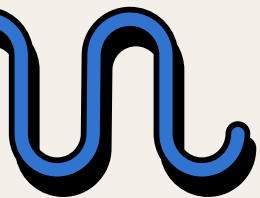
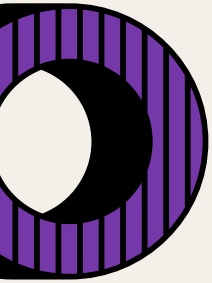


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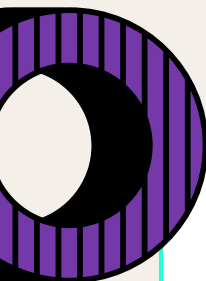
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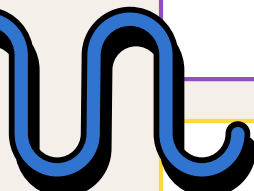
Taken from the National PTA website: “The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.”

Purpose of PTA

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community
 - To raise the standards of home life
- To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth
 - To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth
- To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth
- To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding
 - teachers “serve”

Fundraising is never mentioned in the mission statement for PTA. Money can certainly provide the means to do great things for our schools and children. But the real heart of PTA is connecting with our families, teachers and communities through programs

- Programs – what your PTA provides for its members
 - Programs – value in membership dues
 - Programs – learning and growing together to advocate for all children
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The Golden Rule of PTA is that local units should provide THREE programs for every one fundraiser. Chances are your PTA is already providing some programs now, many behind-the-scenes that parents may be unaware of. Do your volunteers provide lunch relief for teachers? Does your PTA offer teacher grants for classroom supplies? Make sure your members are aware of all that PTA offers AND make sure your calendar is full of opportunities for your families and school community to come together

Reach out to your county council if you need support or ideas for programs.

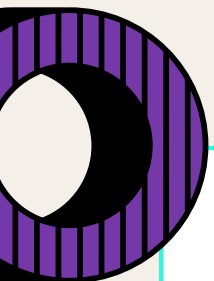
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JULY/AUGUST

New Beginnings

Elementary/Middle/High



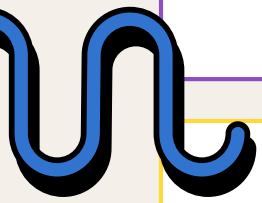
Host a get-to-know-each-other event for all new PTA officers and chairs. Keep it casual and fun.
Brainstorm for the upcoming year

Host a Back-to-School event here students & parents can meet the teacher & staff in a casual setting, i.e., ice cream social and have the teachers “serve”

At your first Board meeting, define your focus for the year and set goals. Increase membership?
Connect with more volunteers?
Start one new program tradition?
Launch the Reflection Arts program?



Dates to Remember:

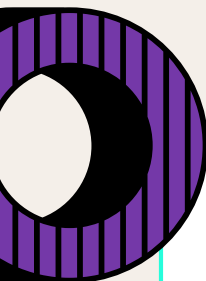


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SEPTEMBER


Why PTA? Elementary



At the first PTA meeting/Open House, highlight events & volunteer opportunities offered by your PTA; spotlight national & local business partners & members discounts/offers; offer merchant coupons to PTA members only.

Welcome Dads! Kick-off a Watch D.O.G.S. group or MEN-toring group.

Host a Grandparents' Day event: Grits w/Grands, invitations for book fairs, lunch dates (think about sponsoring a Grandparents Club for volunteer opportunities, i.e., tutoring.

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- Kick off your Reflection Arts program with National Arts in Education Week (2nd week in September).
 - Host a voter registration drive; National Voter Registration Day, is September 22.
 - Enroll your PTA in the National PTA School of Excellence program by October 1.

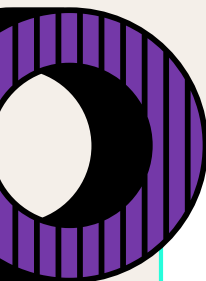


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SEPTEMBER


Why PTA? Middle/High



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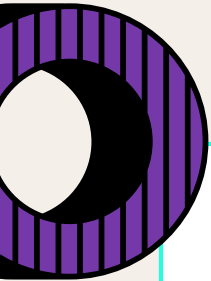


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OCTOBER

All About Safety Elementary



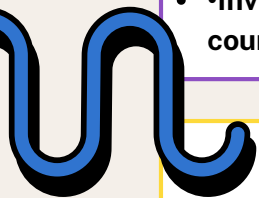
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Walk-to-School Day (1st Wednesday). Promote exercise, community and safe walkways to schools.

Host Gun Safety events. Start a Be SMART campaign (to reduce child gun deaths).



- **Fire Prevention Month.:** Partner with your local fire departments to bring in speakers, host smoke detector inspections, give away smoke detectors
- **National Substance Abuse Month: & Drug Awareness (Red Ribbon Week).** Host school-wide events for Red Ribbon week. Host parent sessions to discuss the dangers facing children today.
- **Invite your school officials to your school:** school board members, county & city councilmen, state representatives.



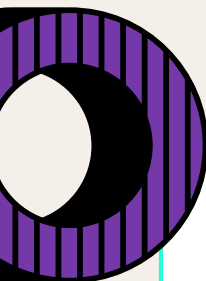
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OCTOBER


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- Work with your school library to host Teen Read Week events.
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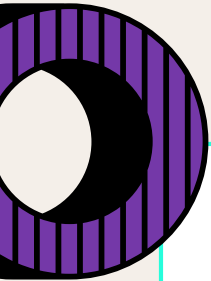


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NOVEMBER

Gratitude Elementary



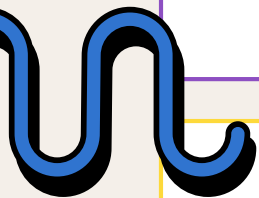
Healthy Lifestyles Month: Host a health fair including flu shots, blood pressure screenings, 10 minute massage tables, exercise classes of Zumba, yoga, etc. Host a Family Run. Use Lysol's Healthy Habits resources available from National PTA to promote good hygiene habits.

Celebrate American Education Week (week prior to Thanksgiving week)-celebrate public education. Host a luncheon for teachers and include support staff & substitute teachers.

Great American Teach-In – This is a great opportunity for parents, business leaders and members of our community to share something special with our students. This day will provide parents many opportunities to help.



- Thank a teacher with a “thanksgiving” pie: parent volunteers send in pies to distribute to staff.
- Sponsor an “Eat at Home Spirit Night”. Celebrate families eating healthy together. Have families send in photos and winners receive grocery store gift cards.
- Remember to recognize and publicize your Reflections Arts school winners.
- Host “get out the Vote” drives.
- Host a Veteran’s Day patriotic celebration.



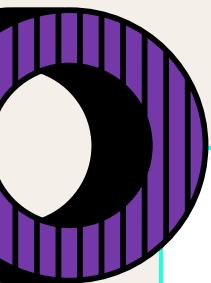
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NOVEMBER

Gratitude Middle/High



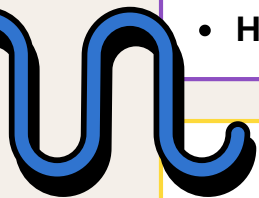
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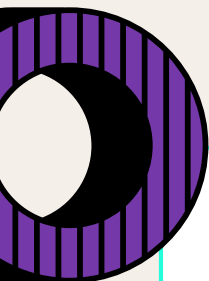
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DECEMBER

Giving

Elementary/Middle/High



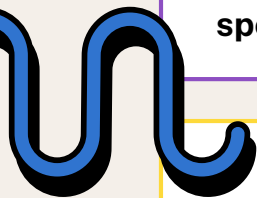
Host a Make It & Take It Event: help bring a smile to parents' faces and show their feelings of pride in their children by hosting a "make it and take it" craft event. Book the school cafeteria for a few hours on a weekend. Choose a craft that kids can make and take home that day. You might even put out supplies for kids to make their own wrapping paper using newsprint or butcher paper and markers, crayons, and stickers.

Organize a "drop-off" event to give parents an afternoon to shop for gifts without kids in tow. Recruit plenty of volunteers — middle school and high school students are ideal — and take over the school gymnasium on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Organize party games, put out craft materials, prepare an area where kids can kick back and watch a video.

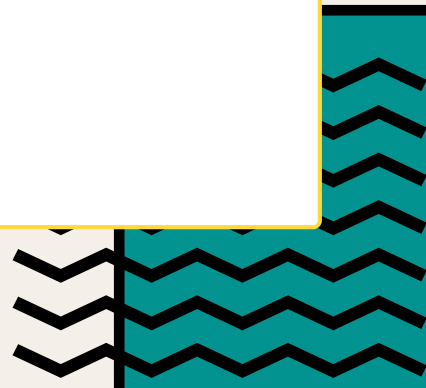
Organize a winter clothing drive. Either a pre-holidays or later-winter drop-off will be welcome and appreciated by local organizations.



- Mid-year school supply drive for teachers to get them through the rest of the school year.
- Partner with community groups, i.e., Metropolitan Ministries, Toys for Tots, churches, etc.) and host a drive.
- Plant trees at your school for Arbor Day (1st Friday). Plant in honor of special volunteers, classes, loved ones.

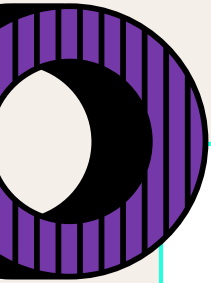


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JANUARY

Bright Into The New Year Elementary



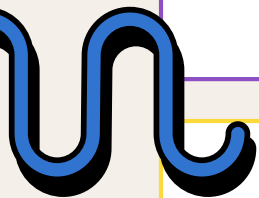
In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
host a day of service in your community.

Host a Storytelling
Night & Pancake
Supper. Guests readers
share different books or
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Host a
recycled book
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- Host a student Talent Show.
- Sponsor an Arts in Residence for your school.



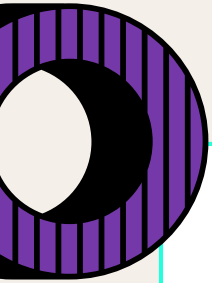
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Bright Into The New Year Middle/High



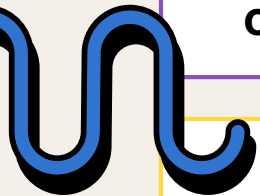
In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day host a day of service in your community and host workshops on non-violence & tolerance.

Host a student Talent Show. Open it up to faculty and support staff as well.

Host a recycled book drive.



- Host a student Talent Show.
- Sponsor an Arts in Residence for your school.
- Host a Poetry Jam-winners move on to county competition.



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FEBRUARY

Celebrate PTA Founders' Day-February 17th Elementary



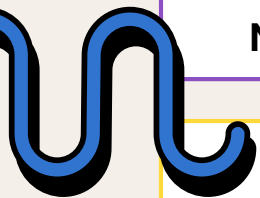
Mental Health Awareness: Host parenting sessions to help students cope with stress & anxiety. Mental Health America (MHA) & National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and local guidance counselors are wonderful resources.

Launch a month-long Read Across America reading challenge: build up to Read Across America Day on March 2.

**Host a Day
of Service.**



- Host any of the following: Take Your Family to School week, Career Day, Culture Day, Families for Lunch Day, Donuts with Dudes, School Dance, Pottery Night, Spaghetti Dinner Night.
- Participate in the Annual HCCPTA Clothing Drive for Oasis Network.



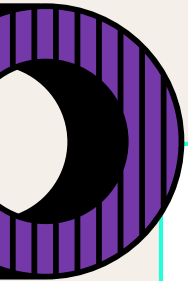
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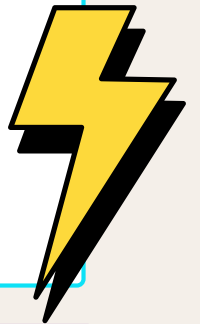
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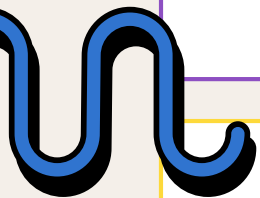
Mental Health Awareness: Host parenting sessions to help students cope with stress & anxiety coping strategies; how to identify & help your teen with depression; learn about new practices guidance counselors must follow with potentially suicidal students; and resources to turn to for help. Host sessions with guest speakers and counselors (work with your guidance department)

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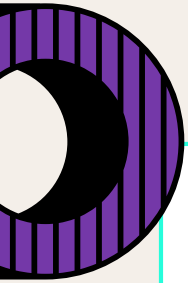
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MARCH

Great Potentials Elementary



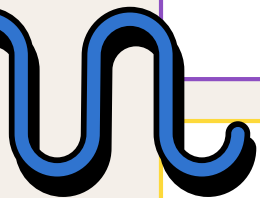
National Reading Month: Host a Read Across America Day, March 2 with a guest reader & birthday cake.

Host a nightly book reading on social media with your administrators & teachers reading bedtime stories.

Celebrate National Pi Day, March 14. Host a Math Night with hands-on games for families to play together and take home; serve pizza.



- Go Green for St. Patrick's Day: Host recycling events to collect batteries, printer cartridges, newspapers.**



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MARCH


Great Potentials Middle/High



In anticipation of Prom Season, host speakers and assemblies to discuss drunk driving prevention (local law enforcement and MADD resources) and pledge to keep safe.

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Celebrate National Pi Day, March 14 and give out mini-pies or pizza at lunches.

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 - **Work with your guidance departments to host "Soft Skills" workshops for students.**

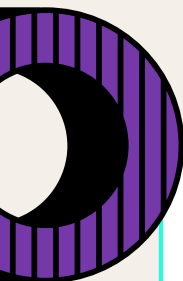


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APRIL

Renewal Elementary



**Drop Everything and Read Month (R.E.A.D.).
Celebrate Earth Day, April 22. Host a Grounds
Clean Up day, sponsor a walk-a-thon or family run,
start a campus garden**

**Host a pet drive
for a local
shelter**

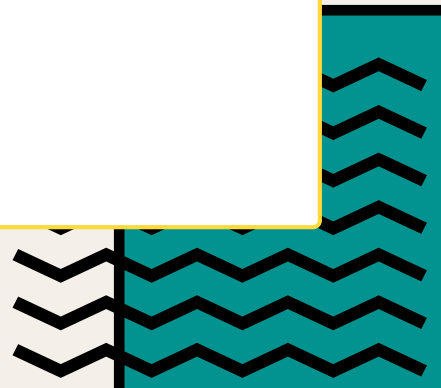
**Host a
Blood Drive.**



- **Help a food bank restock shelves with a canned food drive.**
- **Attend HCCPTA Spring Training!**



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APRIL

Renewal Middle/High



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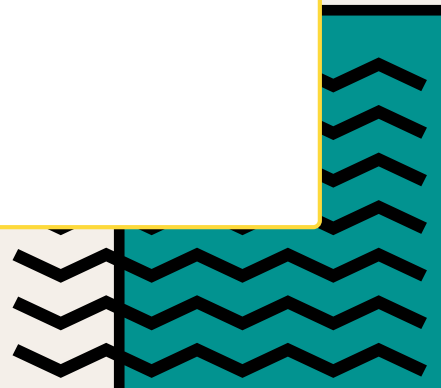
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Celebration Elementary/Middle/High

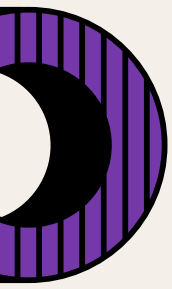
Teacher Appreciation Week 1st week of May

**Host a Screen Free
Week (May 2-8).
Unplug from digital
screens!**

**Distribute a survey of
interests to your
parents and teachers
to learn what programs
to offer next year.**

•Host an End-of-the Year Celebration. Choose from these or think up your own: Introduce your new PTA officers for next school year, highlight all that your PTA has accomplished this year & share awards earned. Spotlight any students who won State an/or National honors in Reflections Arts Program, provide a meal, present gifts to teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week, recognize outstanding Volunteers, consider a lifetime PTA membership to a volunteer, support staff, teacher or administrator, have a fun “draw”-faculty tug-of-war, guesstimation jars, raffles, reveal next year’s school theme or summer reading program.

- Host officer transition workshops, have the outgoing PTA board pass on notebooks to the incoming board.
- Have one overlapping board meeting with both outgoing and in-coming boards.
- Register for FLPTA Leadership Convention in July.



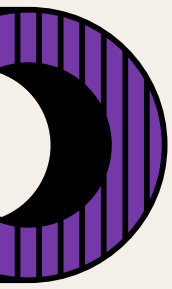
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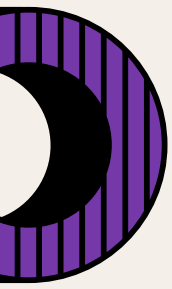
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