

UTAH PTA CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter Connecting & Empowering
Parents and PTA Leaders



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2023 Utah Legislative Session is Right Around the Corner



The 2023 Legislative Session is just around the corner and Utah's children need you to pay attention! Utah PTA members need to be "mission-focused" and be prepared to make every child's potential a reality by advocating for our children's education, health and safety. Registration is open for three important events; Virtual PTA Day at the Capitol, Special Virtual General Membership Business Meeting, and the Founders Day

with our Legislators. For all the information check out the following link and REGISTER TODAY!! Contact LeAnn Wood, Utah PTA Advocacy VP at leann@utahpta.org if you would like more information on how you can be involved!

T-Shirts for PTSA Student Days at the Capitol



Our PTSA Days at the Capitol are fast approaching on February 7, 9 & 23. Students can tour the Capitol, participate in a mock debate, meet with their legislators, and much more. [Learn more](#)

Originally, we were giving you as much flexibility as we could on deadlines, but we have an opportunity that has come up that will work better for us to get your information processed earlier. See Through the Vape has offered to provide the students free t-shirts for our Days at the Capitol. They would like help from our students in selecting the theme for the shirts, and give them some other guidance. Please have your students reply to [this survey](#) by the middle of next week? (Jan 11) It will help them get enough shirts in the correct sizes for everyone. Thanks! Please contact me with any questions at todd@utahpta.org

[For more information](#)

Utah PTA Awards



UTAH PTA AWARDS

Start working on your award submissions now

Award Categories

- School Administrator Award
- Advocacy Award
- Development Award
- Elementary Educator Award
- Engagement Award
- Spirit of Inclusivity Award
- Secondary Educator Award
- Spirit of PTA Award
- Support Staff Award
- Volunteer Award

DATES
to remember

- 1 Awards to council - January 2023
- 2 Awards to region - mid February 2023
- 3 Awards to state - March 1, 2023

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Recognition is a key factor in any successful business/organization as well as a key factor in retaining quality volunteers. Awards and recognition are a necessary priority in PTA at all levels. You will find that awards and recognition will provide your PTA with many great benefits.

Utah PTA is here to help assist you and your school in providing opportunities to recognize greatness at your school. While there are endless ways this can be done, we are happy to provide you with this meaningful opportunity.

Find out more at: www.utahpta.org/utah-pta-awards

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Manuary January



"Manuary January" is a fun way to encourage dads, grandpas, uncles and all men to join PTA. We encourage and welcome all to join PTA and help make every child's potential a reality! [Visit our website](#) for more membership ideas and resources!

Give your input on Humanities and Professional and Technical Communication Supplemental Standards

The Utah State School Board is seeking public comment on drafts of the state’s English language arts new supplemental standards for Humanities and Professional and Technical Communication. Comments will be accepted through January 13, 2023. These standards supplement the [Utah Core Standards](#) for English Language Arts and have been created to provide Utah educators with guidance on the specific knowledge and skills for students to learn when enrolled in these two courses. Click [here](#) to see the Draft Humanities supplemental standards. Click [here](#) to comment on Humanities supplemental standards. Click [here](#) to see the Draft Professional and Technical Communication supplemental standards. Click [here](#) to comment on Professional and Technical Communication supplemental standards.



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JUUL Gets Schooled

Thank You! It was somewhat preposterous and audacious for the PTA Board to ask all school districts in Utah to consider joining a lawsuit against big tobacco. It would take lots of courage, foresight, and a deep understanding of the terrible consequences of youth vaping. But you did. Thank you! Utah will benefit most: There were about 1,400 school districts that signed up nationwide, but Utah had the highest participation rate in the USA, due in part to the support of Utah PTA. 36 of the 41 districts in Utah joined, which includes 98% of the students in public schools. The next closest state was Idaho at 84%. JUUL settled all lawsuits against them for \$1.7 billion in December 2022. Around 1/3 of that amount is allocated for school districts. School districts will need to approve it by April 7, 2023 in order to participate. Joel Wright – Kirton/McConkie Law (For more information, see this [New York Times](#) article)



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