106th Annual

Montana PTA Convention

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September 24-25, 2021

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PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

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Welcome Everyone,

The 106th Montana PTA State convention is here. The founding parents of our State PTA could not have imagined a virtual convention. Goodness five years ago I could not imagine a virtual convention. I like that I can sit in my comfy chair and participate from there. Do not have to travel (except that a couple nights away can be fun). All this saves your PTA money.

Please feel free to sit back, grab a beverage and munchies, and have an information filled evening and day.

Alison Turner is amazing, always smiling, one of the nicest people you will ever meet, and very PTA knowledgeable. This is a problem with virtual conventions – no networking and especially not getting the chance to sit down with the National PTA Representative. You do not want to miss her when she speaks Friday evening. She will be "at" the whole convention, which includes the open forums. You do not want to miss her workshop on leadership.

Speaking of not wanting to miss. National PTA President Anna King in the welcome video.

Remember the open forums are your opportunity to ask questions. I encourage you utilize the open forums to get more information.

I look forward to 'seeing' you and hearing from you.

Sheryl Scheafer

Sheryl Scheafer

Montana PTA President

Greetings PTA Members:

Welcome to your state convention! I hope that you are staying safe and well. Thank you for taking this time to learn and grow as a leader. Your attendance is a testament to your commitment to our PTA mission: *To make every child's potential a reality.*

I am honored to serve as the 57th national president of this incredible association that we love so much. As we approach our 125th anniversary in 2022, it fills me with pride to say that our mission work is alive and thriving in communities across the nation.

We help every child reach for the stars, we empower our families to fully engage in their child's development, we support our teachers and staff, and most importantly, we raise our One PTA voice to advocate for all of our children's needs to all decision makers.

As Mother Teresa said, "The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it." The coming months will provide new challenges and new opportunities, but I know I can count on all of you to meet them with PTA passion, persistence and servant leadership.

My wish for you at your state convention is to leave this experience with a renewed mindset. Use this moment to recommit yourself to this work. Be open to possibilities. Today is a chance for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the mission and work even harder to make sure that our children are successful in their schools, and that families are engaged like never before.

Please know that National PTA is here to support you every step of the way. I encourage you to explore the available resources, especially the PTA for Your Child membership campaign, at PTA.org/MembershipCampaign. Remember, we want every family in our schools to join PTA, because we can do more together than apart.

We can succeed in ensuring our children become all that they can be. Are you ready to start the work with me? I can't do it alone—so I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together, **as ONE PTA!**

Thank you for all that you do. Have a great convention!

Sincerely,

Anna King
President, National PTA

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September 1, 2021

Montana PTA
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Dear Montana Parents:

Welcome to the 106th annual Montana PTA State Convention! As a father, I know how important it is for parents to guide our children's educational pathways and be involved in our local schools. As parents, we are our child's first teacher.

The last year and a half has brought unprecedented disruption to education as we worked together to tackle COVID-19 and the social, emotional, and academic challenges that came with it. My office has heard loud and clear from Montana families who want to return to a sense of normalcy this school year. That's why as your governor, I wrote a letter to every school superintendent and board chair in the state urging that parent voices be heard in opening the 2021-2022 school year. I am optimistic for what this year will bring.

Education is the pathway to a brighter and more prosperous future. My goal is to ensure our students have access to the best education possible to prepare them for success in Montana's economy. I'm proud of the work that we've done this year to increase starting teacher pay, expand career and technical education, grow our technology infrastructure, and increase individualized education opportunities. I look forward to working with the Montana PTA to expand on these efforts on behalf of our students into the future.

Schools should reflect the families and communities that they serve. I want to thank the members of the Montana PTA and your local organizations for being that voice for parents and students. If I can ever be of service, my door is always open.

Respectfully,

Greg Gianforte
Governor

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STATE OF MONTANA

Putting Montana Students First

September 24, 2021

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Dear Montana Parents:

Welcome to the 106th annual Montana PTA convention!

The most important connection each of us has is with our family, and the biggest indicator for student success is a supportive and engaged family unit. Last month, Governor Greg Gianforte and I sent a letter to all District Superintendents and Trustees discussing back-to-school preparation in Montana's 400 school districts. Specifically, we highlighted the need for parental involvement in health decisions regarding their children, and for listening to the voices of families throughout the state. You may read the letter here.

As a mother, grandmother, teacher, and your State Superintendent, it is my honor to be able to serve Montana's students alongside you. The Montana PTA has consistently been that strong family voice in education. I was blessed to serve as the local PTA president at Sandstone Elementary in Billings for several years. For 23 years as a classroom teacher, I embraced the challenges and celebrated the successes of our students. It is important to the OPI that more families become actively involved in their child's education. It is equally important that school leaders form a strong partnership with the families in their communities.

I encourage you to make the most of this conference to gain connections and skills that will help you become even stronger leaders. Thank you for all you do to put Montana students first!

Sincerely,

Elsie Arntzen
Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction

WHOLE CHILD APPROACH HOPE
TEACHER & EDUCATIONAL LEADERS TEACH
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT LEARN
COMMUNITY, COLLEGE & CAREER READY

PRESENTER BIO'S and WORKSHOP DECRIPTIONS

Alison Turner, National PTA VP of Membership

Alison Turner works with clients at Business | Creative | Education Consulting. Her leadership experience in multiple states, communities, and two countries includes past service at National PTA on the Strategic Planning and Resolutions committees. Turner currently serves on the National PTA Board of Directors and Mission Engagement committee.

At the state level, Turner currently serves a second term as Nevada PTA Federal Legislation Chair, on the Advocacy committee, and works at the council level to mentor local PTAs in diverse communities. A past president of Nevada PTA, her multiple language skills and dedicated advocacy for families in need help bridge communications gaps to engage families, schools, and communities for all children.

Outside of PTA work, Turner is dedicated to literacy for children and adults, continuing to explore ways to get more books in the hands of every child. She is an avid reader, focused on learning, teaching, and decision-making. Turner is also a knitwear designer and instructor.

Turner and her husband Ralph live in Las Vegas, Nevada, and have two children: Carolyn, a government relations coordinator, and Ian, attending university. All, however, acknowledge that their dog Kody is in charge!

Garri Mauch, Montana PTA Advocacy Chair

Good day and welcome to this year's Montana State PTA Convention. My name is Garri Mauch. I am the Montana State PTA Advocate. It is a huge honor to represent the state of Montana.

Annually, I sit with our National Legislative Leaders in Washington DC to advocate for our children, faculty and schools, and the community. My goal is to make a better future for our children. I will do that cohesively with other local and state leaders.

I am happily married to a brilliant Scientist. I work here at our local healthcare system. We have two beautiful children in elementary school.

I was the PTA President of Valley View from 2018-2020. MT State PTA Advocate 2019 - Present.

Gena Ward, MemberHub Customer Success

Gena has been a PTA leader in Alabama for 6 years. She has been a member of the Customer Success team with MemberHub for about 3 years, assisting users in setting up their sites and showing them ways to best use their MemberHub site.

September 25th Workshops:

8:15-9:00

MEMBERHUB for Communication & Compliance *Presented by Gena Ward, MemberHub Customer Success*

In this session, we will cover how to track all areas of compliance for local units as well as showing different ways to communicate with parents as a PTA through MemberHub.

9:15-9:45

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP | Leading the PTA Way *Presented by Alison Turner, National PTA*

What does it mean to be a PTA leader? Together, we will define effective and ethical PTA leadership. Then, we'll examine real-PTA scenarios and discuss how to welcome all families, communicate effectively, focus your PTA's efforts on student success and school improvements, and strengthen relationships throughout your school and community. Throughout the discussion, you will appraise your own leadership style, and leave with a roadmap for sharing power, leading positively through conflict, and achieving your PTA's goals.

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WELCOME TO CONVENTION!!

We are so glad that you've joined us for Convention. You might have questions about how this all works. Here are some helpful hints - but if you have any questions at any time, please feel free to ask!

Why are we here?	BUSINESS: We will debate issues, amend, and vote! INSPIRATION: Network with other PTAs, get fundraising ideas from vendors, explore PTA programs, attain helpful tools and knowledge (workshops) FUN: Awards, Raffles
Business	This is all done during our two General Sessions: It is the most important part and where the real business of Montana PTA is done. We'll vote on officers and our governing documents. At first some of this might seem overwhelming or confusing. If you have a question or want to debate an item, we welcome it! You can utilize the Q&A feature to ask your questions. Don't worry – we'll help you and answer any question you might have.
Inspiration	We have exciting and informative workshops scheduled as well as a variety of vendors to help with fundraising and other important information to take back to your local units.
Fun	Recognizing winners. Giveaways each day.
General information	Just a few tips to make sure that you have a good time and get the most out of your day: -Follow the schedule in your program and be on time to events -Eliminate distractions -Ensure you are on mute -Contact Montana PTA Board in the Q&A

CONVENTION RULES

Montana Congress of Parents and Teachers

1. Convention registrations may be transferred. A written request for the transfer from the original registrant must be presented at the convention registration.
2. Once in meeting please update your name to include your local unit PTA name.
3. Delegates are requested to be entered into meeting before the opening time - 5 minutes early.
4. When the delegation is participating in a counted vote, please use Chat feature.
5. Questions and comments should be entered using the Q&A feature.
6. Only those materials approved by the National PTA or the Montana PTA shall be displayed, distributed or sold.
7. The Montana PTA President must approve all official publicity releases.
8. The convention minutes will be reviewed by an auditing committee before submission to the Montana PTA Board of Directors for approval. A recording option shall be used by the Montana PTA Secretary to record the convention general meetings.
9. All cellular phones and audible pages must be muted during general meetings and workshop sessions.
10. The consideration of any Emergency Resolution will be governed by the National PTA Emergency Resolution procedures.

2021 CREDENTIAL REPORT

	General Session #1	General Session #2
Voting Delegates		
Non-Voting Delegates		
Total Attendees		
# of Units Represented		

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Are you interested in serving at the State level? We would love to hear from you!

The Montana PTA nominating committee is currently accepting applications for board and chair positions for 2021-2023:

President Elect – 1-year elected position
Secretary – 2-year elected position
Membership Chair – 2-year appointed position
Convention Chair – 2-year appointed position
Advocacy Chair – 2-year appointed position
Reflections Chair – 2-year appointed position

Upcoming positions for 2022-2024:

Treasurer – 2-year elected position

If you are interested or would like to learn more about these positions, please contact Montana PTA at (406) 628-9007 or email: mtstatepta@gmail.com.

Not interested in a board position but would still like to be involved at a State level??? Perhaps serving as a committee member interests you without the commitment of the Chair role for Reflections, Advocacy, Convention, Membership, etc.? We have many opportunities spanning a large range of skills and time commitments. Please call or e-mail today to see how you can make a difference!
Our success depends on all of you!
Montana PTA Nominating Committee

Parliamentary Procedure Tip Sheet

To do this.	You say this:	May you interrupt the speaker?	Do you need a second?	Is it debatable?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?	Can it be reconsidered?
Adjourn meeting	I move that we adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Call an intermission	I move that we recess for	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
*Complain about heat, noise, etc.	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	No vote	No usually
Suspend further consideration of an issue	I move we table the motion	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
End debate and amendments	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	1*No
Postpone discussion for a certain time	I move to postpone the discussion until	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Give closer study of something	I move to refer the matter to the committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	2*Yes
Amend a motion	I move to amend the motion by	No	Yes	3*Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Introduce business	I move that	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
*Protest breach of rules or conduct	I rise to a point of order	Yes	No	No	No	4*No vote	No
Vote on a ruling of the chairman	I appeal the chair's decision	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	5*Majority	Yes
Suspend rules temporarily	I move to suspend the rules so that	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Avoid considering an improper matter	I object to consideration of this motion	Yes	No	No	No	6* 2/3	7*
Verify a Voice Vote – Members stand	I call for a division – or-Division!	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
*Request information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote	No
Take up a matter previously tabled	I move to take from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Reconsider a hasty action	I move to reconsider the vote on	Yes	Yes	8*	No	Majority	No

•May go to the head of line at microphone-do not need a motion
1* Unless vote on question is not yet taken.
2* Unless the committee has already taken up the subject.
3* Only if the motion to be amended is debatable.
4* Except in doubtful cases.
5* A majority vote in negative needed to reserve ruling of the chair.
6* A 2/3 vote in negative needed to prevent consideration of main motion.
7* Only if the main question or motion was not, in fact, considered.
8* Only if the motion to be reconsidered is debatable.

BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 2021
Assets	
Checking accounts	$16,753.57
Savings accounts	$12,258.57
CD	$2,745.85
Total assets	**$31,757.99**
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	$0.00
Equity	
Retained earnings	$29,146.23
Net Income	$2,611.76
Total Equity	$31,757.99
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PROFIT AND LOSS

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Income	
Advertising	$120.00
Program contributions	$41.00
State Convention 2020	$2,533.14
State Dues	$18,150.73
Interest	$18.73
Non-Dues Revenue	$54.23
In-Kind Donations	$100.00
PPP Loan	$2,500.00
Total Income	$23,517.83
Expenses	
Administrative	$18,556.13
Communications	$299.92
Leadership	$770.00
2020 Convention Expense	$478.31
2021 Convention Expense	$220.64
Advocacy	$75.00
Programs	$456.07
Recognition	$50.00
Total Expenses	$20,906.07
Net Income	$2,611.76

Montana PTA reports on the cash basis for both financial reporting and federal income tax purposes.

Montana PTA has filed the 990N tax return for fiscal year 2019 - 2020 with the IRS.

The completed IRS Form 990N and financial review report are available for viewing by appointment only. Please call Montana PTA at 628-9007, and office is located at 410 Colorado Ave Room 209 Laurel, MT.

————-Convention Schedule ————-

Friday, September 24, 2021

5:30pm—5:45pm **PTA Road Map** *Presented by Sheryl Scheafer, Montana PTA President*

5:45pm—6:00pm **Achieve Montana** - *Convention Sponsor*

Achieve Montana is a 529 plan designed to help individuals and families save for college in a tax-advantaged way. Its benefits include tax-deferred growth, generous contribution limits, and investment options. Money in your account can be used towards a qualified college, university, vocational school, or other postsecondary educational institution, apprenticeship program expenses, and K-12 tuition too. Setting up a 529 plan account with Achieve Montana is easy and affordable. Parents can open accounts for a little as $25 or $15 with payroll deduction, where available. For more information, visit www.achievemontana.com or call 1-877-486-9271.

6:00pm—7:00pm **General Session #1**

Welcome – *Meghan Cox, Montana PTA Convention Chair*
Call to Order – *Sheryl Scheafer, Montana PTA President*
State Convention Welcome Video - Anna King, National PTA President
Introductions and Montana PTA Updates – *Sheryl Scheafer*
Credentials Report (page 11) - *Rebecca Noell, Montana PTA Treasurer*
Convention Rules (page 10) – *Lisa Wilson, Montana PTA Secretary*
Report of Minutes from 2020 Convention – Lisa Wilson
National PTA Address – Alison Turner, *National PTA VP Membership*
Montana PTA Annual Financial Report (page 13) – *Rebecca Noell*
Nominating Committee Report/Nominations from the Floor – *Garri Mauch, Nominating Committee Member*
Elections
Announcements

7:00pm -7:15pm **Mountain America Credit Union** – *Convention Sponsor*

From understanding the behaviors that influence our financial decision making to where to start with a budget, and even the technology that can help improve all of these processes. This explains how you can be more efficient with your financial planning personally and for your PTA.

7:15pm—8:00pm **Open Forum**

Saturday, September 25, 2021

8:00am—8:15am **AIM Insurance** – *Convention Sponsor*

AIM Insurance specializes in providing insurance to PTA's. With a focus in helping PTA's for over 30 years, AIM understands the risks involved in running your organization and can help you choose the right coverage for your PTA. We have an excellent customer service team providing everyday support and guidance on best practices, and clear answers to all the questions that come up around protecting your PTA. With over 23,000 parent teacher groups insured, AIM is the largest protector of good people doing good things. Contact us today at 800-876-4044 or www.aim-companies.com.

8:15am-9:00am **MemberHub Workshop** *Presented by Gena Ward, MemberHub*

In this session, we will cover how to track all areas of compliance for local units as well as showing different ways to communicate with parents as a PTA through MemberHub.

Continued…

9:00am—9:15am **Montana Shakespeare in the Parks** – *Convention Sponsor*

The mission of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is to engage and enrich both rural and underserved communities with professional productions of Shakespeare and other classics and, through educational outreach, to inspire creative expression and appreciation of the arts in young audiences. For almost 30 years, Shakespeare in the Schools has been our region's most trusted source for cutting-edge Shakespeare an education. This fall, Shakespeare for the Schools offers exciting, engaging, and safe programs for your classroom. Teachers can choose models that are synchronous or asynchronous. Montana Shakes! brings an interactive original play featuring scenes from Shakespeare to sixty elementary schools each spring. The play is accompanied by exciting theatrical workshops and introduces Shakespeare to young people in a way that is based on engagement and not apprehension.

9:15am – 9:45am **Leadership-Leading the PTA Way Workshop** *Presented by Alison Turner, NPTA VP Membership*

What does it mean to be a PTA leader? Together, we will define effective and ethical PTA leadership. Then, we'll examine real-PTA scenarios and discuss how to welcome all families, communicate effectively, focus your PTA's efforts on student success and school improvements, and strengthen relationships throughout your school and community. Throughout the discussion, you will appraise your own leadership style, and leave with a roadmap for sharing power, leading positively through conflict, and achieving your PTA's goals.

9:45am-10:00am **Northwest Playground Equipment** – *Convention Sponsor*

Northwest Playground is the premier provider of outdoor recreation equipment in the pacific northwest providing the highest quality equipment and services to our customers for over 25 years! We specialize in providing turnkey solutions for outdoor amenities with a focus on building community through play.

10:05am—10:20am **Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA)** *Presented by Sippy, Child Liaison Yellowstone River Chapter*

Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner; however, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, we stand ready to be that obstacle.

10:20am-10:40am **A Walk Through Advocacy**

Presented by Garri Mauch, Montana PTA Advocacy Chair and FLC, Federal Legislative Chair (MT)

10:45am- 11:00pm **Cheddar Up** – Convention Sponsor

Cheddar Up is the easiest way to collect payments and information for your PTA or school group. There's never been a better time to take your PTA payments virtual… from events to fundraisers to after-school programs to spirit wear. Cheddar Up is flexible enough to collect for almost anything and can be used at no cost to your PTA. Its unique ability to collect both payments and forms means paying is easy for your community. There's no need for parents to download an app or create an account. Cheddar Up offers both online and point-of-sale payments and saves your volunteers hours – with automatic tracking and easy handoff. We work with tens of thousands of groups across North America and look forward to serving you! Visit www.cheddarup.com/pta *to get started.*

11:00am—11:30pm **General Session #2**

Credentials Report (page 11) - *Rebecca Noell*
Installation of Officers – *Alison Turner, National PTA Representative*
Awards / Honorary Life Membership Awards
Call to 2022 Montana PTA Convention
Adjourn General Session #2

11:30pm—12:30pm **Open Forum**

12:45pm—1:45pm Treasure State PTA meeting—For members of Treasure State PTA

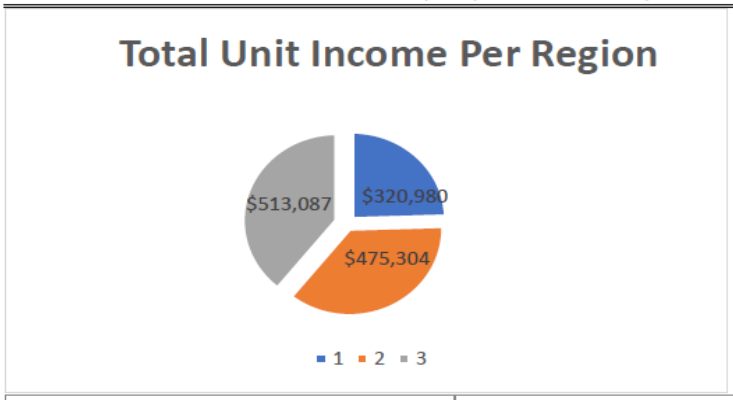
Why is collecting and reporting volunteer hours important?

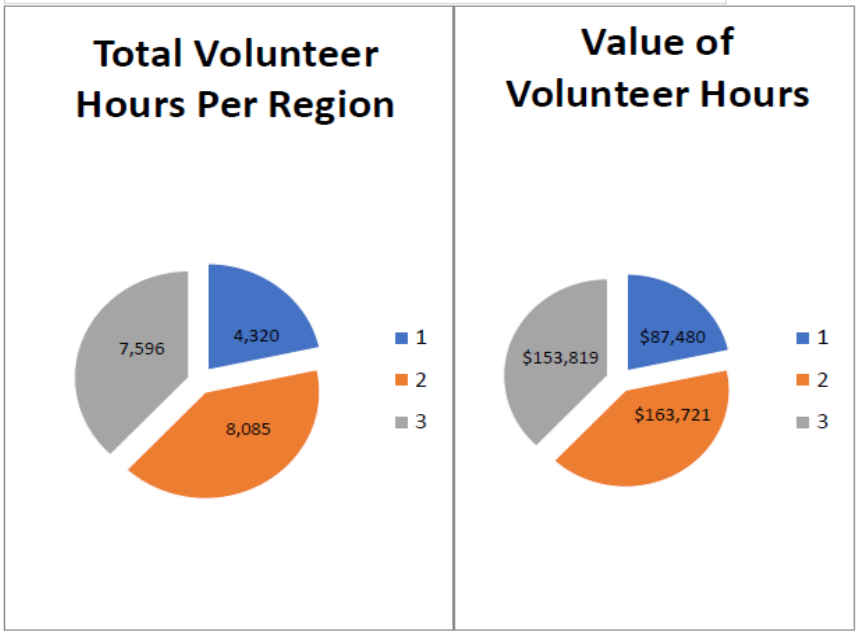
Information on volunteer hours is used for PTA audits, advocacy and grant applications.
It also maintains our federal IRS status as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.
This tax exemption status is granted to non-profit organizations like PTA that show one-third of their support from the general public. The recorded hours from volunteers that you collect and submit for your PTA on page 2 of the Remittance Form is proof of this.
What volunteer hours are collected? All time spent on PTA activities related to running a unit is collected. Time spent by everyone in your unit for PTA meetings, events and activities including the planning, preparation, communication and travel time involved are reported as volunteer hours. Let everyone know that if PTA asks you to do it, you can count it towards your volunteer hours. What is the annual reporting period for volunteer hours? Collect and tally your member's volunteer hours for the previous PTA fiscal year (for most of you it's July 1st – June 30th) and include these hours on page 2 of the Remittance Form. Thank You!

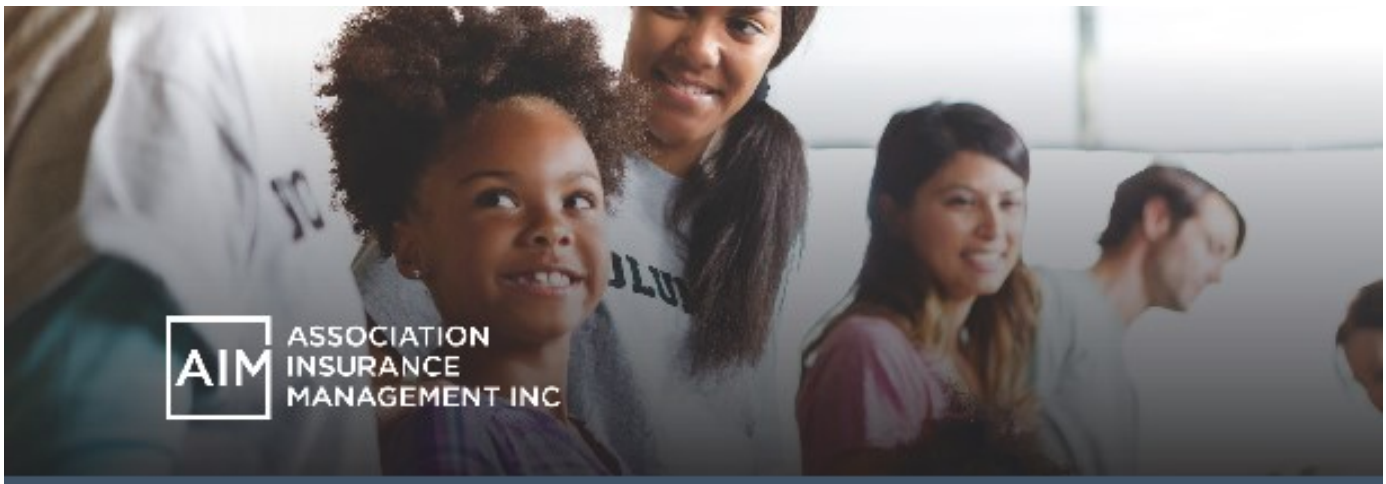
MONTANA PTA

2019-20 Local Unit Net Income and Volunteer hours

Region	Total Unit Income Per Region	Total Volunteer Hours Per Region	Value of Volunteer Hours
1 (Missoula)	$ 320,980	4,320	$87,480
2 (Great Falls)	$ 475,304	8,085	$163,721
3 (Billings)	$ 513,087	7,596	$153,819
TOTAL	$ 1,309,371	20,001	$405,020







PTA Insurance

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MONTANA PTA
2021 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

1. Adequately Fund Education Programs Through A Regular Appropriations Process

Action to be taken: Montana PTA actively supports the investment for a quality education critical for our state long-term success. We will speak with a balanced and fair approach protecting vital education investments, securing dedicated funding for family engagement in education, increasing funding for IDEA and maintaining or increasing investments in quality early learning programs.

2. Reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)

Action to be taken: Montana PTA actively supports incentivizing family and community-based alternatives to the incarceration of youth; extending the Jail Removal and Sight and Sound Separation care requirements to all children under the age of 18 during all forms of detainment within the justice system; and requiring states to establish solutions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.

3. Reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Action to be taken: Montana PTA supports greater protections for the rights of children with special needs and their parents to ensure access to resources and supports for a high-quality education; transition planning services for students with disabilities to begin no later than the age of 14 and incentivize school districts to employ specialized staff to provide these services; and advocating the inclusion of behavioral intervention plans in a student's IEP and 504b plan.

4. Reauthorize the Child Nutrition Act

Action to be taken: Montana PTA strongly supports continued implementation of Healthy and Hunger free Act of 2010 and advocates for the next iteration to improve and enhance opportunities for parents to participate in the development of local school wellness policies; maintaining the current school nutrition standards and Smart Snack guidelines; and delivering technical assistance and resources to schools that are not meeting the nutrition standards.

5. Reauthorize and Modernize the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) and Children's Online Privacy Protections Act (COPPA)

Action to be taken: Montana PTA strongly advocates school districts and schools, be transparent and engaged with families on the development, implementation and notification of student data privacy policies and procedures and they provide restrictions around the collection, use, storage, security and destruction of student data and educational records.

6. Improve the Well-Being and Learning Environment of Children

Action to be taken: Montana PTA will continue to advocate for laws that promote and enhance the emotional, mental and physical well-being of students both in and out of school; schools to enact policies that address the prevention, intervention and elimination of all types of bullying behaviors both inside and outside of school; and encourage the use of positive behavioral interventions and support, and enhance opportunities for personalized learning.

7. Expand and Enhance Early Childhood Education Opportunities

Action to be taken: Montana PTA supports legislation that improves the development of our earliest learners; family engagement policies in the development, implementation and evaluation of all early childhood programs, including home visiting programs; the increase of access to high-quality early childhood care and education opportunities for infants and toddlers through the Early Head Start and Head Start programs; the expansion of opportunities for evidence-based home-visiting services for parents of infants and toddlers.

8. Protect Youth, Families and Communities from Gun and Other Violence

Action to be taken: Montana PTA will actively promote education initiatives that raise public awareness of firearm safety and gun violence prevention strategies, including safe gun storage programs. A crucial component of effective learning is the safety of children and faculty in all school settings and is a fundamental right which has made it the utmost priority for programmatic and advocacy work. This includes programming and policies related to safe routes to school, bullying prevention and the protection of children from gun violence.

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The Local PTA Leader Kit is online at www.ptakit.org.

What's your membership goal this year?

Do you know how many events/opportunities you will need volunteers for?

Do you have a list of volunteers?

Is there one main goal your PTA is working towards?

Are your board meetings planned for the year? A board always works better when there's communication. It's better to be organized when you have a general meeting and bring items to your members to vote on.

Has your board looked at successes from last year and what didn't work? Which activities will you do again?

It gets really busy and we forget about baby steps that really help the PTA board. ENJOY YOUR YEAR!!!!

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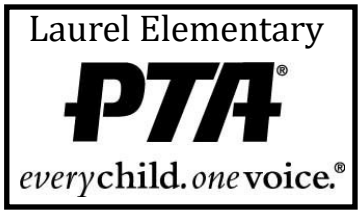

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Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 students are encouraged to submit original works of art in one or more of the following categories:

- **Dance Choreography**
- **Music Composition**
- **Film Production**
- **Literature**
- **Photography**
- **Visual Arts**

Students who identify as having a disability may enter in the Special Artist Division or grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. Check with your state PTA for program guidelines, submission deadlines and recognition opportunities. Learn more and get involved!

Awards and Exhibits

Student entries submitted to the national level go through two rounds of review by esteemed arts professionals across the country. Over 200 students are recognized for their achievements in the arts and their works are exhibited throughout the year. Top national-level winners are provided prizes and scholarships and their works are showcased and exhibited.

Reflections Theme Contest

Students are invited to submit a concept to be considered for a future Reflections program theme. Every year, one student's theme is selected by a team of National PTA volunteers and the winning student is awarded and recognized. Contact your state PTA for guidelines and entry form.

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Montana PTA Reflections

A special thank you to all our 2020-2021 Reflections Chairs!

Amber Britt—Bigfork School PTA, Jen Clark—Sacajawea PTA, Tara Hageman—Riverview PTA, Jamie Marshall—Lincoln Elementary PTA, Lacie Markegard—Laurel Elementary PTA, Meadow Nilles—Alkali Creek PTA, Deva Gallagher—Poly Drive PTA, Hillary Shepherd—Giant Springs Elementary PTA

With your hard work and dedication we received 61 local entries advance to State and all were judged virtually with 16 entries moving on to the National level.

Congratulations to our 2 National winners!

Nolan Budge from Billings won an Award of Merit in Visual Arts.

Ava Hall from Bigfork won an Award of Merit in Visual Arts.

The state Reflections Celebration was held virtually in May 2021 and a Reflections newsletter was completed and distributed. We hope you encourage all of your student body to participate in the 2021-2022 Reflections program .

We look forward to our next Reflections Celebration in the Spring of 2022.

For over 50 years, National PTA's **Reflections** program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

The National PTA Reflections program offers local, regional, state and national opportunities for young artists in Pre-K through Grade 12 to be recognized for their creativity in dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. It's a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the 2021-2022 theme:

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2022 National Winners – The 2021-2022 national winners will be announced **May 1, 2022**. Honorees will be celebrated at the at the National PTA Convention, **June 2022.**

Would your Local Unit be interested in participating in the **Reflections program** this year? For more information and to participate, please contact Montana PTA at mtstatepta@gmail.com

~ Montana PTA Reflections ~

REFLECTIONS DEADLINE!

Reflections entries submitted to the State level must be received by

February 1, 2022

National PTA Reflections Awards

Each year, students in Pre-K through Grade 12 are invited to create and submit original works of art in the areas of **Dance Choreography**, **Film Production**, **Literature**, **Music Composition**, **Photography** and **Visual Arts**. Based on State PTA rules and guidelines, these works of art may be submitted for state and national level awards and recognition opportunities.

Of the national-level submissions, over 200 student Reflections participants will receive the following awards from National PTA:

Merit Award: Bronze Medal; Certificate of Merit; Work featured in the traveling exhibition
Award of Excellence: $200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence; Work featured in the traveling exhibition
Outstanding Interpretation Award: $800 Young Artist Scholarship; Gold Medal; Certificate of Outstanding Interpretation; Work featured in the traveling exhibition; $200 Prize for Local PTA Unit

Student entries submitted to the national level go through two rounds of review by esteemed arts professionals across the country. During the evaluation process, judges will consider the following criteria:

Interpretation: How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the work itself and the artist statement.
Creativity: How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.
Technique: The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

Judges strongly consider the interpretation of the Reflections theme during the evaluation process. It is suggested that students give their submissions a title that stands out and describes how the piece relates to the student's personal interpretation of the theme. The following guiding questions can be useful when developing a title and artist statement:

How does your work relate to the theme?
What is your personal connection to the theme?
What did you use to create your work (e.g., supplies, technology, instrumentation, props, etc.)
What/who was your inspiration?

NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

2020-2021 Montana PTA State ***1st Place***

Reflections Winners

Literature:		
Macey Marshall	1st Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Lucas Michael Hurin	3rd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Zoe Hansen	6th Grade	Riverview Elementary PTA
Jenna Reynoso	12th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Film Production:		
Emma Painter	1st Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Brooke Painter	4th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Music:		
Samuel Janor	3rd Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Visual Arts:		
Nolan Budge	2nd Grade	Alkali Creek PTA
Taylee Proud	3rd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Emerson Jacobs	6th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Ava Hall	9th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Photography:		
Oden Clark	1st Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Maren Marshall	5th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Lydia Comstock	6th Grade	Riverview Elementary PTA
Francesca Anderson	10th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Dance:		
Bronte Evans	3rd Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA

2020-2021 Montana PTA State ***2nd Place***

Reflections Winners

Literature:		
Samuel Carter Hurin	1st Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Hailee Elwell	9th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Film Production:		
Will Reichner	4th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Music:		
Carter Marshall	3rd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Visual Arts:		
Daniel Stinson	2nd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Will Braaten	3rd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Trevyn Mans	6th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Destiney Shaner	12th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Photography:		
Eastyn Evenhus	1st Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Drew Hendricks	3rd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Silvestre Rodriquez	11th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA

2020-2021 Montana PTA State ***Judges' Choice Award***

Reflections Winners

Literature:		
Macy Rose Hurin	1st Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Music:		
Eliza Hansen	3rd Grade	Riverview Elementary PTA
Liam Mayes	3rd Grade	Laurel Elementary PTA
Visual Arts:		
Kyler Proud	Kindergarten	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Cody Kerr	2nd Grade	Poly Drive PTA
Grace Lintz	2nd Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Pierson Markegard	3rd Grade	Laurel Elementary PTA
Delaney Everhart	4th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Hadley Mosser	5th Grade	Alkali Creek PTA
Jasleen Velazquez	6th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Photography:		
Macey Marshall	1st Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Macey Marshall	1st Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Tesla Trystianson	4th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Addyson Keller	4th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Maren Marshall	5th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Gillian Sanford	5th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA

2020-2021 Montana PTA State Reflections

Participation Award Winners

Visual Arts:

Addalynn Meyer	1st Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Ainsley Walker	4th Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Andrea Garcia	4th Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Aubrey Ard	3rd Grade	Laurel Elementary PTA
Aylaree Coffee	3rd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Blakely Brown	1st Grade	Sacajawea Elementary PTA
Brenden Markegard	Kindergarten	Laurel Elementary PTA
Briah Ard	5th Grade	Laurel Elementary PTA
Dietrich Schurke	3rd Grade	Bigfork Schools PTA
Ella Gallagher	5th Grade	Poly Drive PTA
Ellie Lofink	2nd Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Emery Mcquillen	2nd Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Lorelei Samson	4th Grade	Giant Springs Elementary PTA
Mia Nguyen	2nd Grade	Alkali Creek PTA
Mollie Knowles	1st Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
Ronan Gallagher	3rd Grade	Poly Drive PTA
Tenley Schneider	4th Grade	Lincoln Elementary PTA
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Reflections Winners — PHOTOGRAPHY

Oden Clark

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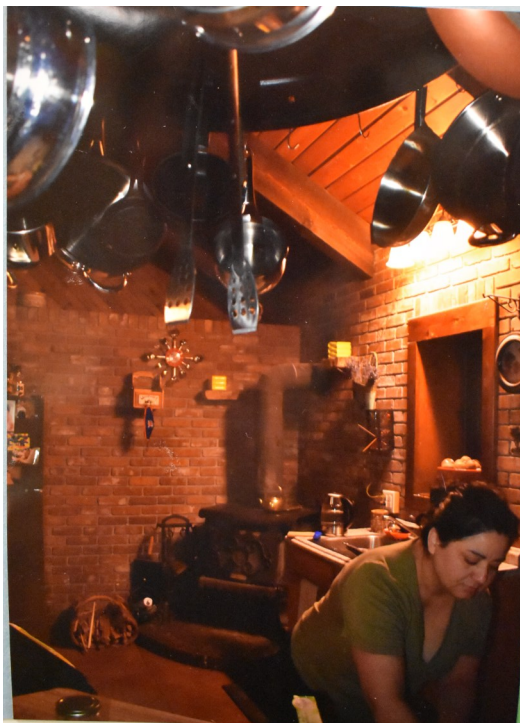
Lincoln Elementary PTA



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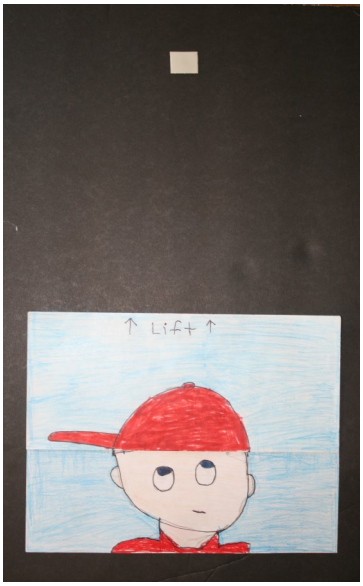

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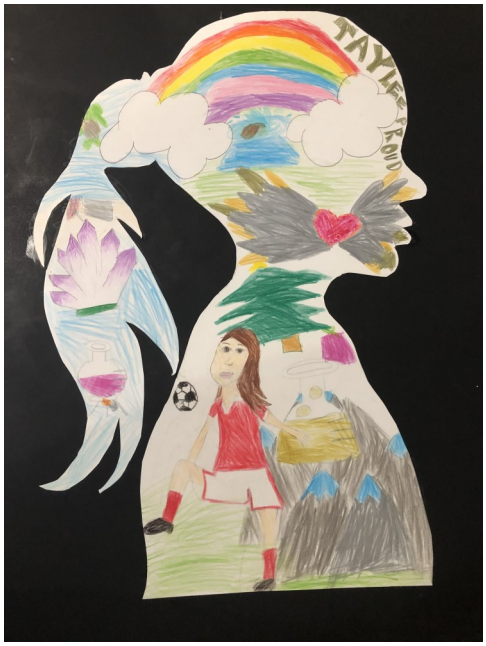

Taylee Proud

Giant Springs Elementary PTA

Ava Hall

Bigfork School PTA

Award of Merit National Winner!

Emerson Jacobs

Sacajawea Elementary PTA

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1985

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Marilyn Taylor

1986

Beverly Ulmer, (Sacajawea PTA)

1987

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1988

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1989

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1991

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Mary Richards, (Missoula PTA Council)

Pat Tallent, (Montana City PTA)

Sherri Villar, (Loy PTA)

1998

Pam Belston, (Fred Graff PTA)

Kay Berry, (McKinley PTA)

Randy Boysun, (Valley View PTA)

Sue Gatton, (MT PTA)

Sue Hull, (MT PTA)

Kathy Levey, (Arrowhead PTA)

Tori Matthew, (Swan Valley PTA)

Carol Paul, (Morningside PTA)

Ron Scherry, (Huntley Project PTA)

Debbie Shoopman, (Lincoln School PTA)

Kathier Sybrant, (Great Falls PTA Council)

Julie Wilkinson, (Washington PTA)

Bob Williamson, (Meadowlark PTA)

1999

Brad Curtiss, (MT PTA)

Mary Helgeson, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Brenda Hittmeier, (Poly Drive School)

Lorie Hughes, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Maryann Kolbeck, (MT PTA)

Ken Nordquist, (Meadow Lark PTA)

Leigh Spencer, (Meadow Lark PTA)

Larry Wilkinson, (MT PTA)

Nancy Zadick, (Lincoln School PTA)

2000

Vicky Bostick, (Montana PTA)

Marilyn Clark, (Sacajawea PTA)

Mimi Davidson, (Montana PTA)

Bryan Dunn, (Montana PTA)

Judy Higgins, (West Elem. PTA)

Ann Holm, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Linda Johnson, (Ply Drive PTA)

Kim Krattiger, (Montana PTA)

Honor Roll — MT PTA Honorary Life Membership Recipients (cont.)

Carol Linaflter, (Riverview PTA)

Delly Presley, (Riverview PTA)

Vicki Rafel, (Montana PTA)

Janey Salomon, (Montana PTA)

Bill Salonen, (Morningside PTA)

Debbie Shoopman, (Montana PTA)

Gail Surwill, (Wa. School PTA)

Cathy Warhank, (Riverview PTA)

Julie Wilkinson, (Montana PTA)

2001

Jeri Anton, (Huntley Project PTA)

Cathy Day, (Montana PTA)

Eileen Dolphay, (Morningside PTA)

Suzi Ekness, (Riverview PTA)

Candace Johnson, (Hellgate Elem PTA)

Mark Larson, (Montana City PTA)

Ginny Markell, (Montana PTA)

Debby Plath, (Meadow Lark PTA)

Cathy Rominger, (Riverview PTA)

Heather Salois, (Montana PTA)

Sheryl Scheafer, (Montana PTA)

Kim Smith, (Montana PTA)

Leigh Spencer, (Montana PTA)

Deb Yerkes, (Lincoln Elem. PTA)

2002

Shannon Anderson, (Meadowlark PTA)

Wilma Blaquiere, (PGMS PTSA)

Lila Bock, (Montana City PTA)

Garla Boland, (Montana PTA)

Brenda Chouinard, (Absarokee PTA)

Bonnie Flanagan, (Fred Graff PTA)

Anna Hewitt, (Riverview PTA)

Colleen Irish, (Morningside PTA and MT PTA)

June Jeziorski, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Latha Krishnaiyer, (Montana PTA)

Deb LeVeaux, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Lisa Lewis-Devine, (Morningside PTA)

Susan McCartney, (Eagle Cliffs PTA)

Beth Price Morrison, (Montana PTA)

Denice Schilling, (Meadowlark PTA)

Cricket Witt, (Absarokee PTA)

2003

Becky Agamenoni, (Meadow Lark PTA)

Jane Bjordahl, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Sherri Carl, (Riverview PTA)

Mary Ann Cosgrove, (Lewis & Clark PTA)

Brenda Dockter, (Montana PTA)

Mary Ann Garrity, (Morningside PTA)

Jake Goodlaxon, (Montana PTA)

Kathy Kamura, (Hellgate Elem PTA)

Dani Kline, (Mary Breen, Jody Murray, Denise Maki, Treacie Burback)

Janet Larkin, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Rita Maze, (Morningside PTA)

Pam Nommensen, (Riverview PTA)

Karen Preble, (Washington PTA)

Mark Townsend, (Montana PTA)

Valerie Umemoto, (Riverview PTA)

2004

Barbara Benish, (Montana City PTA)

Michelle Dayton, (Lincoln PTSA)

Ray Dayton, (Lincoln PTSA)

Mary Ellen Earnhardt, (Montana City PTA)

Glenda Hawker, (Meadowlark PTA)

Christa Hays, (Riverview PTA)

Mary McLeod, (East Middle School PTA)

Jamie Miron, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Cathleen Morrison, (Meadow Lark PTA)

Colleen Nichols, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Daisy Nyberg, (Absarokee PTA)

Nancy Singleton, (Hellgate Elem PTA)

Jan Wallace, (Absarokee PTA)

Kathy Webster, (Boulder Ave PTA)

2005

Kena Althoff, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Eva Blackman, (Alberton PTA)

Julie Caster, (Huntley Project PTA)

Valerie Dobbs, (East Middle School PTA)

Vickie Donisthorpe, (Lewis & Clark PTA)

Jodie Drange, (Fred Graff PTA)

Kathy Firman, (East Middle School PTA)

Dee Hensley-Maclean, (Hamilton PTA)

Mende Kloppel, (East Middle School PTA)

Danielle Kopp, (Fred Graff PTA)

Mindy Leach, (Riverview PTA)

Josh Middleton, (Fred Graff PTA)

Kisha Miller, (Fred Graff PTA)

Dawn Milligan, (MT PTA)

David Munson, (Meadowlark PTA)

Jody Murray, (GF PTA Council)

Tammy Nabozney, (Hellgate Elem PTA)

Robbin Nagel, (Broadwater PTA)

Chuck Saylors, (Montana PTA)

Devan Smith, (Meadow Lark PTA)

Sherlynn Stewart, (Lockwood PTA)

Ann Super, (Montana City PTA)

Beth Verlanic, (Fred Graff PTA)

Maggie Walters, (Montana PTA)

Carol Wicker, (YVPTA Council)

Renata Witte, (Montana PTA)

2006

Thale Arthun, (Absarokee PTA)

Lara Eisenbarth, (Montana PTA)

Vicki Hodgson, (Big Sky Elem. PTA)

Dean Jardee, (Montana PTA)

Denise Maki, (North MS PTA)

Kelly Maki, (Meadow Lark PTA)

Lynn Noland, (Meadowlark PTA)

Lynae Oberholtzer, (Morningside PTA)

Kristin Rapacz, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Tracy Sandon, (Meadowlark PTA)

Anna Weselak, (Montana PTA)

Patricia Zirotti, (Boulder Ave PTA)

Honor Roll — MT PTA Honorary Life Membership Recipients (cont.)

2007

Susan Ballantyne, (Sacajawea PTA)
Laura Dobbs, (Montana PTA)
Rosalyn Grooms, (Riverview PTA)
Iona Grundmann, (Morningside PTA)
Jeri Jagger, (Montana City PTA)
Sylvia Johnson, (Lincoln PTSA, Lincoln)
Jay Lemelin, (Rose Park PTA)
Tom Maguire, (North MS PTA)
Sanford McAllister, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Doug Reisig, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Susan Sanford, (Montana PTA)
Brenda Sommerville, (Meadowlark PTA)
Julie Waller, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Lonnie Yingst, (Montana PTA)

2008

Dale Ahrens, (Laurel Elementary PTA)
Robin Allestad, (Lewis & Clark PTA)
Mel Askings, (Absarokee PTA)
Jennifer Doyle, (Morningside PTA)
Shelly Fagenstrom, (East Middle School PTA)
Andrea Fischer, (Laurel Elementary PTA)
Kim Halverson, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Lee Hipsher, (Longfellow PTA)
Betsy Landers, (Montana PTA)
Bonnie Olson, (Big Sky Elem. PTA)
Janet Smith, (Valley View PTA)
Ruth Uecker, (Great Falls PTA Council)

2010

Christy Cavanagh, (Riverview PTA)
Kelly Christensen, (Sunnyside PTA)
Desari Derby, (Laurel Elem. PTA)
Michelle Duncan, (Laurel Elem. PTA)
Sydne George, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Val Heyneman, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Julie Leister, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Peggy Mallette, (Hellgate Elem PTA)
Karelle Potts, (Riverview PTA)
Kim Orr, (Somers/Lakeside PTA)
Carol Rowley, (Hellgate Elem PTA
Devan Smith, (Meadow Lark PTA)
Jennifer Toennis, (Boulder Ave PTA)
Teresa Williams, (Montana PTA)

2011

Al Tamangi, (Montana PTA)
April Mastroluca, (Montana PTA)

2012

Jennifer Van Voast (East MS PTSA)
Kelly Christensen (East MS PTSA)
Corrie Douglas (Big Sky Elem PTA)

2013

Laura Bay (Montana PTA)

2014

Mariellen Ritts (Montana PTA)
Sherry Holderith (Montana PTA)

2015

Tammy Crum (Eagle Cliffs PTA)
Linda Johnson (Montana PTA)
James Accomando (Montana PTA)

2016

Anna King (Montana PTA)

2017

Marcus Ivey (Montana PTA)
Korrie Butler (Montana PTA)

2018

Amy Arness (Montana PTA)
Alvin Gainey (Montana PTA)

2019

Leslie Boggs (Montana PTA)

2020

Donald Dunn (Montana PTA)

Contact the Montana PTA Office to find out how to honor your volunteers with a Montana PTA Honorary Life Membership! Proceeds benefit Montana PTA Programs.

Membership Winners

Congratulations to all these units who increased their membership over last year by 12 or more members! Keep up the good work!

Hellgate PTA **Sacajawea PTA**

Whittier PTA **Riverview PTA**

MONTANA PTA PROUD GRANT 2021 RECIPIENT

Poly Drive PTA

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER 2021

to be presented at convention

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR 2021

to be presented at convention

Montana PTA Awards: Each year at convention local units are honored for their work and progress in the areas of MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP, GRASSROOTS, EDUCATOR, VOLUNTEER and MORE!

The MEMBERSHIP Award recognizes local unit membership increases, dues submissions, membership promotions, and more.

The LEADERSHIP Award recognizes the leadership achievements of local PTA/PTSA units and councils.

The GRASSROOTS Award recognizes a local unit's efforts to work with the State and National PTA to mobilize members and the community through education, programming and advocacy to address issues which impact children's lives.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR and VOLUNTEER Awards recognize endeavors to inspire students, relate to parents, collaborate with the community, outstanding professional efforts and support of PTA.

Montana PTA PROUD GRANT Award recognizes successful programs that incorporate the PTA National Standards for Family-School partnerships that are planned, organized, and implemented by local unit PTAs. Montana PTA awards local units for their effort in using these guidelines that help build successful partnerships in their school.

Details on how to apply, eligibility, applications, nomination forms, etc. are found on the Montana PTA website, www.montanapta.org. The deadline for all award applications and nominations is May 1st. All units in good standing are eligible to submit award and grant applications and nominations.

MONTANA PTA COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

For a local PTA/PTSA unit to be in "good standing" with Montana PTA and National PTA it must:

◊ Comply with National PTA Bylaws, Montana PTA Bylaws, and the Uniform Bylaws for Local Units.

◊ Adhere to the PTA Vision, Mission, Values, Purposes and basic policies of the PTA.

◊ Submit appropriate membership data and dues monthly to Montana PTA via **MemberHub**.

◊ Remit required liability insurance premium to AIM Insurance and record as completed in **MemberHub** by May 1st.

◊ File the appropriate 990-N, 990-EZ, or 990 Federal Tax Return on an annual basis at fiscal year-end and record as completed in **MemberHub**.

◊ Submit officers to Montana PTA via **MemberHub** in June (or when your unit's annual elections take place) and update when changes/elections occur throughout the year.

◊ Submit a copy of the Local Unit Standing Rules to Montana PTA via **MemberHub** on an annual basis.

◊ File an annual Corporate Renewal and submit the yearly fee of $20.00 to the Secretary of State prior to April 15th and record as completed in **MemberHub**.

◊ Conduct an annual financial review of the local unit's financial records and submit to Montana PTA via **MemberHub** following your fiscal year-end.

National PTA News

National PTA In Person and At Home Programs and Grants Available for PTA's!

National PTA provides PTAs free, engaging, educational, and fun In Person and At Home programs that have been proven to build the knowledge, skills, and habits children need to realize their full potential. PTAs can visit PTA.org/Programs to learn more! Visit PTA.org/Grants to learn how our need-based grants.

Today's PTA PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America. Today's PTA is comprised of more than 4 million parents, teachers, grandparents, caregivers, foster parents and other caring adults who share a commitment to improving the education, health, and safety of all children. We speak with one voice for every child.

Today, the issues that affect our children extend beyond their individual schools. The PTA's nationwide network provides parents with the forum and tools to collectively influence the decisions that affect children not only at their schools, but also throughout their districts, within their states, and across the nation. This mission is unique to PTA. Many of the benefits our children receive today, such as universal kindergarten, the National School Lunch Program, and a juvenile justice system, were accomplished as a result of the PTA mission.

With PTA, families also have access to important benefits, including:

- Dozens of national programs, experts, and turnkey resources
- Regular updates and advice in the form of e-newsletters, PTA.org, Our Children magazine, and a robust Local PTA Leader Kit of resources
- Leadership development through webinars and e-learning courses
- Millions of dollars in grants to help build PTA capacity and skills
- Prestigious national awards
- Cost savings from national retailers and other PTA partners
- Invitations to PTA conventions as well as our conferences for emerging minority leaders, male mentors, and advocates
- Support services and staff to help establish and manage your PTA

ADVERTISING in the MONTANA PTA Convention Program and *Voice* newsletter:

Would you or do you know of someone who would be interested in advertising in this program or in the Montana PTA monthly newsletter? If so, please contact the Montana PTA office at 406-628-9007 or mtstatepta@gmail.com for rates and information. All advertising is subject to approval by Montana PTA. Montana PTA reserves the right to reject any advertising it feels is not in keeping with the character, goals, and purpose of PTA.

Disclaimer: Articles and advertisements in the Convention Program and in the *Voice* newsletter do not necessarily represent the viewpoints or policies of Montana PTA. Montana PTA does not endorse non-PTA products or services mentioned in the publication.

National PTA
every child. one voice.

PTA Programs

Stronger families. Better schools.

Bring National PTA programs to your families and school community.

Get started at PTA.org/Programs

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

PTA's signature school recognition program is dedicated to strengthening family-school partnerships. Enroll for everything your PTA needs to champion change for every child.

REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM

For 50+ years, Reflections has sparked student participation in the arts. Celebrate arts education and student achievement by hosting exhibitions and celebration events for the whole school community.

STEM + FAMILIES

Spark, inspire and engage students and families with hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math experiences hosted by your PTA. Learning in school and at home has never been this fun!

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Healthy kids make better students, so help your PTA families thrive. Use our tips and tools to improve school meals, create a positive school climate and offer fun physical activities.

PTA CONNECTED

Let's keep our kids safe, kind and secure online! Connect parents to the tools and research they need to explore solutions to today's biggest online concerns.

Grants & Giveaways

National PTA awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and prizes to support PTAs as they work to make every child's potential a reality.

Available opportunities at **PTA.org/Grants**

[Share Your PTA Program Success! Use #PTAProud]

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PTA Mission

The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO **CREATE OR UPDATE YOUR PTA PROFILE TODAY!**

www.pta.org

PTA Values

- **Collaboration:** We will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all children and families.
- **Commitment:** We are dedicated to children's educational success, health, and well-being through strong family and community engagement, while remaining accountable to the principles upon which our association was founded.
- **Diversity:** We acknowledge the potential of everyone without regard, including but not limited to: age, culture, economic status, educational background, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, legal status, marital status, mental ability, national origin, organizational position, parental status, physical ability, political philosophy, race, religion, sexual orientation, and work experience.
- **Respect:** We value the individual contributions of members, employees, volunteers, and partners as we work collaboratively to achieve our association's goals.
- **Accountability:** All members, employees, volunteers, and partners have a shared responsibility to align their efforts toward the achievement of our association's strategic initiatives.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING! STAY WELL AND SAFE!