



November 2015 Newsletter

e-Leader

Message from the Region Director

Dear Members,

As we head into Thanksgiving and the December holidays, a natural focus is on family. What can you as a PTA do to promote family activities?

Read more to find out about the many programs and resources that National PTA offers or visit PTA.org.

The [PTA Family Reading Experience, Powered by Kindle](#) is a program that engages the entire family and focuses on improving the reading skills of children between Kindergarten and Fifth grade. It teaches families simple games and activities they can do with their children at home. When parents engage students at home, they do better in school. Parents love going to their child's school and seeing their child excited about learning. Demonstrate reading fun with a Family Reading Experience event at your school.

[National PTA's Every Child in Focus](#) is a campaign to strengthen family engagement in schools by celebrating the achievements, reporting the disparities within diverse populations, and sharing resources and advocacy tools to help in understanding the needs of every child. The campaign is a school year-long series that provides educators, families, and PTA Units with the information they need to deepen family engagement in schools through the [PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#).

Start planning for [Take Your Family to School Week](#) - February 15-19, 2016. This week will focus on celebrating PTA's history and the importance of family engagement in schools and PTA volunteers. Review the Take Your Family to School Week Kit contents to start planning your events.

Locally, work with your school and community to organize food and clothing drives so that no family in your community will go hungry or be cold in the coming winter months.

Last but not least, take time out from your PTA work, and the hustle and bustle of everyday life to appreciate and spend time with your family.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Pat