

UTAH PTA CONNECTIONS

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Parents and PTA Leaders



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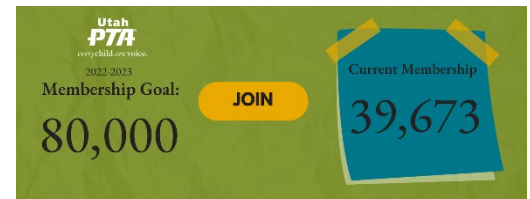
Utah PTA Advocacy Conference "Strong Families Build Strong Students"



Join Utah PTA for Advocacy Conference on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 9:00-2:00 PM! 2 amazing keynote speakers and six classes will provide great tips and tricks to strengthen your families. Family engagement, community resources, mental health strategies, digital wellness, education standards, and civic engagement are all on the schedule to give families the information they need to help their students thrive. Registration and session information can be found at <https://www.utahpta.org/advocacy-conference-2022>. \$15 includes lunch or \$5 for a virtual only option! Online registration closes at 9 am on November 3rd, so don't wait!

Utah PTA Membership

Great work with beginning of year membership drives! Our membership goal for Utah PTA is 80,000 members. We have strength in numbers, and hope you will continue to invite parents, grandparents, teachers, administrators and community members to join your PTA. As a reminder, membership dues are to be remitted to Utah PTA by the 25th of every month. Visit our [website](#) for more information about how to boost your membership!



First President Report Opens November 1



Local PTA presidents submit a report 3 times a year. The first of these reports opens November 1 and is due November 15. Presidents will want to gather total volunteer hours and membership numbers paid for before starting the report. More information can be found at <https://www.utahpta.org/reports>

Mini-Bottle Update

A big thank you to everyone who provided public comment on the proposed rule to allow mini liquor bottles. They reported about 480 responses, but no official count on how many yes or no answers. The next step was supposed to be at the Commission meeting on the 25th, but we haven't received official word yet. Look for an update on our [Utah PTA Advocacy Facebook page](#). Hopefully, the Commission will follow through and vote to send the entire mini-bottle issue to the legislature. Thanks to the PTA members of Utah for helping us to make a difference for our students.



Help for your PTA with Marathon Kids

Looking for a fun and free way to keep your school community active? Want an easy and free way to count laps on your Fun Run? Join USU Extension Marathon Kids as we run, walk, or play our way to being healthy! We encourage self-paced movement so that anyone, any age, and any ability can participate and complete a marathon's worth of activity, one mile at a time – any kind of heart-pumping activity counts.

For every marathon completed, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a prize! How many marathons will YOU complete? Sign up today at www.marathonkids.usu.edu and join our Facebook group, USU Extension Marathon Kids. Or join us for a short webinar Thursday November 3rd at 8 pm to learn the details and ask questions. [Register for the webinar](#) today!



National Guard Veteran's Day Concert



Celebrating the Month of the Military Family... Utah PTA and Utah National Guard Invite you to the [Utah National Guard Veteran's Day Concert](#) on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 7pm at the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. The Utah PTA and National Guard Essay Contest winners will be recognized and honored! It will be a wonderful evening of patriotic music featuring the Utah National Guard 23rd Army Band and the Granite District High School Choirs! Admission is free and open to the public. For further information please contact: Kathy Allred, Utah Military Family Specialist with Utah PTA at militaryfamilies@utahpta.org

Preschools to 6th graders prepare for the November PBS Reading Marathon!

Your preschooler to 6th grader can earn a free Adventure Pass to various museums after completing the PBS Reading Marathon in November. How does it work? 1. Download the Reading Log ([English link](#), [Spanish link](#)) 2. Read 20 minutes each day for the month of November 3. Submit your log between November 30th to December 15th 4. Get your free pass. Here are the participating museums: Clark Planetarium Discovery Gateway, Intermountain Therapy Animals, Natural History Museum of Utah, Ogden Nature Center, Red Butte Garden, Salt Lake City Public Library, Thanksgiving Point, Tracy Aviary, USU Prehistoric Museum in Price, Bean Life Science Museum, and Hogle Zoo. [View](#) for more details.



National Report Card and Utah



Parents, the national report card – the national scores of our students - are out. These nationwide tests are performed on 4th and 8th graders every second year. What are we learning? Utah fourth graders in reading dropped from fourth best state in 2019 to seventh place in the nation. Eighth graders in reading rose from sixth to third best state in the nation. Utah fourth graders in math rose from ninth best in 2019 to fifth. Utah eighth graders in math rose from 16th to second best in the nation. Utah was one of 18 states that did not see a statistical decline in eighth grade reading and did not show a statistically significant decline in eighth grade mathematics scores. [View the National Report Card](#). Although there are many positive results for our Utah students in this report, much progress can still be made in our schools.