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ARIZONA PTA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Arizona PTA Family,

As we approach the end of September, Arizona PTA would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have worked tirelessly to kick off the school year with membership drives, fundraisers, event planning, and more. We also appreciate those of you who have already spent the extra time and effort you've dedicated to submitting the required SOA paperwork to keep your PTA/PTSA in compliance before the 9/30/24 deadline. As fellow volunteers, we understand the sacrifices you make, giving up time with your families to ensure the families in your communities benefit from PTA/PTSA programs. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. We look forward to seeing you share your upcoming events, successful fundraisers, and more on the Arizona PTA Local Leader Facebook group as the busy holiday season begins. Thank you for all you do for "every child."


Sara Gagliardi, Arizona PTA President



GOOD STANDING GIVEAWAY

ALL LOCAL UNITS THAT
ARE IN GOOD STANDING
BY SEPTEMBER 30TH
WILL BE ENTERED TO
WIN A PRIZE!



GOOD STANDING GIVEAWAY

All local units with 10 paid members and all of their SOA documents submitted, by the September 30th annual deadline, will be entered into a giveaway drawing to win one of four, \$100 e-awards for use at the Arizona PTA store OR \$100 off of 2025 Arizona PTA convention registration.

Additional giveaway entry awarded to those local units who exceed their 2023-24 membership totals by September 30, 2024.

BE IN GOOD STANDING! SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION BY SEPTEMBER 30TH!

- SUBMIT YOUR OFFICER LIST IN GIVEBACKS AND AZPTA.ORG
- STANDARDS OF AFFILIATION FORM ON AZPTA.ORG
- LOCAL UNIT STANDING RULES IN GIVEBACKS
- COPY OF APPROVED BUDGET IN GIVEBACKS
- COMPLETED FINANCIAL REVIEW / AUDIT IN GIVEBACKS
- COPY OF FIRST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES IN GIVEBACKS
- COMPLETE OFFICER TRAINING FOR CORE FOUR OFFICERS
(PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER)

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!

STANDARDS OF AFFILIATION GOOD STANDING

When all of the following documents have been completed/submitted, then your Local Unit is considered in compliance aka in Good Standing with Arizona PTA. **Your Local Unit MUST be in Good Standing in order to participate in National PTA Programs** like Reflections, to apply for National PTA Grants like the STEM + Families Propelling Our World Grant, and for Arizona PTA Awards like Local Unit of the Year or Teacher of the Month.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Regional Director. Don't know who your Regional Director is? Visit

<https://www.azpta.org/regions>



REFLECTIONS

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR UNIT FOR REFLECTIONS!

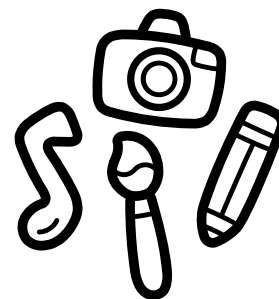
register at pta.org/reflections



FIND USEFUL IMAGES, FORMS AND LINKS TO RUN YOUR PROGRAM AT AZPTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS

This year's Reflections theme is "Accepting Imperfections". There are six categories to enter into:

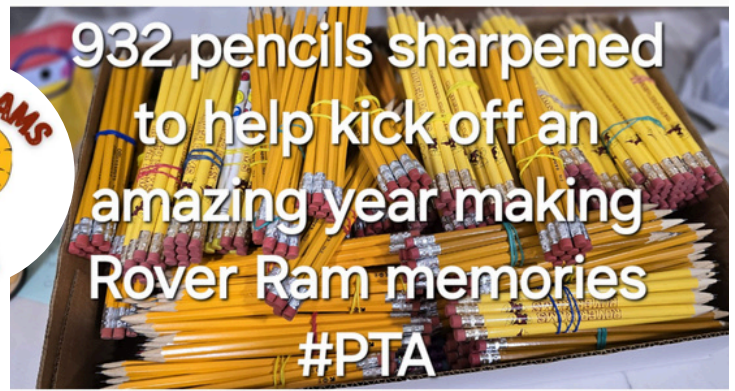
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts



Register your Local Unit, find useful images, and get familiar with the deadlines by visiting azpta.org/reflections.

LOCAL UNIT SPOTLIGHT

“Prior to the start of the school year, some of the Rover Rams PTA moms got together to sharpen pencils to put in welcome back to school bags for Rover teachers. We handed the welcome back bags out at the staff meeting the Monday before the first day of school” said PTA President, Sandra Brightwell.



What an awesome way to help Teachers and set the students up for success! Great job Rover PTA! Is your Local Unit doing amazing work? We want to know! Email marketing@azpta.org.



TEACHER OF THE MONTH



2024-2025
TEACHER OF THE MONTH
A+

Celebrate the amazing Teachers and Staff who go above and beyond at your school! Along with bragging rights, the Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month Award includes a \$100 prize!

Awards are given September - April
Apply at azpta.org/teacher-of-the-month

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Teacher of the Month applications are open now! Nominate a Teacher or Staff member who is:

- a PTA/PTSA member
- exemplifies the PTA mission

Rules:

- only one nomination can be made by a Local Unit each month
- The Local Unit must be in good standing

Questions should be sent to tom@azpta.org

ADVOCACY

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS...



YOUR VOTE MATTERS

October 7
Last day to register to vote

October 25
Last day to request early ballot

October 29
Last day to mail back ballot

November 5
Vote in-person or return ballot in-person

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 5TH


Visit Vote411.org/arizona for details



UNDERSTANDING BONDS, OVERRIDES AND YOUR BALLOT

LIVE WEBINAR

MODERATOR



NICKY INDICAVITCH
Arizona PTA Advocacy Chair

Join the Arizona PTA Advocacy committee for a live webinar with a panel of experts to discuss the upcoming bond and override measures on the ballot this November.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 2024
AT 7PM VIA ZOOM

Arizona PTA **education FORWARD**
everychild.ourvoice. arizona

Contact advocacy@azpta.org for more information.

Learn more about using your vote and your voice to advocate for the children of Arizona!

Contact advocacy@azpta.org.

DIVERSITY

The National Center for Learning Disabilities is excited to recognize educators and service providers who make a real difference in the lives of students with disabilities and ADHD. The Everyday Champion Awards will honor those who create inclusive and welcoming spaces, support mental health, and believe in the potential of all students. Plus, there's a \$5000 award for the winners!

Nominate your champion by September 30 [here](#).



Celebrate those making a difference for students with learning disabilities and ADHD.

Everyday Champion Award

Nominate your Everyday Champion today!

ARIZONA PTA SWAG



ARIZONA PTA SWAG!

Support Arizona PTA in this custom high quality shirt available in XS - 6X sizing.

Order from State Forty-Eight directly and you can choose to pickup in Chandler, or have it shipped directly to you!

AVAILABLE NOW!

NATIONAL PTA GRANT FUNDING

Do you want to make PTA programs more accessible for families in your community? National PTA program funding can help! Simply answer a few questions, and your PTA can receive program funding to help cover costs like food, transportation, materials and translation services. No grant writing experience is required. Learn more and apply today at PTA.org/Grants. Strengthen the bonds within your school community and ensure every family can participate!

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PTAs

National PTA
everychild.onevoice.

Apply in late August

PTA.org/Grants

MEMBERSHIP



Let's Celebrate

**LOCAL UNITS WHO HAVE ALREADY
EXCEEDED LAST YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP
COUNT**

Canyon Ridge PTA	Henry PTA
Ocotillo Ridge PTA	Hopi PTA
Country Place PTA	Eagles PTA
West Point PTSA	Rover PTA
Shaw Montessori PTA	Tigers PTA
Sonoran Heights PTA	
Humboldt Elementary PTA	
Cottonwood Elementary PTSA	



GET INVOLVED

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in the Arizona PTA? There are a lot of amazing opportunities on committees like:

- Advocacy
- Arts in Education
- Convention
- Diversity
- Family & Community Engagement
- Marketing

For more information please email marketing@azpta.org



CALENDAR REMINDERS

September

20th: Local PTA/PTSA Membership Monthly Reporting

30th: Local PTA/PTSA Good Standing Docs due

October

20th: Local PTA/PTSA Membership Monthly Reporting

22nd: Givebacks Webinar with Membership

November

20th: Local PTA/PTSA Membership Monthly Reporting

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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