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“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” —Barack Obama, first Black president of the United States



Join the Arizona PTA Team!

Interested in being a part of the AZ PTA Team? We would love to have you. Check out the open positions on our board. Looking for a committee to join? Check out more info here:

[Help Wanted - Nominations | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](#)



Transforming Family-School Partnerships Webinar Series!

It's not too late to be part of this webinar series, Transforming Family-School Partnerships with PTA's National Standards, hosted in partnership with the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL). The next session is Wednesday, March 1 at 2 p.m. EST with a panel moderated by Dr. Margaret Caspe, Senior Research Consultant at the National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement (NAFSCE).

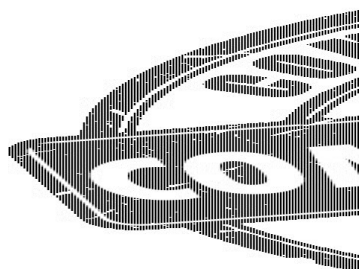
Register for our next session, Wednesday, March 1 today! [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Podcast - Social Media 201: Embracing the Digital World

When our kids talk about the latest social media trends, it can feel like they're speaking a foreign language. Founder and CEO of the Social Institute, Laura Tierney, highlights the importance of positive social media education and shares how technology can support our children's mental health and even their study habits. [Social Media 201 - Embracing the Digital World - Podcast | National PTA](#)



The graphic features a circular portrait of Laura Tierney on the left. To the right, the text 'NOTES FROM THE BACKPACK' is written in a large, white, hand-drawn font, with 'A PTA Podcast' underneath. Below the title are icons for a pencil, eraser, and paper. To the right of these icons is the text 'LISTEN NOW ON' followed by logos for various podcast platforms. At the bottom left, a green banner contains the text 'THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: Social Media 201: Embracing the Digital World'. At the bottom right is the National PTA logo with the tagline 'everychild.ourvoice.'



North Central Maricopa Region Meeting

NCM Region Director Danielle Padia is holding an in person **NCM Region Meeting on March 29, 2023**, from 6-8 p.m. at Popo's-17037 N. 59th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85308. Appetizers will be provided, and attendees may order dinner or drinks on their own. All current NCM local PTA/PTSA board members as well as potential incoming board members are invited to attend. Danielle will be sharing updates from National PTA as well as Arizona PTA and wants to hear about all the exciting things happening in the NCM Region. Local PTA/PTSA unit Presidents are asked to submit the number of members attending so reservations may be made. Contact Danielle at northcentral@azpta.org



January Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Amber Barrett, the Arizona PTA January Teacher of the Month. Amber is a 4th grade teacher and the Sycamore Elementary PTA President. She has grown the PTA and raised countless dollars to support the school. She is at every event and always there to cheer everyone on. When the nominator was thinking of who to nominate for the Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month award,

she was the top person that came to mind. Members feel her selflessness, dedication and compassion for helping the school, parents, teachers and students are unmatched by anyone else and felt she deserved to be honored in this way! [Teacher of the Month Nomination \(jotform.com\)](#)



National PTA Committees / Letter of Interest

National PTA is currently seeking Letters of Interest (LOIs) from candidates who wish to serve on a National PTA governance committee for the 2023-2026 term. Letters of Interest (LOIs) are due by March 14 at 11:59 p.m. EDT. Details on the committee positions available and the link to the LOI can be found here: [2023-2026 NATIONAL PTA COMMITTEE LETTER OF INTEREST APPLICATION \(google.com\)](#)



National PTA Founder

Selena Sloan Butler of Atlanta Georgia was the founder and first president of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers Association (NCCPT). Congress merged the NCCPT with the National PTA in 1970. Butler was later posthumously recognized as one of the founders of National PTA. [History - About PTA | National PTA](#)

DEADLINE



As a reminder, you must be a member by **March 1st** to vote in local unit and Arizona PTA elections.

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Be sure to check that you are a member of a local PTA/PTSA unit in Good Standing by March 1, 2023, so you will be able to vote in upcoming elections.



Local PTA/PTSA Unit Nominating Committee

Did you know this is what is in your bylaws about your nominating committee?

*There shall be a nominating committee composed of three (3) members who shall be elected by this local PTA/PTSA unit at a regular general membership at least two (2) months prior to the election of officers. The committee shall elect its own chair.

*The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at a general membership meeting prior to the election meeting.

*Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting. Only those paid members who have given their consent to serve, if elected, shall be nominated for, or elected to an office.

Calendar

February - Black History Month - [Black History Month 2023: Facts, Origins & More | HISTORY - HISTORY](#)

2/26/2023 - National PTA Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award Application Deadline - [Jan Harpe Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award | National PTA](#)

3/7-8 2023 - Virtual National PTA Legislative Conference [Legislative Conference - Events | National PTA](#)

3/29/2023 - NCM Region Meeting - 6-8pm - northcentral@azpta.org

4/22/2023 - National PTA Day of Service [Healthy Earth - Healthy Lifestyles - Programs | National PTA](#)
6/20-24/2023 - National PTA Virtual Convention

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