



Congratulations Class of 2024 Graduates!

“Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.” — Lou Holtz



Hello from the Arizona PTA Health and Safety Issues Committee

Dear Arizona PTA Members,

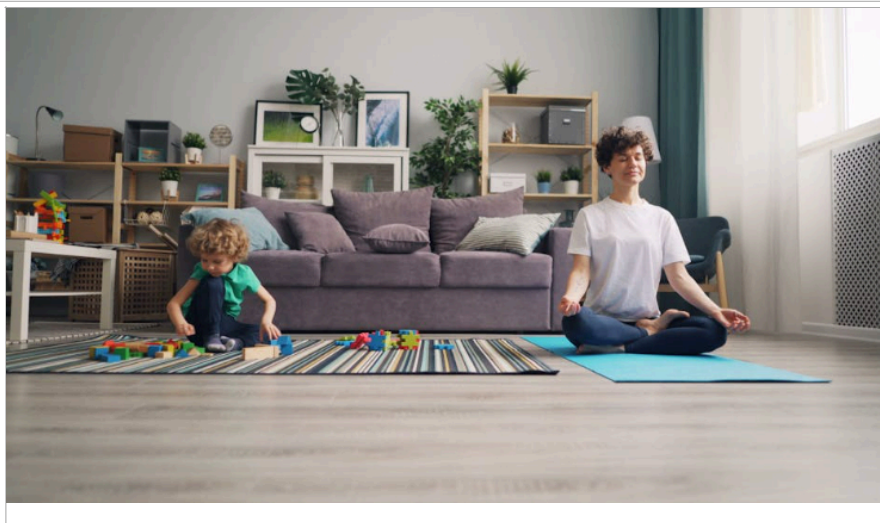
We are thrilled to announce that Dr. Heidi Carpenter has taken on the role of Chair for our Health and Safety Issues Committee! With her passion for promoting healthy lifestyles as a board-certified occupational therapist, we are confident that Heidi will lead the committee to great success.

As we transition into the spring months, it's a great time to get outside and focus on building a new healthy habit or learn a new family safety tip. To support these efforts, we encourage you to explore the resources available on the National PTA website's Healthy Lifestyles page [Healthy Lifestyles - Programs | National PTA](#) From tips for staying active to guidance on nutrition, there's something for everyone to benefit from.

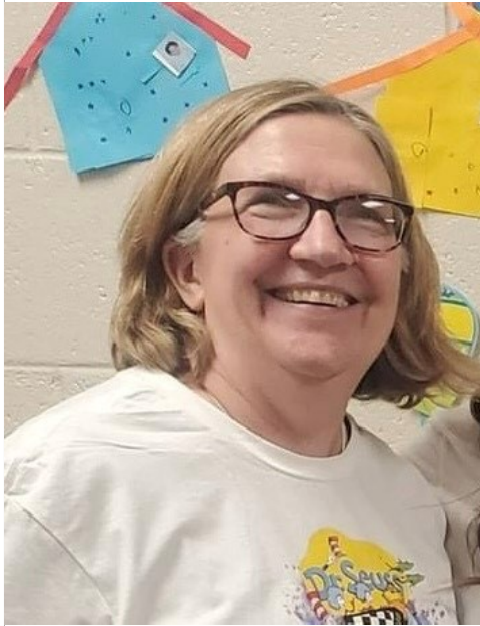
Interested in volunteering?

We need you! Any interested members are welcome to join Heidi and the Health and Safety Issues Committee in their mission to prioritize the well-being of our Arizona PTA community. Whether you're passionate about promoting physical activity, advocating for mental health resources, or ensuring the safety of our schools, your contribution is invaluable. Please email Heidi at healthandsafety@azpta.org or details or to connect.

**In Good Health,
Heidi**



Arizona PTA May Teacher of the Month



Congratulations to Mrs. Karol Thompson, a Special Education teacher with Western Peaks PTSA for being chosen the Arizona PTA March 2024 Teacher of the Month. It is said that Mrs. Thompson goes above and beyond as an educator by actively advocating for the needs of students with disabilities. Karol empowers her students by instilling confidence, and self-belief in their abilities, which the PTSA gets to see every day. Karol's peers have said they count themselves lucky to have built a relationship with Mrs. Thompson. Karol is not just a teacher; she is a champion for inclusion, equity, and acceptance. Her tireless efforts to create a nurturing and inclusive space for all students exemplify the qualities the PTSA admires most in an educator. Thank you, Karol! [Teacher of the Month | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](https://www.azpta.org)

Congratulations to Ms. Elena Ryan, a Reading Interventionist from the Henry Elementary PTSA who has been chosen Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month for April 2024. Elena consistently attends PTSA meetings, as well as events, and participates on countless committees. Her PTSA nominated her for her work with the school Read-a-Thon and love of reading week. Ms. Ryan works with the Henry teachers and students to not only raise money for the school but to instill a love of reading during this week each year. With the guidance of Ms. Ryan and her commitment to Henry Elementary the Henry PTA is able to better advocate for their families! Thank you, Elena! [Teacher of the Month | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](https://www.azpta.org)

Arizona PTA April Teacher of the Month



CREATIVE KIDS NEEDED!



**CALLING ALL ARTISTS/PERFORMERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

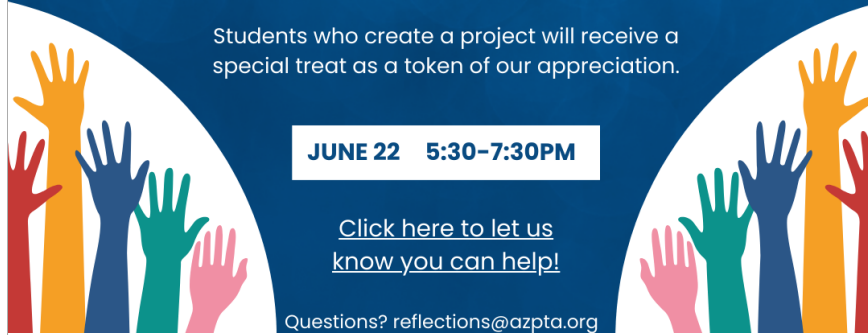
We want to show a variety of projects at the Reflections Showcase that is part of the Arizona PTA convention. We need students to create submissions that go along with the 2024-25 theme "Accepting Imperfection." The projects can be submitted in the fall for this year's contest.

Students who create a project will receive a special treat as a token of our appreciation.

JUNE 22 5:30-7:30PM

[Click here to let us know you can help!](#)

Questions? reflections@azpta.org



+ REFLECTIONS +

SHOWCASE



Celebrate the 2023-24 Reflections winners and preview the 2024-25 theme. Have some fun exploring and creating!

Date : 22 June 2024
Time : 5:30PM - 7:30PM
Venue : 1600 S Price Rd, Chandler

Bring your whole family!





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MAY
is Mental
Health Month!

Start your journey

PTA.org/HealthyMinds



Mental Health Month

May is Mental Health Month and mental health is a top priority for PTA. Suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States. **PTA has resources** to incorporate mental health conversations into your daily life.

[Healthy Minds - Programs | National PTA](#)

Find out your school's mental health report card - [Home - Hopeful Futures Campaign](#)

If you or a loved one is going through a mental health crisis, you can call 988 to get immediate mental health support from professionals in your area.

Free Summer Meals



Scan me
For locations near you,
visit azhealthzone.org/foodsites



“All kids and teens (ages 0-18) are eligible for free meals at participating schools and community sites across Arizona during the summer break through the Summer Food Service Program! This program helps save families time and money! No questions asked or paperwork needed. Kids and teens can just show up to a location and receive a meal. Once summer begins, you can find a location near you by visiting [Arizona Summer Food Service Program - AZ Healthzone](#). You can also help support this program by spreading awareness of the Free Summer Meals Program! Tell your friends and family with children and share social media posts from your school or local site! Thank you!”



ARE YOU OUR NEXT

Board Member?

Positions are open to run from the floor at the Arizona PTA convention. Application deadline is 5/31/24



email questions to nomination@azpta.org

Arizona PTA Officer Nominations from the Floor

Applications to run from the floor of the Arizona PTA Convention are being taken for the positions listed below. The application form must be completed by May 31, 2024. [Application to Run from the Floor \(Page 1 of 8\) \(office.com\)](#) We hope that you take a peek at the requirements and consider running from the floor for an Arizona PTA officer position. Further information may be found at: [Help Wanted - Nominations | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](#)

Secretary

Treasurer

Vice-President of Membership

Northeast Maricopa / Gila Region Director

Northern Arizona Region Director

Southwest Maricopa Region Director

Western Region Director



Hey!
Attention

Local Unit Elections

****Important****

If you have already held your Officer Elections for *NEXT* school year 2024-2025, please submit your new Officer's List here:
<https://forms.gle/qYUx7apPc1AGEz4f6>

Even if you have changed your officer information in MemberHub this form ALSO needs to be completed.

This link and many other helpful documents can be found on our website:
AZPTA.org/leaders-documents



Register for the Arizona PTA Convention Now!

Register for the Arizona PTA Convention now! Don't miss out on all the workshops, vendors, meetings, dancing and fun. Get your required training completed. Registration includes a Convention tote, a convention badge, access to all Convention workshops and the vendor hall, all General sessions, Friday lunch, the Friday Awards Celebration/Dance, Saturday lunch and the Saturday Night Student Reflections Showcase with appetizers.

May 1 - May 30, 2024 - Registration the cost is \$275.00. May 31- June 9 - Late Registration cost is \$300. [2024 AZ PTA Convention Registration \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

Convention Grants

Did you know Arizona PTA offers grants to assist local units with convention costs? Check out the application to see if you qualify and apply NOW! **The deadline is Wednesday, 5/30/24.** <https://form.jotform.com/241001356046140>



Arizona PTA 2024 Convention Hotel

The Arizona PTA convention will be held at the Marriott Phoenix Chandler in Chandler, Arizona. The hotel is located at 1600 South Price Road Chandler, Arizona 85286 The room rate is \$129. + tax. Book today! [2024 Annual Convention | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](https://www.azpta.org/2024-Annual-Convention)

Amendments to the Proposed Bylaws Amendments



Members of the Arizona PTA Board of Managers will be available on Friday during the Convention to assist registered accredited voting delegates wishing to submit amendments to the proposed Bylaws amendments. Motion blank forms will be available. By 6 PM on Friday, June 21, 2024, any amendments to the proposed Bylaws amendments from the delegates must be written and given to the Arizona PTA Bylaws Committee. In regard to the proposed Bylaws amendments, only secondary amendments may be made at the designated microphone at the appropriate time during General Meeting(s).

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Local Unit Award Applications

It is now time to recognize the members of your local PTA/PTSA unit by nominating them for a special award. Let Arizona PTA know of the wonderful things they have done. The applications will be judged, then the winners will be honored on Friday, June 21, 2024, at the Arizona PTA Convention Award Celebration and Dance. All nominations must be received by June 1, 2024 [Local Unit Awards | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](https://www.azpta.org)



Men At Work

Recognizes an outstanding male volunteer who has given consistent and outstanding service through the PTA. This person must be a member of the PTA and exemplifies the PTA Purpose.

Imagination Partner Award

Recognizes an education professional in a non-teaching role currently with or on behalf of students. This person must be a member of the PTA and exemplify the mission and purposes of the PTA.

Brick-by-Brick Award

Recognizes a non-certified staff member currently working with or on behalf of children. Support Staff are the cornerstones of the school community, serving in non-teaching capacity. The nominee must be a member of the PTA and exemplify the mission and purposes of the PTA.

Community Construction Award

Recognizes outstanding members of the community and the PTA for their efforts to advocate and speak on behalf of every child one voice.

Young Innovator Award

Recognizes an outstanding student leader in the PTA community. This nominee must be a member of the PTA and be capable of understanding, participating in discussion and debating motions without adult assistance to be considered for this award.

Teacher of the Year Award

Recognizes an outstanding certified teacher who has given consistent and outstanding service through the PTA. This person must be a member of the PTA and exemplifies the PTA purpose.

L.U.V. Award (Local Unit Volunteer)

Awarded to the nominee that exhibited outstanding efforts and accomplishments in planned programs and activities that encouraged participation to foster the purposes of PTA.

Master Builders for Family Engagement

Recognizes local PTA's that demonstrate a commitment to the Six National Standards for Family and School Partnerships as well as the overall mission and purposes of PTA.

Local Unit of the Year

Recognizes local units that demonstrate a commitment to the mission and purposes of the PTA. This award focuses on membership, activities, and programs from the entire year.

Everything is Awesome Award

Recognizes an exemplary parent volunteer who consistently supports the PTA. This person must be a member of the PTA and exemplifies the PTA Purpose.



Congratulations to Broadmor PTA for winning the Arizona PTA April Membership contest. The prize is one FREE Arizona PTA Convention registration Thank you to all units that submitted memberships for the contest.

I am Hopeful Because...
Explore the arts and express yourself!

Arizona Reflections Winners 2024

Literature - Primary - Lucy Bellinger
 Literature - Intermediate - Jaleigha Berry
 Literature - Middle School - Sophia Yanez

Film Production - Intermediate - Erin Worthington

Music Composition - Primary - Scott Minch
 Music Composition - Intermediate - Aubrey Rios

Photography - Primary - Logan Radspinner
 Photography - Intermediate - Megan Campbell

Visual Arts - Primary - Aaron Dennis
 Visual Arts - Intermediate - Lauren Dennis
 Visual Arts - Middle School - Autumn Bicknell

Congratulations!!



National PTA Virtual Convention

The National PTA will be holding a virtual Convention on June 27-29, 2024. During the **Level Up PTA 2024 Virtual Convention—Thursday, June 27 at 2 p.m. EDT**—members of the voting body will have the opportunity to participate virtually in the live National PTA elections, as well as the debate and vote on proposed resolutions, resolutions amendments, resolution to rescind, bylaws amendments and dues rate. A featured speaker at the convention will be LeVar Burton. If you wish to vote during 2024 National PTA Virtual Convention you will need to be selected as a (state) Arizona PTA delegate. You must register (including complete payment) for the Virtual Convention by 11:59 p.m. PDT June 4, 2024, for your name to be part of the delegate selection process.

Arizona PTA Local Unified PTA/PTSA Unit Bylaws - Section 3. Any current paid member of an Arizona local PTA/PTSA unit may apply for delegate status at the annual National PTA Convention by making a request to the Arizona PTA President. [dues-rate-motion-and-rationale.pdf \(pta.org\)](#) [Investing in PTA's Future for Tomorrow's Success | National PTA](#)

Calendar

5/20, 2024 - Arizona PTA Local PTA/PTSA Membership Monthly Reporting Date [Givebacks/MemberHub | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](#)

5/31, 2024 - Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month Applications Due [Teacher of the Month | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](#)

6/1, 2024 - Deadline to submit Arizona PTA Local Unit Award Applications [Local Unit Awards | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](#)

6/4, 2024 - Deadline for registration (delegate status) for the National PTA 2024 Virtual Convention

6/17, 2024 - National PTA Bylaws and Dues Increase Writing Lab 7PM EDT Register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

6/18, 2024 - National PTA Resolutions Writing Lab 8 PM EDT Register - [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

6/21-22, 2024- 2024 Arizona PTA Convention [2024 Annual Convention | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](#)

6/27 - 6/29/2024 - 2024 National PTA Convention (Virtual) Level Up PTA [National Parent Teacher Association | National PTA](#)

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