizing:

- Students with Reflections pieces advancing to National PTA;
- Reflections students receiving Honorable Mention Awards from Illinois PTA;
- Student Service Leader Award Recipient ([nomination form](#)); and
- Illinois PTA Scholarship Winners ([application form](#)).

Workshops Offered

Illinois PTA has worked hard with our sponsors to bring an assortment of workshops to our SPOTLIGHT event for everyone in the family. Workshops have been developed for all age groups and interest. From dance to visual arts there is surely something to peak everyone's interest.

TECHNOLOGY – Brent Fentem

Source: Katie LeClerc Greer, CEO; KL Greer Consulting, LLC

Technology continues to swirl around us and directly impact our schools with popular apps from 2014 like YikYak and KiK as well as older apps such as Instagram and Omelge. As sites like Snapchat continue to evolve (recently adding live chat and messaging features), it's imperative that we continue to deliver messages of safety and responsibility to our students, while keeping parents and school staff up-to date on the ever-changing trends. Already in 2015, kids have been buzzing about new apps including Streetchat, After School and Swipe; many students are misusing these latest apps and sites, which inevitably spills into our schools causing major issues (and often legal implications). Did you know that:

- Children ages 8-18 spend an average of 7.5 hours A DAY using some sort of device*
- A new 2014 report shows that 88% of teens have witnessed cyberbullying*
- "Anonymous" apps such as Streetchat have been shaking entire school systems around the country, with some students using these apps to post serious threats

Be sure to have talks with your children about the dangers they could be in. As much as we want to ignore these apps, remember in order to safeguard our children we need to know the technology available to our children; so log on under your child's account (it is our responsibility to know all their accounts and passwords) and learn the apps they use or create your own accounts so you can learn firsthand about the apps. Know the app names and do your own search on the capabilities and uses of the apps your child uses. Who knows, you might stumble on an app that could work to help with your PTA business.

7 New Year's Resolutions Every Family Should Make in 2015

The following media resolutions are designed to be easy, fun, totally doable, and family-strengthening.

Focus on content quality, not screen-time quantity. It's not that screen time doesn't matter (kids need a balance of activities for healthy development). But trying to tally up all the minutes your kids spend in front of a screen -- and feeling

guilty when they go "over" -- helps nothing. This year, focus on becoming actively engaged in your kids' media. Help them make quality, age-appropriate choices, play or watch together when you can, and talk about any issues that come up. Some days they may spend a little more time on the computer learning to code, but the next day they may end up making crafts all day. It balances out.

Play a game with your kid. Maybe you love video games; maybe you'd rather do just about anything else. The point is; kids love games. There's a certain kind of bond that develops when families compete - plus, it's fun. Playing games with your kids also imparts important skills, such as taking turns, winning graciously, losing gracefully, and practicing good sportsmanship. Look for video games the entire family can enjoy.

Learn something online. Make this the year you *finally* learn to crochet, play guitar, or master a foreign language -- whatever you've longed to do. With so many opportunities for online learning, from casual how-to's to formal lessons, there's no excuse not to. Your kids will see you work toward a goal, manage your time, be patient with yourself, and discover you're not perfect at everything. Bonus points for taking a class with your kid!

Embrace the next new thing. At some point this year, a killer app, viral video, or hot new show will take your kids by storm. Keep an open mind and explore this new thing along with them. You'll learn more about what your kids are doing, how they can safely use new tools, and how to guide them through a changing landscape. **Ask:** What's your favorite new app, game, or website? What do you like about it? How can you make sure you're using it responsibly, respectfully, and safely?

Do some good. Show your kids that the real power of the Web is in how it can connect those in need to those who can help out. In addition to traditional charities, there are sites that let you target your gift to specific donors, find volunteer opportunities, promote causes you believe in, and even let your kids lead the charge.

Go indie. Expand your family's entertainment horizons with independently produced movies, TV

shows, apps, and video games. Stepping away from mainstream offerings exposes your kids to cultural differences, non-stereotypical characters, creative storytelling, and thought-provoking ideas.

Stop texting and driving. Nobody wants to admit it, but the accident statistics tell the real story: We are still texting and driving. Not only is it dangerous, it also sends a bad message to your kids when you ignore the law. Consider an app that temporarily disables the phone when you're driving (and install one on your kid's phone, too).

Source: Common Sense Blog: Parenting, media, and everything in between; <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/7-new-years-resolutions-every-family-should-make-in-2015>; Caroline Knorr, Parenting Editor

LEGISLATION

With the "lame duck" session behind us, the 99th General Assembly has begun. With the recent changes from the past election, this may prove to be an especially interesting session. There are many things as child advocates we may want to voice opinions on. Budget, vouchers, and charter schools will all be addressed. Additionally, SB3902 regarding data privacy is anticipated to be heard. A grade span testing bill is expected to be proposed by the NEA (National Education Association) as well.

On January 13th U.S. Senate education committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) announced on the Senate floor his plans to fix the No Child Left Behind law, wrapping up six years of committee work and sending a bill to the Senate floor within the first few weeks of 2015. The Chairman said, "No Child Left Behind has become unworkable—and fixing this law, which expired over seven years ago, will be the first item on the agenda for the Senate education committee." The chairman stated that he is looking to keep the best portions of the law, while restoring responsibility to states and local communities and ensuring that all 50 million students in our nation's 100,000 public schools can succeed. The first hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21 – "Fixing No Child Left Behind: Testing and Accountability". To access the discussion draft, click **HERE**.

This particular issue is at the top of our Illinois Senator Mark Kirk's list of priorities. The National PTA and Illinois PTA will be sending

official statements sometime this week. We would love to incorporate your comments and concerns. Please send them to lgarbaty@illinoispta.org

ILLINOIS LEGISLATION PASSED

New Illinois E-Cigarette Law to Protect Children

Illinois PTA has covered the [dangers of e-cigarettes](#) for children, and beginning January 1, 2015, there is a new law in Illinois to help protect children from accessing e-cigarettes. The new law requires e-cigarettes for sale to be behind the counter or in a sealed display case to keep them out of the hands of children.

The law also addresses the potential poisoning of children who may drink liquid nicotine from refill bottles, requiring the bottles to be childproof. While the bottles of nicotine, which are flavored and have appealing aromas for children, are relatively small, the nicotine concentration in the bottle is often close to the lethal dose for young children of 65 pounds or more. Poison control centers across the country have reported an exponential increase in calls related to child poisoning from e-cigarette's nicotine liquids. The [American Association of Poison Control Centers](#) reports that reports of exposure to liquid nicotine and e-cigarette devices tripled between 2012 and 2013, and have doubled again between 2013 and 2014.

*Source: One Voice Illinois Blog;
<https://onevoiceillinois.wordpress.com>,
Posted on [January 6, 2015](#) by [illinoispta](#)*



SCHOLARSHIP – Angelica Parra



The Illinois PTA Scholarship (formerly known as the Illinois PTA Lillian E. Glover Scholarship) has evolved over the years from a single \$300.00 scholarship. It has now provided more than \$2,400,000 in scholarship money to seniors who are college-bound and entering the Field of Education and Education Related Degree Programs.

Currently, two scholarships are offered for the State of Illinois. The first place recipient will receive \$3000 and the second place recipient will receive \$2000. If you know of an exceptional high school senior who is pursuing an education or education related degree, please encourage them to apply. For more information about the 2014 – 2015 application and the application itself, please go to the Illinois PTA website:

<http://www.illinoispta.org/scholarshipapplication.html>. **The application can only be filled out online and the email needs to be completed on or before February 15, 2015.** Applicants will need some information from their school, so please do not wait to apply until February 14, 2015.

Illinois PTA depends on the generosity of its local and council PTA units to maintain the Scholarship program by honoring people in their local units and councils with memorial gifts and also through donations. Some of the memorial gifts that can be purchased are as follows:

- Honorary Life Membership
- Book of Recognition
- T.H.A.N.K.S. Award
- Distinguished Service Scroll
- Educator of the Year Award
- Certificate of Recognition Cards
- Scholarship Gift Cards
- In Memoriam Cards
- Illinois PTA Note Cards

All of these awards are great ways to recognize the people in your PTA and your community who support your local unit and council. More information on these awards can be found on the Illinois PTA website: <http://www.illinoispta.org/scholarship.html>

DISTRICT 37 COUNCIL CORNER

Northwest Suburban Council of PTAs

The PTA local units of NWSC have had a great 2014 and are looking forward to a successful 2015.

NWSC will begin the New Year by taking our President's Meetings on the road by visiting some of our local schools. We will travel to Thomas Jefferson Elementary in Hoffman Estates on January 12th. Administrators from Thomas Jefferson will share information about their school, highlight programs, and take us on a brief tour of the building. This will give our Presidents the opportunity to see other schools in our large school district, learn a little more about their students, and programs. This will be the first of three travelling meetings this year. We thank Thomas Jefferson for hosting this meeting and look forward to visiting more schools this year.



Many students in District 15 demonstrated their creativity and talents by participating in the Reflections Art Contest. Fifteen out of the twenty District 15 schools participated in this program this year; with approximately 300 students taking part and over 350 projects submitted for judging. Students shared their talents and creativity in all 6 areas; visual arts, photography, literature, film, music composition, and dance. We appreciate the time and effort our artists made to create and complete their entries. They inspire us all- to see the Reflections theme through a child's eyes- the same theme but approached in such different ways with such amazing results! We thank them for sharing not only their talents but also their love of the arts with all of us.

The Council will celebrate these creative and talented students at our NWSC Reflections Showcase on January 26th at Carl Sandburg Junior High School in Rolling Meadows. The student's artwork will be on display for all to enjoy. The celebration will continue with refreshments, time to admire the artwork, and enjoy a special night with family and friends. The council will briefly host their General Membership Meeting and then recognize the stars of the evening- the students with certificates of recognition. This is a special evening

for our council, schools, students and families. We are proud that we can offer this opportunity and encourage participation in the arts and all its many forms.

NWSC will be teaming up with District 15 Administrators to provide a parent information night on the new upcoming PARC test. Speakers from the District 15 Administration will facilitate this event, sharing information and answering questions from the audience. There are many questions out there about this new assessment and the council is very happy to partner with District 15 in this parent education event. The date and location of this event is TBA.

We thank all those that have worked so hard in 2014- sharing their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of the students, families and schools of District 15, our Region and State. Happy New Year!!

*Julie Holdeman
NWSC PTA President*

Arlington Heights Council of PTAs

We appreciate all that our PTAs do for the students and families of our district as well as those in the northwest suburbs! With the New Year, why not try something new? It could be something big or something small. Make a goal for yourself and also make one as a board. Some ideas: attend the PTA convention for the first time, research a new activity for your PTA to launch, reach out a meet a new family.

AHC will be celebrating our cultural diversity with the Cultural Arts Fair on Wednesday, March 4. We are currently planning for this wonderful evening and are looking forward to all the energy and enthusiasm the night brings.

Scholarship applications are available for all seniors who have attended an AHSD25 school for at least 3 years. This scholarship program began in 1973. Through the continued support of PTA volunteers, parents, teachers, administrators, the community and the ABC/25 Foundation over \$420,000 has been awarded since the program began.

We look forward to a great start to the New Year!

*Michelle Gledhill and Angela Barry
AHC Co-presidents*

COUNCIL CORNER continued

Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs

Happy New Year from STC! I hope you all enjoyed your well-deserved break over the holidays. As we move into the New Year, it's time to start thinking about the STC Auction and IL PTA Convention. We are excited to have our new 1st Vice-President, Amy McCarthy, to head up the auction this year. She has already brought some fresh ideas to the table and we look forward to yet another successful auction. Proceeds from the auction are applied to our Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to elementary and high school students. The STC Auction will take place at 5:30pm on Friday, March 13th at the Stonegate in Hoffman Estates.

The IL PTA Convention will be held on April 17th & 18th this year at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Remember that it is appropriate to use funds in your PTA's budget to send delegates to convention. I strongly encourage you to attend. There are always great workshops available to help to make your PTA board members stronger leaders which will in turn help your PTA become as successful as possible. I have personally taken many workshops at convention over the years and have even been able to implement many of the things I have learned not only with the PTAs I volunteer for but into my professional career also. They have helped me communicate more efficiently with others, become a better leader and share new ideas with other PTA board members. Get on board the PTA road trip to East Peoria! Be sure to reach out to other schools to see if you can car-pool with them.

The 2015 PTA awards applications have become available on the IL PTA website. Be sure to check out the list and fill out an application. Be proud of what your PTA has done and let us hear about it! The complete list can be found at <http://www.illinoispta.org/leadershipresources.html>.

*Mikel Eppenbaugh
STC President*

NATIONAL PTA NEWS

Registration is now open for the [2015 Legislative Conference, March 10-12](#).

Mary Lou Anderson Grant

Apply for the [Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant](#) for the 2015-16 school year.

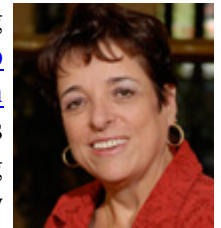
The grant provides matching dollar funding to local PTAs to support in-school and after-school arts enhancement programs within their communities. It is recommended that you [review the grant narrative](#) before applying.



Questions? Email National PTA at Reflections@PTA.org. [Apply today!](#)

Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award

National PTA is now accepting applications for the [2015 Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award](#). This award recognizes PTAs that best demonstrate outstanding achievement in the areas of diversity and inclusion, as well as efforts to end discriminatory practices.



Nominations may be submitted by a:

- PTA unit, council or district in good standing as defined by the state in which they are chartered, and
- State PTA in good standing as defined in the National PTA Standards of Affiliation.

[Apply for the award](#) by **March 20**.

Take Your Family to School Week Toolkits

You can view the online event [toolkit](#) and [interactive map](#), which includes descriptions of events the PTAs will be conducting in conjunction with [PTA Take Your Family to School Week](#).

Learn more at PTA.org/TYFTSW.



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