

**PTA Mission - To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.**

## National Standards *for* **FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships set the bar for how schools and parent organizations should work together to support student success. We know that families are essential partners to providing a high-quality education for every student. Decades of research shows that family engagement matters for student success, students whose families are engaged are more likely to attend school, avoid discipline problems, achieve at higher levels and graduate. Family engagement also helps schools, research suggests it is equally as important as school leadership or a rigorous curriculum to predict school improvement. This is the second month we will be discussing the National Standard for Family-School Partnerships. There are six steps that can help schools, PTAs and school districts improve their family-school partnerships so that all students can thrive.

### **STANDARD 2: SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS**

The school builds the capacity of families and educators to continuously collaborate to support students' academic, social and emotional learning.

**Goal 1:** Team-Up For Student Success: Are families, students and educators on the same page about how students are progressing?

#### **School & PTA indicators:**

- ↘ Support educators to partner with families and students to set social, emotional, and academic goals
- ↘ Provide an understandable and accurate picture of student progress, using multiple measures (classwork, rubrics, observations, assessments, etc.)
- ↘ Ensure accessible, regular, two-way communication about student learning and wellbeing

**Goal 2:** Support Learning by Engaging Families: Are families valued partners in their children's learning at home and at school?

#### **School & PTA indicators:**

- ↘ Get to know students and families and their strengths
- ↘ Invite families to contribute to classroom learning
- ↘ Provide families guidance and activities to support social, emotional and academic learning at home
- ↘ Promote learning and enrichment outside of school
- ↘ Help families and students plan for the future



# "Luck of the PTA" Giveaway

Celebrate **Membership** in the month of March! Add 7 new members between March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> and be entered to win one of several \$100 drawings. Prizes will be given to 6 PreK/Elementary/SEPTA level PTAs, 2 Middle School PTAs and 2 High School PTAs. More details to come!

## Join the Legislative Discussion Roundtable!

Every month on the third Monday join MO PTA leaders to discuss legislative bills and advocacy that may affect our students and schools. Next Zoom will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.



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## 2025 - 2026 Reflections *Theme: "I Belong!"*



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# Join the MOPTA Dream Team!

## We're Looking for a Web Manager!

Missouri PTA is seeking a Web Manager to help support our mission of making every child's potential a reality. This role helps ensure our website stays current, accurate, and accessible for PTA leaders, members, and families across Missouri.

Responsibilities include posting content, updating resources, and collaborating with PTA leaders. Website management experience is preferred.

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## For the Love of Books

Celebrate **National Reading Month** in March! Commit to helping families support their children's development of literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. Host a Family Reading Experience for your community or help add to classroom libraries this month.



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One School. One Heart. ❤️📧

In November, our entire Cordill-Mason Elementary family came together for something truly unforgettable—a giant heart made of more than 700 Cougars! With tie-dye colors swirling across the playground, our students, teachers, and staff stood side-by-side in a joyful celebration of unity, kindness, and Cougar pride.

This moment was made even more special thanks to Cordill-Mason Elementary PTA, which generously purchased a shirt for every student and provided the supplies to bring this vision to life. Behind the scenes, our incredible PTA volunteers spent hours banding, prepping, and organizing hundreds of shirts to make sure the big day went off without a hitch.

This heart wasn't just a picture-perfect moment—it was a powerful symbol of who we are. Moments like this happen because of the unwavering support of our families, the dedication of our PTA volunteers, and the strong partnership we share with Cordill-Mason Elementary's amazing staff.

Thank you to everyone who helped bring this idea to life. It was a beautiful reminder that we ALL belong—and that we are strongest when we stand together as one Cougar community.



Keep sending in your photos and celebrate with us!