



Arizona PTA E-News - June 2023 #1

"It's one thing to communicate to people because you have something valuable to say. It's another to communicate *with* people because you believe *they* have value." - John C. Maxwell

#### 2023 Arizona PTA Convention

Thank you, everyone that supported our 2023 Arizona PTA Convention in anyway. With your help we are able to advocate for children and families in Arizona. We are thankful to have so many people assisting with this event. Special thanks to our 2021-2023 Arizona PTA President Anne Gabriellini for all her years of service to Arizona PTA and the greater community. Hoping to see many, many attendees at next year's convention.







# Arizona PTA President 2023-2025

Congratulations to Sara Gagliardi who was elected as Arizona PTA's 2023-2025 President. Sara was elected on June 10, 2023, at the



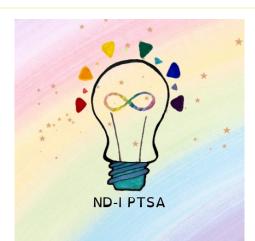


Arizona PTA Convention which was held in Phoenix this year. Sara's term of office begins on July 1, 2023. She is looking forward to her upcoming term in office.



# **Southern Region Director**

Congratulations to Tiffany Rogers who was elected as Arizona PTA's 2023-2025 Southern A Region Director. Tiffany was elected on June 10, 2023, at the Arizona PTA Convention which was held in Phoenix this year. Tiffany's term of office begins on July 1, 2023. Welcome to Arizona and your new officer position Tiffany!



# **PTSA Needs Members Now!**

Arizona's NeuroDiversity - Inclusivity (NDi-PTSA) will be holding elections on Monday June 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm via ZOOM. A ZOOM link will be emailed to members prior to the meeting. People from all over Arizona are welcome to be part of this PTSA. You can become a member today at https://nd-

#### iptsa.memberhub.com/

Participation of members is required to keep this unit going. If you would like to join the NDi-PTA board or a committee, please fill out this form prior to the elections meeting.

https://forms.gle/cz1aaXZ55RsSxvZq5



#### PTA Advocates Participate in Gun Violence Awareness Month

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month, and National PTA and PTA advocates across the country are advocating to enhance school safety and for common sense measures to protect our children and families from gun violence.

National PTA President Anna King delivered testimony before the bipartisan U.S. House of Representatives Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. President King reported on PTA's top gun violence prevention policy requests and emphasized the central nature of keeping all of our children safe in their schools and community in this ongoing debate on Capitol Hill.

You can take action today by contacting your members of Congress to urge them to support legislation prohibiting older youth from purchasing militarystyle weapons and restoring the federal Assault Weapons Ban. We can no longer wait for Congress to act; NOW is the time to protect America's children and families from the trauma of bearing witness to, or being injured in violent events involving assault-style weapons designed for military use when students should feel the safest while in school. Take Action - Advocacy | National PTA



#### June is Pride Month

Happy Pride Month! We all deserve to be our authentic selves and have equal rights to do so. National PTA will be celebrating Pride all month long so keep your eye out for more information. #PrideMonth



# **Register for Reflections Program!**

The theme for 2023-2024 Reflections program is "I am Hopeful Because...". Register now for the Reflections program. Last month,

National PTA announced winners of its 2022-2023 Show Your Voice! Reflections program. You can now check out the 200+ national award-winning artworks in our virtual exhibit and on the Reflections Awards page. Arizona PTA will be in touch with further information in the near future. 2023-2024 National PTA Reflections Registration Survey (surveymonkey.com)



#### Arizona PTA Be a Hero Award Winners

Congratulations to all our Be a Hero Award Winners that were announced at our Arizona PTA Convention on Saturday, June 10, 2023. We are excited to have these special winners among us! Thank you to all that took the time to fill out an award application this year.

Champion for Children Bill Hill - Litchfield PTA

Cornerstone Award Rose Karraker - Eagle Ridge PTSA

Future Leader Willamina Abelman - Eagle Ridge PTSA

> Local Unit of the Year Desert Willow Elementary PTA

Local Unit Volunteer Shawna Morrison - Acacia Owls PTA

Outstanding Unit for Family Engagement Eagle Ridge PTSA

> Power Partner Award Mara Kurash - Las Brisas PTSA

Super Man Award Tom Stephens - Desert Willow Elementary PTA

Teacher of the Year Award Heather Featherstone - Mountain View School PTA



# www.azpta.org/leaders-documents

Online Training info coming soon...

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# **2023 Bylaws Amendments**

The proposed amendment to the Arizona PTA Bylaws was approved at the 2023 Arizona PTA Convention. The new wording is as follows.

Arizona PTA Bylaws ARTICLE VII: MEMBERS AND DUES Section 9 The final deadline for receipt of a local PTA/PTSA unit member's dues and required information to Arizona PTA for the member to qualify for voting privileges at local PTA/PTSA unit elections and at the annual Arizona PTA convention shall be by 11:59pm March 1 of each year.

The proposed amendment to the Arizona PTA UNIFIED LOCAL PTA/PTSA BYLAWS was approved at the 2023 Arizona PTA Convention. The new wording is as follows.

Arizona PTA UNIFIED LOCAL PTA/PTSA BYLAWS ARTICLE VII: MEMBERS AND DUES Section 10 will read: The final deadline for receipt of a local PTA/PTSA unit members' dues and required information to Arizona PTA for the member to qualify for voting privileges at local PTA/PTSA unit elections and at the annual Arizona PTA convention shall be by 11:59pm on March 1 of each year.

The Arizona PTA Bylaws and the Arizona PTA UNIFIED LOCAL PTA/PTSA Bylaws will be updated for the upcoming fiscal year.

#### Calendar

6/1-30/2023 - Gun Violence Awareness Month 6/1-30/2023 - Pride Month 6/18/2023 - Father's Day 6/15-24/2023 - National PTA Virtual Convention - Register/Info <u>2023 National PTA</u> <u>Virtual Convention Voting and Elections - Annual Convention & Expo - Events |</u> <u>National PTA</u> 6/26/2023 - ND-i PTSA Election Meeting 6/30/2023 - Deadline for Officer's Lists to Arizona PTA



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