Upcoming Events

- Join us for a convention planning meeting, Saturday May 18, 2019 at 10 a.m. @ The PTA Office 2721 N. 7th Ave

- Membership Due May 30 here.

- Don’t forget to open the Call to Convention

Calls to Action

- Voter Voice (Link here) Send your representative a message with just a few clicks!

- Share your PTA Story - your story might be shared at National PTA Convention and Expo! Use the hashtag #MyPTAStory

- Want to schedule a presentation by SOS? Contact them here: Save Our Schools Arizona

AZ PTA is giving out some pretty awesome awards this year at convention. Nominate a person or local unit for the following categories:

- Local Unit or Council of the Year
- Outstanding Unit for Family Engagement
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Champion for Children Award
- PTA SuperMAN Award
- PTA Future Leader Award
- Power Partner Award
- PTA Cornerstone Award

If you missed the deadline, don’t worry we extended it so the amazing people in your local unit can get recognized!
Deadline extended to May 17th!
#AZPTAOG2019
Nominate HERE
AZ PTA values the feedback our members provide. We want to hear from you what you think about the National Dues Increase proposal. We will vote as our members see fit, but we can’t do that with your feedback. Read up on what the proposed changes can accomplish below and click this link to share your thoughts with us!

Office Depot Celebrates 2nd Annual 'Depot Day of Service'
Office Depot's Volunteer Initiative "Depot Day of Service" spent a day helping to spruce up Sahuaro Elementary in Phoenix to read the press release click here.
AZPTA would like to thank all the volunteers, Office Depot, as well as our State and National Representatives who attended the days events. Events like this absolutely make us #PTAproud!

Welcome to the Arizona PTA Family!
Congratulations and welcome to the PTA family, Asante PTA in Surprise, AZ!

Pictured here are the charter members.

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**National PTA Statement on Shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch**

**ALEXANDRIA, Va., (May 7, 2019)**—National PTA President Jim Accomando issued the following statement on the shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch in Highlands Ranch, Colo.:

“National PTA is deeply saddened to hear of the shooting this afternoon at STEM School Highlands Ranch.

“There have been far too many shootings at schools. We must immediately redouble our nation’s efforts to make meaningful change. Every child deserves to learn in an environment that is safe and to have the opportunity to grow into a happy and healthy adult. We all know more needs to be done to keep our children safe, and we must work together to continually demand action.

“National PTA believes any effort to address school safety must involve all stakeholders—especially students, parents and families—who should consider a variety of factors, including the physical and psychological safety of students. Our association promotes the establishment of and support for school safety policies and procedures that emphasize family engagement, adequate funding for and access to student support services and personnel, and conditions that create and foster positive and welcoming school environments. We also promote the implementation of evidence-based policies and best practices articulated in A Framework for Safe and Successful Schools, which was written and has been endorsed by the nation’s leading education stakeholders and practitioners.

“Additionally, National PTA urges Congress to adopt legislation that would strengthen background checks, fund gun violence research efforts, ban assault weapons and prevent persons who may endanger public safety from accessing guns. Our association also urges policymakers to prioritize mental health education, early intervention, prevention and access to school and community-based mental health personnel and services.

“It has been and remains a top priority of National PTA to prevent and eliminate violence in schools, communities and at home; promote safety for children; make sure the needs of the whole child are met and ensure every child reaches their full potential. National PTA has a strong history of supporting and advocating for policies in the areas of gun safety and violence prevention, juvenile justice, mental health and students’ overall well-being.

“National PTA is also committed to supporting students, families, schools and communities in coping with and preventing violence and creating safe and supportive schools. The association offers a variety of resources that can be downloaded at PTA.org/SchoolSafety.”

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**Twice as Sweet! A Double Scoop of April Teacher of the Month!**
This month we celebrate Eagle Ridge's Sharon Caruso as well as Sonoran Heights Paul Flies for their outstanding commitment to their schools and community! Congratulations to both, they are now in the running to win Arizona PTA's Teacher of the Year to be announced at convention!

Our New Website is LIVE!

Have you heard? Arizona PTA has a new website! The mobile version is still under construction but the new site is live!

Please bear with us as we continue to update the new site and add items but for now all things convention are on the new site!

If you have our website saved please make sure to refresh or clear your cache to visit as the old site might still be visible until you reload.

Arizona State PTA Website

For 50 years, #PTAReflections has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning.

Register for the 2019-2020 Reflections program "Look Within" today!

Click here - Reflections
Why PTA? #ptaproud

"This is at the head where decisions are made about your child, so don't you want to be a part of that?"
Watch National PTA's “Why PTA is Important to Me” video to learn how everyday people across the country are making an impact in education.

National Park Service

The National Park Service will be offering a total of (5) days this year with free admission! The next free day will be August 25, 2019. If you'd like to see more information regarding the national parks please visit their website here.

If you happen to have a 4th grader in your family don't forget to sign up at Every Kid In A Park for free entry in to National Parks!

Phoenix Art Museum
In an effort to reduce economic barriers and increase access to the arts, Phoenix Art Museum offers Pay-What-You-Wish admission every Wednesday from 3–9 pm.

As the Museum's first and longest-running community-access program providing complimentary general admission and programming for all ages and interests, Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesday has welcomed nearly 1 million people to the Museum over the past two decades.

Special-Engagement Exhibitions:

Special-engagement exhibitions require a $5 admission ticket during Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesdays.

Through May 26
Wondrous Worlds: Art & Islam Through Time & Place

March 9–September 8, 2019
Agnes Pelton: Desert Transcendentalist
Complimentary admission for Pay-What-You-Wish Wednesdays is generously supported by Macy's and Salt River Project.
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