PTA Programs
School of Excellence

The School of Excellence Program helps strengthen the family-school partnership and make measurable progress together in 3 areas: Education, Health and Safety, and Arts and Cultural exploration.

Families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.
5 easy steps to take if you are interested:

1. Enroll your PTA between May 1 and September 1 at PTA.org/Excellence or at 800-307-4782

2. Conduct a Family-School Partnership Scan and share your results with National PTA.

3. Receive a customized Roadmap to Excellence containing recommendations that respond to your specific results from the Family-School Partnership Scan.

4. Complete the National PTA School of Excellence application before June 1, 2014
Step 5....

- Celebrate your excellence!!!!! PTA School of Excellence recipients will receive a toolkit to support celebration activities.

- Contact excellence@pta.org for more information!
Reflections

- Founded in 1969 to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves.
- Students will reflect on a specific theme and create original artwork.
- Students in Grades Pre-K-12 are recognized for bringing the theme to life through dance, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts.
- A Special Artist Division is an optional division for students with physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges.
The theme for the 2013-2014 Reflections Program is.....

- Believe, Dream, Inspire

- Email reflections@pta.org or call 800-307-4782 if you have questions!
Reflections and Family Engagement

- The arts—and the PTA Reflections Program, in particular—can be a valuable tool for building stronger partnerships in your school community. Consider the following ways to apply PTA’s National Standards for Family-School Partnerships to your Reflections activities.

- Standard 1—Welcoming all families into the school community
- Standard 2—Communicating Effectively
- Standard 3—Supporting student success
- Standard 4—Speaking up for every child
- Standard 5—Sharing Power
- Standard 6—Collaborating with community
Family Reading Experience Powered by Kindle

- The National PTA® and Amazon Kindle have teamed up to offer a new Family Reading Experience program hosted by local PTAs in cities across the United States.

- The PTA Family Reading Experience, Powered by Kindle is a set of free activities—in English and Spanish—that engage the entire family. The activities focus on improving the reading skills of children between kindergarten and fifth grade.
PTAs can use resources and promotional tools to organize a series of events that will engage the entire family and focus on improving reading skills between kindergarten and fifth grade—which would reinforce a year-round commitment to family reading. The curriculum, which National PTA developed in consultation with family engagement and literacy experts, includes activities with both physical books and e-books.

The Program brings together all five domains of reading including: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.
Other PTA Programs, Grants, and Awards:

- Take your Family to School Week program and grant
- National Standards for Family-School Partnerships
- PTA Military Alliance for Parents and Partners
- Hearst Awards
- PTA Three for Me
- Healthy Lifestyle Grant: Energy Balance 101
- PTA Life Achievement Awards
http://www.pta.org/index.cfm

- All information in this presentation was taken from the National PTA website.
- If you have any questions about the programs discussed, please visit the website above.
- Many other benefits, programs, and information is available to make the most successful PTA possible!