PTA – NEW BEGINNINGS..

If we look back at what this past school year has brought us, I can’t help but think of new beginnings. The pandemic has changed a lot of things but being able to go back to normal created a new opportunity for us to utilize some of the lessons that we have learned to create improvements such as flexibility and adapting. We are so proud of all of our PTA volunteers for all of your tireless efforts to get back to PTA. After all, we are working on behalf of our children and keeping in mind our mission...to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities for all children.

Please take time to review this issue especially for housekeeping items as you close out this school year. We want all of our PTAs to maintain their tax exempt status so it’s important to review the Standards of Affiliation checklist. These include your Local Unit Officer Form, Membership, IRS 990 Tax Filing, Bylaws, Insurance, and Financial Review.

We want to thank everyone who attended our 100th annual convention. It was very special since we celebrated our centennial of advocating for the children of WV. Our workshops and presenters were amazing and it was so great to be back with our PTA family in person. Most importantly, we were able celebrate our Reflections winners and seniors who were our Scholarship winners! Our sincerest appreciation for the participation we received for our silent auction in benefit of our scholarship fund! My special thanks to the WV PTA Board of Managers who have helped support me and this association through challenging times.

Wishing everyone a great summer and see you in August!

Rose Rossana, President - WV PTA
West Virginia PTA Award Winners

Allen T Allison PTA
Back Creek Valley PTA
Berkeley Heights Pioneers PTA
Blennerhassett Middle School PTSA
Braxton County Middle School PTA
Bunker Hill Elementary PTA
Greenmont School PTA
Jackson Middle School PTA
John Adams Middle School PTA
Johnson Elementary School PTA
Lubeck Elementary PTA
Lubeck Elementary PTA
Middle Creek Elementary School PTA
North View Elementary School PTA
Rosemont PTA
Simpson Elementary PTA
Spring Mills Primary PTA
Sleenrod Elementary PTA
Vienna Elementary PTA
Weirton Elementary PTA
Williamstown Elementary PTA

Congratulations!

1923-2023
Standards of Affiliation Requirements

- In order to remain tax-exempt and a chartered PTA, a local unit or county council must be in good standing.
- PTAs must be in compliance with the Standards of Affiliation (SOA) each year.
- You maintain compliance of your SOA within MemberHub Document Storage.
- SOA includes:
  - Local Unit Officers Report
  - Membership
  - Insurance
  - Bylaws
  - IRS 990N
  - Financial Review

Go to http://www.wvpta.net/standards-of-affiliation-requirements.shtml to download our SOA checklist.

Why is having insurance coverage for your PTA required?

Did you know that under West Virginia state law, your PTA is required to carry insurance coverage? Insurance protects PTAs and volunteer leaders and provides peace of mind. West Virginia PTA is happy to share valuable information on our preferred provider, AIM Insurance.

Go to our website for more details.
http://www.westvirginiapta.org/insurance.shtml

Follow us on westvirginiapta.org
**LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REVIEW...**

WV PTA again attended the 2023 Legislative Conference. We attended workshops focusing on the issues that are affecting children and education. Then we virtually met with our US Senators and Congressional Representatives to discuss these issues and how they affect the children of WV.

**Highlights of Advocacy:**

- Reintroduce and Co-Sponsor the Mental Health Matters Act;
- Digital Safety & Well-Being;
- Welcoming, Inclusive and Supportive Schools;
- Family Engagement;
- School Safety and Gun Violence Prevention;

There are many official PTA positions relevant to these issues that you can refer to at the National PTA website.

Go to: [https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions](https://www.pta.org/home/advocacy/ptas-positions).

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**Scholarship Winners**

- Kendall Flynn from Elkins High School
- Bradford Hurt from Princeton Senior High School
- George Kamarados from Brooke High School
- Jacob Sherman from Musselman High School
- Samuel Warner from Hurricane High School

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**Congratulations 2023 Reflections State Level Winners...**

Go to [https://youtu.be/MqIdOfPOt0g](https://youtu.be/MqIdOfPOt0g) to see all of the state level winners and their magnificent submissions!
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. Be present during your Back to School Event.
   - Sell memberships & provide fun treats!
   - Recruit members through sign ups.
3. Promote the benefits of PTA:
   - Highlight what your PTA does for your school and community!
SUBMIT YOUR PTA ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RECORDS WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR!

- Financial records should be reviewed at once a year.
- Books should also be reviewed if a financial officer resigns, before the new officer assumes his or her duties, and at any other time deemed necessary.
- Contact WV PTA if you need assistance completing your review.
- Go to http://www.westvirginiapta.org/audits.shtml for information and forms.
- Upload your financial review copy to MemberHub.
- WV PTA will review and approve your submission.

IRS 990 N Tax Filing...

You and your PTA Board are also responsible for the reporting to the federal government or IRS. If you report less than $50,000 in gross revenue, you may go online to file the 990N. It’s simple reporting asking basic financial questions about your PTA.

West Virginia PTA can provide assistance with the 990N process for our units. We will prepare and file the 990N tax form for eligible units that utilize the online "PTA 990N Assistance Request Form" (at no cost to the unit).

Go to http://www.westvirginiapta.org/990n-assistance.shtml for more information.
Mark you calendars for 2023-2024 Regional Training:

- Northern Region: 8/1/23
- Eastern Region: 8/3/23
- Western Region: 8/8/23
- Central & North Central Region: 8/10/23
- Southern Region: 8/17/23

Watch our social media pages and your email for location!

Important:

Update your Local Unit Officers by July 1st of every year!

1. Submit using our online form at https://www.cognitoforms.com/WestVirginiaPTA/WestVirginiaPTA_LocalUnitOfficerList20232024
2. Or update in MemberHub.

Don't forget!