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ARIZONA PTA NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We hope everyone is enjoying the start of the new school year! It's wonderful to see all the first day back photos shared on social media. The Arizona PTA wishes you and your families a fantastic school year ahead.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 118th Annual Convention this summer. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet, collaborate, and share ideas to ensure your PTA's success this year. For those who couldn't attend, online training will be available soon.

The Arizona PTA is here to support you throughout the year. If you need any assistance, please reach out to your region director or anyone on the Arizona PTA Team. Thank you, and we hope you have an amazing school year!

Sara Gagliardi, Arizona PTA President



TEACHER OF THE MONTH - MAY

Congratulations to **Jessica Nemet of North Ranch Elementary PTA** our Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month for May. Jessica is a 6th grade teacher and was nominated because of her amazing ability to work with neurodivergent students and connect with the student's families. She manages to encourage and support each student providing them with multiple ways to gain success in learning the material. Her prize of a pizza party with her and three of your friends is always a big fundraiser for the PTA silent auction. To encourage a connection between school and home, she has even had a weekend afternoon doggie "meet and greet" at the park next to North Ranch where she brought her beloved dog Carl. It has been said that Jessica is unequivocally a truly gifted teacher. Well done Jessica!

118TH ANNUAL ARIZONA PTA CONVENTION



This year's Convention was a big success! Over 200 attendees from seven regions across Arizona came to Chandler to learn, celebrate, and collaborate. Special thank you to our keynote speakers; Vice Mayor of Chandler Od Harris, Director of School Safety for Department of Arizona Michael Kurtenbach, Arizona State University Dean of Teachers College Carole Basile, and Chandler City Council Member Christine Ellis.

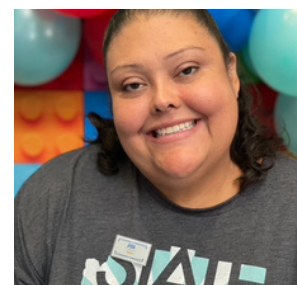
ARIZONA PTA ELECTIONS

Thank you to all the convention delegates who took the time to vote this year. Congratulations to our newly elected Arizona PTA Officers (*pictured left to right*):

Vice President of Membership - Brittney Smith

Secretary - Samantha Wootton

Southwest Maricopa Region Director - Irene Dargan



CONVENTION CONTEST WINNERS



Congratulations to **Mountain View PTA** for being the spirit swag winners by garnishing the most votes. Second place went to the Acacia Owls PTA and third place to Eagle Ridge PTSA. We loved seeing everyone's gear



Congratulations to **Ocotillo Ridge PTA** for winning the Brag Board Contest! Second place in the contest went to the Senita Valley PTSA and third place to the Acacia Owls PTA.



Congratulations to the **Phoenix Mustangs** for winning the \$100 Amazon Gift Card from the SOA drawing! All PTA's that completed their SOA's by September 30th were entered for a chance to win.

LOCAL UNIT AWARD WINNERS

Brick-by-Brick Award

(Support Staff of the Year)

April Prewitt from Copper Ridge PTA

Community Construction Award

(Outstanding Community Member of the Year)

Chelsea Pitman from Westpoint PTA

Imagination Partner Award

(Non-teaching Education Professional of the Year)

Christine Hollingsworth from Acacia Owls PTA

Young Innovator Award

(Student Leader of the Year)

Caitlyn Richards from Eagle Ridge PTSA

Local Unit of the Year

Canyon Ridge PTA

L.U.V. AWARD *(Local Unit Volunteer)*

John Treacy PTA from Acacia Owls PTA

Master Builders for Family Engagement

Mesquite Elementary PTSA

Men at Work Award

(Male Volunteer of the Year)

MicahPaul Sherman from Desert Willow Elementary PTA

Teacher of the Year

Vanessa Akin from Western Peaks Elementary PTSA

Everything is Awesome Award

(Parent Volunteer of the Year)

Samantha Wootton from Copper Ridge PTA

YOUR FIRST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE:

- PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF THE STANDING RULES
- RATIFICATION OF AZPTA LOCAL UNIT UNIFIED BYLAWS
- PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET
- PRESENTATION & ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL REVIEW / AUDIT

THESE MEETING NOTES ARE PART OF BEING IN GOOD STANDING!

OFFICER TRAINING

COMING SOON



OFFICERS LIST

Remember to update your Officers List in Givebacks!

- Under Compliance
 - Update Officers

Also update on the AZPTA.org website!

- In “Run Your PTA/PTSA Tools” tab

CALENDAR REMINDERS

August

- 15th: AIM insurance renewal due
- 20th: Local PTA/PTSA Membership Monthly Reporting

September

- 20th: Local PTA/PTSA Membership Monthly Reporting
- 30th: Local PTA/PTSA Good Standing Docs due**

October

- 20th: Local PTA/PTSA Membership Monthly Reporting

AUGUST 2024						
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