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Call to Convention

Save the Date!

June 1-3, 2012

**Annual Arizona PTA
Convention and Exhibition**

Hilton Phoenix, East Mesa

Join parents, teachers, and leaders who share your focus on the education, welfare and safety of our Arizona children.

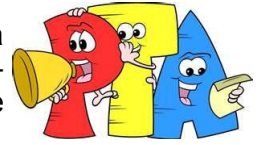
- **Education—choose from 25+ workshops**
- **Exhibits—visit more than 50 exhibits**
- **Issues—raise your voice on state business and emerging issues**
- **Resources—gather ideas, handouts, and giveaways**
- **Connections—interact with 100's of other PTA leaders from throughout the state**

For more information about registration, hotel and workshop schedule, go to www.azpta.org in February 2012.

REMINDER: JANUARY 15 IS THE NEXT
MEMBERSHIP REPORT DUE DATE

A local PTA/PTSA unit, council, committee, commission, or the Board of Managers may propose a resolution providing it is within the scope of the PTA Purposes. Resolutions may suggest consideration of a new issue or change one already in effect. No new resolutions to be considered by the convention body were received by the Resolutions Subcommittee for consideration.

Existing Resolutions passed by the convention body become the official position of Arizona PTA and will be reviewed every five (5) years after adoption. All resolutions not recommended for renewal shall be retired by the convention body. Details will be provided in the March NewsLetter. More information, email office@azpta.org or call 602-279-1811.



2012 Arizona PTA Board of Managers Nominations

Nominations Committee

Have you considered taking on a larger role in PTA but weren't sure how? Consider becoming a member of the Arizona PTA board of Managers! Questions, email office@azpta.org or call 602-279-1811.

At our 2012 Convention, we will be electing members to the following positions:

Officers:

Arizona State Secretary

Arizona State Treasurer

Region Directors (4):

Southwest Maricopa

Northeast Maricopa/Gila County

Southern Arizona

Northern Arizona

Nominations for the above positions were due by December 15, 2011, however, in event a candidate for the office is interested they can be nominated from the floor at the General Meeting during convention. Said candidate, must submit an interest email to office@azpta.org. Said candidate must advise the Arizona PTA President ten (10) days before the meeting of June 2, 2012. A candidate must meet the qualifying criteria which shall be verified by the Nominations Committee. **Note:** Only members in the same region can nominate candidates for the position of Region Director.

Qualifications for Officers and Region Directors:

Secretary: a person must have a background of local PTA/PTSA unit experience and at least one (1) year of Arizona PTA Board of Managers experience upon assuming office July 1st. Duties consist of: a) Serve as a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Managers; and b) Serve as Secretary of the corporation; and c) Attend the annual Arizona PTA convention, all meetings of the Board of Managers and of the Executive Committee, and shall act as clerk thereof and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings; and d) Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President, the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Managers.

Treasurer: a person must have a background in bookkeeping or finance and exempt from the requirement of Arizona PTA Board of Managers experience. Duties consist of: a) Serve as a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Managers; and, b) Collect and receive all money due the National PTA and the Arizona PTA and deposit the same in a depository approved by the Executive Committee; and, c) Disburse the funds of the Arizona PTA only upon order of the Board of Managers or in accordance with the budget approved by the Board of Managers; and, d) Present a statement of account at all meetings of the Board of Managers and at other times when requested to do so by the President; and, e) Shall make a full financial report during the Arizona PTA convention at the annual meeting; and, f) Remit monthly to National PTA all money due to the National PTA; and, g) Shall serve as the chairman of the Budget Committee; and, h) Give a surety bond for the faithful performance of duty in such amount as shall be determined by the Board of Managers. The fee for such bond shall be paid by the Arizona PTA; and, i) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President, the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Managers.

Region Director: a person must have a background of at least two (2) years accumulated local PTA/PTSA unit, council, region or state PTA experience. Duties consist of: a) Serve as a member of the Board of Managers; and, b) Serve as the Arizona PTA representative and liaison for a respective geographical region; and, c) Support current local PTA/PTSA units and shall organize new local PTA/PTSA units and Councils; and, d) Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President, the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Managers.



Calling all local PTA/PTSA units! The Arizona PTA Scholarship Committee needs your donated themed gift baskets for this year’s Convention Silent Auction. Past years’ baskets have included sports, spa, kitchen, movies, travel themes and more! The silent auction will be held all 3 days of convention so we could use plenty of donations to support our scholarship program!

Some great ways to get donated items include asking business members for donations. Let them know that their donation is tax deductible since PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization! How about those gifts that you stored in your closet that were not quite what you wanted but would be perfect for someone else. Collect the items and put the baskets together for this great cause. Bring your basket with you when you come to convention or call us to arrange for a pick up!

Please attach the name of your PTA/PTSA, contact person’s name, phone number, and email address to the basket with an approximate dollar amount of the basket’s value. Please RSVP with your PTA/PTSA’s donation or if you need further information, contact Beth Simek, 623-476-9651 or via email at scholarship@azpta.org. Your PTA/PTSA will be recognized in an upcoming Newsletter as a Silent Auction Donor and the scholarship program greatly appreciates your help.

PTA Goes to Court National PTA

At its November 5th meeting, the National PTA Board of Directors authorized its attorney to file a lawsuit against School Family Media, the company that does business under the name PTO Today. The suit claims trademark infringement, false advertising, unfair competition and commercial disparagement. The complaint seeks a permanent injunction from using the term PTA, using any trade name similar to PTA, or any other representation likely to cause confusion with PTA; it also seeks damages, punitive damages and legal fees.

In July of 2008 National PTA sent a cease and desist letter to School Family Media citing examples of their infringement on our trademark and requesting voluntary compliance. When School Family Media failed to comply, legal counsel sent a follow up letter in March of 2009. After extensive discussion the company

agreed to add a disclaimer that they were not affiliated with PTA and drop some of the statements we felt created confusion.

School Family Media has since breached that agreement. They deleted the disclaimer and have returned to making statements clearly designed to create the impression that they are affiliated with PTA; they have also added false and misleading statements about PTA.

Just a few examples include:

- PTO vs. PTA – Different acronyms, same purpose and passion – all PTO Today
- How to write PTA Bylaws Get answers to your PTA Questions
- PTA has lost tens of thousands of units
- Starting a new PTO / PTA

We have discussed the situation with our Patent /Trademark attor-

ney and mutually agree that sending a further cease and desist letter seeking voluntary compliance will not be productive. It is likely School Family Media will engage in similar tactics, first delaying compliance and then reinstating their false and misleading claims. As such, the Board felt the only way to permanently resolve this situation is through a negotiated binding settlement or a court order.

We will keep you apprised of the progress in this matter.



Membership is the backbone of any organization. When we make the connection through membership in PTA, we are supporting, nourishing, renewing, and reminding ourselves to reach out to each other to improve the quality of life for all children.

Consider these helpful tips as you attempt to make that connection with the parents in your school:

- Get members participating by e-mail, facebook, or blogs. New members may prefer this type of involvement, which is more convenient for many busy parents.
- Develop a new members packet and sent it out quarterly to all members who have joined within the last year. Include educational materials as well as an up-to-date school calendar and incentives to become involved.
- Create a new member section on your website.
- Make a file of those members who have dropped their membership and send them a “We Want You Back” letter that lists the benefits of membership.
- Hold a town hall meeting at which the general membership can ask questions and voice their opinions to show that the leadership really cares about their concerns and ideas.
- Get on the mailing list of organizations in your area to connect with what they are doing and value.
- If you can afford it and have the technical know-how, make and give a copy of a DVD title “What Every New Member Should Know about Our School and PTA” and hand it to new members and PTA and school leadership.
- Recognition helps retain members. Create fun awards, such as the “best bright idea award”.
- Have members send you contact information for family members who they wish would join PTA. Send an encouraging letter and promotional material to those potential members.
- Create a gift membership that people can purchase and give to others.

Without new members, an association cannot grow. PTA volunteer leaders must make the connection for all parents, united in diversity and relevant for every child.

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Many PTAs run only one membership campaign a year—in the fall. But those units that run more than one campaign a year have, on average, **20 percent more members**. That’s because potential members have more opportunities to **say “yes”** to becoming a member. Some facts:

- 1) Nationwide, approximately 18 percent of PTA members join in January and February.
- 2) Running membership campaigns more frequently reminds your members that membership is everyone’s business, especially if you weave membership into programs, activities, and general PTA work, too.
- 3) January is not too late for parents to make a real impact in the current school year. Plus, people who join PTA in January will be ready to renew their membership the following school year.



The “New Year... New Opportunities” Theme

The PTA January Membership Campaign theme, “New Year... New Opportunities,” plays on people’s optimism that the new year brings new opportunities to improve ourselves, our lives, and the world around us. For parents, the world in which they want to make a difference is largely defined by children and schools. Encourage parents to make it their number one resolution to be more involved in their children’s education. It’s a resolution they’ll want to keep. And PTA makes it easy.

As you recruit new members, make sure you involve current members, who will likely feel a renewed commitment to the decision they made at the start of the school year. Tell members their important role in the campaign: Each member should resolve to invite at least one new person to join PTA.

Battery Ingestion Overview

In recent years, our electronic toys and gadgets have become increasingly miniaturized. Their power requirements are being met by a new generation of compact, high-performance batteries. These disk batteries are small, pill- or coin-shaped devices that contain heavy metals such as zinc, mercury, silver, nickel, cadmium, and lithium. These disk batteries can also be found in birthday and holiday sound expression greeting cards. They also contain concentrated solutions of caustic electrolytes usually potassium or sodium hydroxide. Their compact size and harmless appearance hide their true danger.



The danger comes when children knowingly or mistakenly put these tiny batteries in their mouths and swallow them.

Batteries lodged in the esophagus (the food pipe between mouth and stomach) must be removed immediately. They cause damage by their pressure against the wall of the esophagus, from leakage of caustic alkali, and the electrical current they generate. Injury can occur in as short a time as 1 hour. Full-thickness burns can occur in 4 hours.

Battery Ingestion Causes

Disk battery ingestion most commonly occurs in children younger than 5 years (61.8%) and in elderly people (10.3%).

Common scenarios of ingestion involve young children swallowing or eating batteries lying loose after they were removed from a device. Other times, the batteries are mistaken for a pill and ingested.

Occasionally, people accidentally swallow a battery because they hold it in their mouth when changing their watch battery.

Battery Ingestion Treatment

The most prudent home treatment for someone who has swallowed a disk battery is to give nothing by mouth and to go to the nearest hospital emergency department. If it will not delay going to the emergency department, bring a sample of the battery ingested. All disk batteries contain an imprinted code that can be used to identify manufacturer, the battery's actual size, and its contents.

If no battery can be found, then bring the device from which the battery was removed.

The National Battery Ingestion Hotline (NBIH) was created in 1982 and collects data and may be consulted for battery identification and emergency instructions.

The NBIH Hotline number is: (202) 625-3333.

Prevention

Batteries should be stored in childproof containers. In the majority of battery ingestions involving children (48.7%), the battery is found loose.

Battery compartments on toys and gadgets should be properly secured and taped shut. One third of ingestions in children occurred after the child removed batteries from a consumer product.

Birthday and holiday sound expression greeting cards should not be left alone with a child to play with. The disk batteries used in greeting cards tend to come loose after continuous use and opening of the greeting card.

Budget Review and Adjustments

With half of the school year almost complete, most of you have completed a fundraiser, had some great fall events, and moved forward with projects to promote the mission and vision of PTA for your schools. Now is a great time to review your budget to see how it is in line with what you projected at the beginning of the school year. Did you make enough at your fundraiser and the monies needed for the projects you planned are in line? Are there other needs and perhaps a difference focus on campus? Now is a good time to make the proper adjustments and present the amended budget to your membership at your January General Meeting.

What about training? The following are comments taken from the 2011 Convention Evaluations:

"I came to convention last year (one day) Saturday and must say that spending 3 days with "family" make a HUGE difference! "

" The information, the inspiration, the networking & exchange of ideas—Fabulous! "

Convention is an opportunity to get first hand experience and to ask questions, not just of the State Officers providing leadership training, but the National representatives, and experts in various educational/children based fields about programs that will help you gain valuable lessons to take forward to your school.

If you have not included Leadership Training, which is a legitimate PTA expense in your budget, this is another line item in your budget to include and present to your membership for approval.

The experience of networking with other leaders, doing the same thing you are to accomplish your goals is priceless. Don't miss this chance to learn and grow!

As a non-profit, you want to remember to use your funds every year. Only carry over the amount you will need to work with until next year's fundraiser and that the amount covers the events that you anticipate providing at the start of the year. Your membership wants the money raised used for the proposed events they approved during that budget year.

For Faster Service, Visit Us On the Internet... Philis Kortgard, Northwest Maricopa Region Director

Just like your local unit, Arizona PTA Board of Managers is 100% volunteer run, just like you are in your local PTA/PTSA. While we enjoy being of service to you, many of the reasons that prompt you to call our office can be handled simply by going to our website at www.azpta.org. In the "MEMBERS ONLY" section, you can obtain information at your convenience; when you need it, when you want it. Use the ID and password that is on the back of your current year PTA Membership Card to access our site, as well as member only information at the National PTA web site www.pta.org.

Need a form to report membership? The MEMBERS ONLY section has it ready for you right or day, in addition to the other forms that you may need.

Need to know a date or deadline? View our calendar and see upcoming events and important deadlines. Often important dates/deadlines will be an announcement on our home page, making finding the information that much easier.

New to PTA or have a new member on your Board that needs training? The presentations from our training workshops are available to you on our website. You can download the actual materials distributed at the workshops and never leave home. The National PTA web site has several online e-learning tools to help you in PTA. The PTA publications such as the Money Matters Guide and the President's Guide are available for download.

We know that you will enjoy the convenience of having these resources available to you on your schedule and encourage you to visit the website regularly.

Reflections Program - Theme: "Diversity Means..."

Deadline to submit entries for this year's Reflections Program is January 19th. The Arizona PTA state office will be open to receive entries for this year's Reflection Program, Saturday January 14 from 9-noon, Monday through Friday, January 16 through 20, 9:30 to 3:00 daily, except Wednesday. Evening hours from 5-7 pm will also be offered on Wednesday and Friday. Special arrangements can be made through Darlene Shaffer, Reflections Chair at (602) 515-6957, reflections@azpta.org; also a drop off at 59th & Union Hills can be arranged by contacting Grace LaMoureaux, (602)762-6927, vicepresident@azpta.org or leave a message at the state office (602)279-1811.



Save the Date—February 12-18, 2012

Take Your Family To School Week

For the seventh consecutive year, National PTA's Take Your Family to School Week Grant program expands and enhances family engagement efforts in schools across the country. Each grantee demonstrated how they will improve family engagement in their school communities and how their work will support the implementation of PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.

Congratulations go out to **Vista Verde Middle School PTSA, Phoenix**, the Arizona unit to receive a \$1,000 grant offered by National PTA and AXA Foundation.

Vista Verde PTA will use their Take Your Family to School Week Funds to hold a "College Info" night. This event will host a variety of great informative sessions that are open to students and parents of the Vista Verde school community. College recruiters from different local universities will be brought on site to help answer any questions that parents and students may have as well as help answer questions about the financial aid process. The event will also host a keynote speaker that will speak about the importance to post-secondary education. To wrap up the event, students will have the opportunity to explore future career opportunities and parents will learn how to set up a financial aid account through the Department of Education Student Aid website. Teachers, students, and PTSA parents will be available to guide parents through the directions. The plan would be to have a ratio of 3 families to every guide, so no family feels lost or left out. In addition, we are already working on setting up a U.S. map in the board with labels of where each teacher received degrees.

Check the National PTA website at <http://www.pta.org/4999.htm> to review how other award winning units will promote this program to their school communities. Maybe you can use some of these great winning ideas on your campus.

PTA Kids in the News

If you get copies of the free Bear Essentials News at your school you may have noticed the great articles produced by our PTA/PTSA children through the Young Reporters Program:

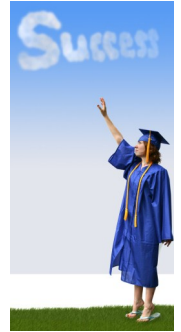
- * Caitlin, *Kittens Story Title*, North Ranch Elementary
- * Kaylee, *All Aboard the Time Train*, Vail Middle School
- * Selena, *Grand Canyon*, Kingswood Elementary
- * Christine, *Dolphin Tale*, Copperwood Elementary



Interested in more information on the Be A Young Reporter! To write for Bear Essential News For Kids, check out page 19 of the November edition for details on how to get a free kit or email for information to www.beaessentialnews.com. Be a part of this great tool to promote literacy at your school. Will your PTA/PTSA kids be in the next edition?

Arizona PTA Scholarship Support!

Join in the fun as Arizona PTA partners with Peter Piper Pizza for a STATEWIDE fundraiser on Tuesday, February 21, 2012! Whether you are in Flagstaff, Tucson, Casa Grande, Yuma, Prescott, or Phoenix, visit your local Peter Piper Pizza from 11 am—10 pm, present the flyer on page 9 and you can help raise money for our Arizona PTA Scholarship program! There's something in it for all local units too! The school with the most participation at each Peter Piper Pizza store statewide will earn a classroom pizza party! Just write the name of your school at the top of the flyer when you distribute them at your school for your chance to win! Plus, each person that shows their PTA membership card will earn an additional 10 Free Tokens just for being a PTA member! Use this opportunity to build your membership and show your community that PTA membership does have its privileges!



Print and distribute the flyer printed on page 9 of NewsLetter and help further education.

Thank you Peter Piper Pizza!

2012 Legislative Conference

Rochelle Wells, President



The National PTA Legislative Conference in Washington DC provides analysis of federal public policy priorities affecting

families, schools and communities through workshops, discussion panels, keynote addresses, and Capitol Hill visits with congressional leaders. The conference equips advocates with the skills to influence public policy at the local, state, and federal levels, benefitting the education and health of every child. National PTA Legislative Conference featured keynote speakers have included **First Lady Michelle Obama** and **U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius**.

Arizona PTA leadership will attend these valuable workshops and set up meetings with Arizona political figures to discuss the mission and vision of PTA, making sure to address the needs of Arizona education and our children's needs.

Join to receive the PTA Takes Action email alerts to keep apprised of how we advocate for our children.



ptatakesactionupdate@ptalist.org

For more information or to be involved with Arizona policy, contact, president@azpta.org.

Local Unit Awards due in March

List of Awards:

- Outstanding Unit for Parent Involvement
- Volunteer of the Year
- Educator of the Year
- Support Staff of the Year
- Local PTA Unit of the Year

Guidelines and forms can be found on line at www.azpta.org, Members Only section.

ENJOY GREAT FOOD & FUN

And **RAISE SOME DOUGH!**

15% of all food, non-alcoholic beverage and token sales benefit

Arizona PTA

Support the Arizona PTA Scholarship Program!

Receive 10 FREE Game Tokens!

With your purchase when you present your PTA Membership card to the cashier.

WIN A PIZZA PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS!

Complete the information below and present this flyer during the fundraiser to enter your school to win 8 large, 1-Topping Pizzas!

School _____ Teacher _____

*Minimum of \$200.00 in sales per location to qualify for pizza party and 10 flyers from your school to be eligible to win.

Date:

Tuesday, February 21st, 2012

Time:

11:00 A.M – 10:00 P.M.

Place:

Any Arizona Peter Piper Pizza

For your nearest location visit

www.peterpiperpizza.com



Everyone
grab a slice.

Present this flyer to the cashier when ordering. Not valid with any other offers. BOGO cards will not be accepted.



How Can I Help My Child?

Parents should help build a relationship with their child’s teacher. They can do this by talking to his or her teacher regularly about how your child is doing — beyond parent-teacher conferences.

At home, parents can play an important role in setting high expectations and supporting their children in meeting them. If the child needs a little extra help or wants

to learn more about a subject, work with his or her teacher in identifying opportunities for tutoring, to get involved in clubs after school, or to find other resources.

The Arizona PTA News Letter will feature “Help Your Child Learn at Home” tips and information specific to different grade(s) in each edition.

Help Your Child Learn at Home-Tips and information for other grades can be found at www.pta.org.

1st Grade

English Language Arts & Literacy

- Encourage your child to read to you books such as *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik. Help him or her sound out difficult words. To find more books for your child to read, visit www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf.
- Act out stories together from books, television, or your child’s imagination.
- Pick a “word of the day” each day starting with a different letter. Have your child write the word and look for other things beginning with the same letter.
- Visit the library with your child every week. Have your child sign up for a library card

Mathematics - Look for “word problems” in real life. Some 1st grade examples might include:

- If you open a new carton of a dozen eggs, and you use four eggs to cook dinner, close the carton and ask your child how many eggs are left.
- While putting away toys into bins, count the number of toys in two bins and ask your child how many more are in one bin compared to the other.
- Play the “I’m thinking of a number” game. For example, “I’m thinking of a number that makes 11 when added to 8. What is my number?”

2nd Grade

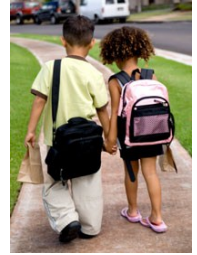
English Language Arts & Literacy

- Read at home every day and assist your child by reading every other paragraph. Encourage your child to read to younger siblings, cousins, or other children you know. To find recommendations of books for your child to read, visit www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf.
- Have your child write a thank you note or letter to family members or friends.
- Ask your librarian to suggest books about people or places that are important to your child or family that you can read together. Encourage your child to explain what he or she has just read.

Mathematics - Look for “word problems” in real life. Some 2nd grade examples might include:

- When saving for a purchase, compare the cost of the item to the amount of money you have; then ask your child to determine how much more money he or she needs to buy the item.
- When measuring your child’s height, ask how many inches he or she has grown since the very first measurement.
- Play “draw the shape.” For example, ask your child to draw a hexagon with one side longer than the others, or ask him or her to shade in a quarter of a rectangle.

School is underway and our children become more comfortable with their daily activities, however, parents should continue to monitor the safety of children. An analysis by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children of attempted abductions during the past five years found that children are at most risk when going to and from school or school related activities.



Parents and other adults can help keep children safe by following these ten reminder tips:

- Teach your children to always **TAKE A FRIEND** with them when walking or biking, and stay with a group while standing at the bus stop. Make sure they know which bus to ride.
- Walk the route to and from school with your children pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they're being followed or need help. Teach your children they should **NEVER TAKE SHORTCUTS** and always stay in well-lit areas.
- It is not safe for young children to walk to and from school, even in a group. Parents should always provide supervision for young children to help ensure their safe arrival to and from school. If your children wait for a bus, wait with them or make arrangements for supervision at the bus stop.
- Teach your children that if anyone bothers them, makes them feel scared or uncomfortable to trust their feelings and immediately get away from that person. Teach them it is ok not to be polite and **IT IS OK TO SAY NO**.
- Teach your children if anyone tries to take them somewhere they should **RESIST** by kicking and screaming, try to run away and **DRAW ATTENTION** by kicking and screaming "This person is trying to take me away" or "This person is not my father/mother."
- Teach your children **NOT TO ACCEPT A RIDE** from anyone unless you have said it is ok in that instance. If anyone follows them in a vehicle they should turn around, go in the other direction, and run to a trusted adult who may help them.
- Teach your children that grownups should **NOT ASK CHILDREN FOR DIRECTIONS**, they should ask other adults.
- Teach your children to **NEVER ACCEPT MONEY OR GIFTS** from anyone unless you have told them it is ok to accept in each instance.
- Make sure the school has current and accurate emergency contact information on file for your children and confirm names of those authorized.
- Always know where your children will be. Teach your children to always **CHECK FIRST** before changing their plans before or after school. Teach your children to never leave school, with anyone unless they **CHECK FIRST** with you or another trusted adult, even if someone tells them it is an emergency.

Children should be taught to trust their feelings. They need to know that if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused, they should tell a parent, guardian, or trusted adult.

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Please don't forget to share the information in the unit mailer with the other members of your board.

Address Correction Requested

If you are no longer a PTA President, please forward this and all mailings IMMEDIATELY to your successor and forward the current President's name and address to the Arizona PTA Office. Thank you!

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Yavapai Prescott Valley)

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