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“There is little success where there is little laughter.”

~ Andrew Carnegie

Back-to-School with Healthy Meals

The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) has released [this Back-to-School Toolkit](#), which includes social media posts, resources, graphics and more to share with your networks about the critical importance of healthy school meals this school year. It also calls attention to the eight states that are now able to offer all students school meals at no cost thanks to their state advocacy efforts.



National PTA Webinar

Join National PTA for the webinar "Always Prepared: Your Role in Keeping Communities Safe" on [National PTA's YouTube Channel](#) Oct. 5, 2023 from 7-8 p.m. EDT and get information, resources and tips to help educate families and partner with schools on preparing for and preventing disasters from happening in homes and communities. This event kicks off National PTA's Family Safety Month!

Funding Deadline Near!!

National PTA and their sponsors are



offering over \$600K in funding for PTAs/PTSAs interested in implementing a National PTA program focused on STEM, digital citizenship, healthy lifestyles or the arts. The application process for available program funding will close Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. PDT. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Apply for funding for your local PTA/PTSA unit today! [PTA.org/Grants](https://pta.org/grants)

Annual Day of Learning

Register for the New York Foundation's 2023 Annual Day of Learning Nov. 1, 2023. According to the Child Bereavement Estimation Model, nearly five million children will experience the loss of a parent or sibling by their 18th birthday. It is important to understand how we can best support bereaved youth. [Register](#) to hear the latest research, glean insights from recent events and learn from those on the frontlines of aiding bereaved youth and families.



Community Spirit Shines in Buckeye Elementary School District

A Message from Our Southwest Maricopa Region Director:

In the heart of the Buckeye Elementary School District, a challenge arose that many of us in PTA/PTSA can relate to—mobilizing volunteers for a Financial Review Committee. The annual and mandated Financial Review is a crucial task, and this year, one Buckeye local unit faced a shortage of willing volunteers. However, in times of need, the PTA community showed its true colors. Three dedicated local unit board Presidents stepped up without hesitation to volunteer their time and expertise beyond their own local units. Their commitment to assisting the struggling unit reflects the deep sense of

community and shared purpose that defines our region. I'd like to extend a heartfelt commendation to the Presidents of Mavericks PTA, Tigers PTA, and Sundance Mustangs PTA for their outstanding commitment to our community. Your dedication has played a significant role in strengthening our bonds and making a positive impact.

I also want to take a moment to express gratitude to the local unit President who demonstrated great courage by reaching out for assistance. This act serves as a valuable reminder that it's perfectly acceptable to seek help when needed. It underscores the importance of embracing learning opportunities and the wealth of knowledge we can gain from one another. In our shared journey toward building a better community, collaboration and mutual support are key ingredients for success.

As the Southwest Region Director, I am continually inspired by the incredible work of our local units. Their selflessness and dedication to the community exemplify our mission: "To make EVERY child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and COMMUNITIES to advocate for children." In the face of challenges, the Buckeye Elementary School District's community spirit shines brightly. Together, we are working towards a brighter future for our children, embodying the values of teamwork and dedication that make our district truly exceptional.

I am forever in admiration of the work you all do! Thank you for advocating for ALL our children. You are greatly appreciated.

Kristin Bumford



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The graphic features a central photo of a family (mother, father, and two children) sitting on a couch and looking at a tablet. The background is blue with various educational icons: a lightbulb, an open book, a paper airplane, a clock, a notepad, a pencil, a ruler, and a protractor. The text 'MEMBERSHIP mania' is in a light blue speech bubble at the top, and 'Be Inspired to Reach Your PTA's Membership Goal' is below the photo. The URL 'PTA.org/MembershipMania' is at the bottom left, and the National PTA logo is at the bottom right.



Free Content Maker

Did you know your local PTA/PTSA unit could have a free content maker with Adobe Express. Create attention-grabbing flyers, social content, banners and more—all in a couple clicks. [Learn more and register now for FREE.](#)

9/20/2023 - Membership Dues Reporting to Arizona PTA

9/30/2023 - Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month Applications Due [Teacher of the Month | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](#)

9/30/2023 - Local PTA/PTSA Standards of Affiliation Documents Due

10/1/2023 - Applications for National PTA Leadership Position Due - [Become a National PTA Leader - About PTA | National PTA](#)

10/4/2023 - National PTA Grant Closing Date [Grants & Awards Opportunities - Run Your PTA | National PTA](#)

10/15/2023 - National PTA School of Excellence Enrollment Deadline [School of Excellence - Programs | National PTA](#)

11/15/2023 - IRS Tax filing due for local PTA/PTSA unit [Form 990 | File 990-N & 990-EZ Online | Nonprofit Tax E-filing | File 990s](#)

12/15/2023 - Deadline for submission of Resolutions to Arizona PTA

2/1/2024 - Reflections Program Registration Deadline [Reflections Arts Program | National PTA](#)

3/7-8/2024 - National PTA Legislative Conference www.pta.org/home/events/National-PTA-Legislative-Conference

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