

Let's Connect

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF
THE WEST VIRGINIA PTA

PTA-MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

The year 2020 began with the idea of opportunity, the thoughts of springing forward with our programs and finally feeling we were moving ahead. Life shows us that sometimes we are forced to move in different directions and we learn that there are more important things such as family and friendships. We also realize that there are different ways off accomplishing things that can still impact the lives of others and improving ourselves.

Through these challenging times, we have witnessed humanity at it's finest and it's worst. I like to focus on the strength of people and how we have been able to come together in support of others. I have also seen more than ever the value of PTA and how we make a difference. So many of you reached out to us asking for direction and how to move forward. When we began the year, it was our goal to provide that type of value where you feel comfortable reaching out for help. What is more amazing to me is that our PTAs across the state have moved forward and still figured out ways to support our schools, children, teachers, administrators and families when it was needed the most. You opened your hearts to your community and in spite of school being closed, you have found new and creative ways to make a difference.

On behalf of the WV PTA, thank you for your service and for not sitting back when you could have. You didn't forget about our children and those who support them. If this is the end of your term, I hope you will never forget the impact you have made while serving in PTA. I encourage you to stay involved and be an advocate for our children and schools. We know that next year brings more of the unknown so if you are continuing in your term as officers and members, stay informed with us.

Rose Rossana, President - WV PTA

2021

Reflections Theme

I Matter Because...

2020-2021



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Start the 2020-2021 PTA School Year Off Right!

We developed the WV PTA Guidelines and tips to help your PTA close out your year and start to plan for the next. Go to <http://www.westvirginiapta.org/> to view and download your copy.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REVIEW...

WV PTA again attended the 2019 Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. We attended workshops focusing on the issues that are affecting children and education. Then we headed to Capitol Hill to discuss these issues and how they affect the children of WV with our US Senators and Congressional Representatives.

Highlights of Advocacy:

- Reauthorizing the Child Nutrition Act to its current funding capacity or greater;
- Anti-Lunch Shaming Act (prohibiting shaming of kids who can't pay their school lunch bills);
- Healthy Meal Time Act (to study the time lunches are served, if enough recess is offered, and if the duration of lunch is adequate);
- School Foods Modernization Act (to provide school districts the tools and resources to offer healthy meals the kids actually will eat because they taste good).

Congratulations

Announcing the **MARCH MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WINNERS**

Grand Prize Winner:
Allen T. Allison PTA

Second Place:
Midland Elementary PTA

*For submitting over
25 new members!*

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A poster for a 'Back to School' membership campaign. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting (yellow, blue, red) hangs across the frame. The background is a dark green chalkboard with faint mathematical equations. The text 'BACK TO SCHOOL' is written in large, colorful, hand-drawn letters. The word 'BACK' is white, 'TO' is white with a red apple replacing the 'O', and 'SCHOOL' is made of yellow, red, and blue letters. Below this, a red ribbon banner says 'Create your...'. Underneath the banner, the words 'MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN' are written in bold red capital letters. To the right of the text is an illustration of a globe on a stand, with a yellow protractor and a yellow ruler placed next to it. At the bottom left, there is a list of three steps: 1. Choose your theme. 2. Join MemberHub to: - Encourage online sign-up; - Share the link on social media. - Sell Family Membership packages that could include a t-shirt or spirit item. - Collect member information automatically. 3. Promote the benefits of PTA: - Highlight what your PTA does for your school and community!

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2019-2020

Scholarship Winners

*Jamie Irvine - Buffalo
High School*

*Maria Kamarados -
Brooke High School*

*Meagan Kearns -
Buffalo High School*

*Aleyna Miller -
Musselman High School*

*Elizabeth Sperry -
Musselman High School*



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**Congratulations 2020 Reflections
State Level Winners...**

Go to

**[http://www.westvirginiapta.org/2020-
reflections-winners.shtml](http://www.westvirginiapta.org/2020-reflections-winners.shtml)**

**to see all of the state level winners and
their magnificent submissions!**

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MINI-GRANT WINNERS

Marlowe Elementary PTA



Marlowe Elementary PTA Literacy Family Night was a HUGE hit! Families enjoyed hot coco, cake pops, quiet reading (looking for sight words or letters in books), and three different book readings led by Mrs. Worthington and teachers. Students that attended were given the book to enjoy and read again at home with family and share with friends. What an amazing night! This is one example of the power of PTA in support of family engagement! Congratulations!



Middle Creek Elementary PTA



Middle Creek PTA Family Game Night was held in the evening at the local volunteer fire department. Families were welcomed with pizza, snacks, and drinks. The room was filled with tables of board games for families and friends (old and new!) to enjoy together. One of the volunteer firefighters showed kids the fire trucks and allowed them to get inside! Students filled out a door prize ticket and at the end of the event, were awarded the board games. This experience made a great impact on family engagement and provided families a time where they could mingle, enjoy each other's company and meet new faces. Families could enjoy time together as a school community. One parent at the event said, "Thank you for hosting an event like this during the evening. I work every day and can't usually come to school day events, so I really appreciate activities like this." Congratulations!

Love

WV PTA AWARDS

Star Volunteer Award

Judy Lovering; Tuscarora Elementary School PTA

Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Radonna Mullenax; Tuscarora Elementary School PTA

Outstanding Principal of the Year Award

Dr. Tyler Long; Tuscarora Elementary School PTA

Outstanding Business Award

Anthony's Pizza; Tuscarora Elementary School PTA

Outstanding Service Personnel Award

Susie Russler; Tuscarora Elementary School PTA

Let's talk... 

Join us on Monday, June 29th from 7:00-8:00 pm for the WV PTA Local Unit Officers Webinar to discuss tips and guidelines for new and returning officers, your role, and to ask any questions you may have.

Watch our social media pages and our website for meeting link details. You will also be able to join by audio if you do not have computer access.

WV PTA Membership Awards

PTA with the Largest Membership:

- Steenrod Elementary PTA in Ohio County

PTA with the Largest Membership Increase:

- Musselman Middle School PTSA of BerkEley County

PTAs with a Membership Increase of 50 or More:

- Musselman Middle School PTSA of BerkEley County
- Brooke County Community PTSA of Brooke County

PTA with the Largest Membership Increase by Region Over Last Year:

- Central: Braxton County Middle School PTA of Braxton County
- Eastern: Musselman Middle School PTSA of Berkeley County
- North Central: West Milford PTA of Harrison County
- Northern: Brooke County Community PTSA of Brooke County
- Southern: lakeside PTA of Putnam County
- Western: Blennerhassett Elementary School PTA of Wood County

Go to our website for the following membership awards:

- Blue Seal
- Early Bird
- Back to School
- Membership Magic

Way to Go!

