

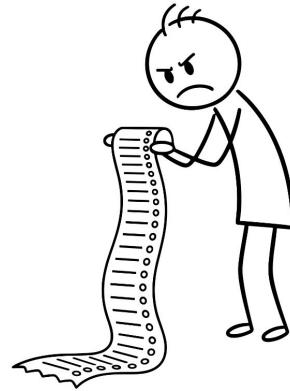
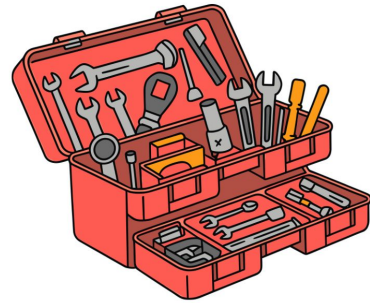
# Making PTA Programs Work for You

Presenter

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# Tools...not To-Do's



Before we know what tools are needed, we need to know what needs to be done.

- Goals

- Problems



# School of Excellence...

## Increasing Family Engagement



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### School of Excellence

"The School of Excellence program adjusts your focus to strengthen family-school partnerships and bridges the gaps where needed to create a better community for all families."

ERIN DOERING  
MIKE MILLER ELEMENTARY  
PTA, S.D.

[PTA.org/Excellence](https://pta.org/excellence)

The graphic features a yellow ribbon with a blue circular center containing a white tree silhouette and the letters 'PTA'. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout with a blue footer bar.

-Research shows increased family engagement is linked to school improvement and student achievement.

# School of Excellence...

## Increasing Family Engagement

- The School of Excellence Program aims to:
- Provide a framework for PTAs to **identify and implement best practices in family engagement** to strengthen family-school partnerships.
- **Build inclusive and welcoming school communities** where all families contribute to enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.
- Help PTAs **attract new, action-oriented PTA members** who want to focus on the issues that affect our children the most.

# Battle of the Bands

- A yearly event starting at the local level and moving up to Region and State for student bands, duos and soloists.
- PTSA/High School Program
- Reach's students that other things might not



# Digital Wellness Video Contest

- Promotes digital citizenship, safety and wellness through students' creativity, tech and filming skills.



**Deadline extended! Submit videos by March 14th!**

CALLING ALL CREATORS!  
**VIDEO CONTEST**  
Theme: Use Tech for Good

GRADES: 9-12, ENTRIES ACCEPTED: MARCH 14TH  
[utahpta.org/video-contest](http://utahpta.org/video-contest)

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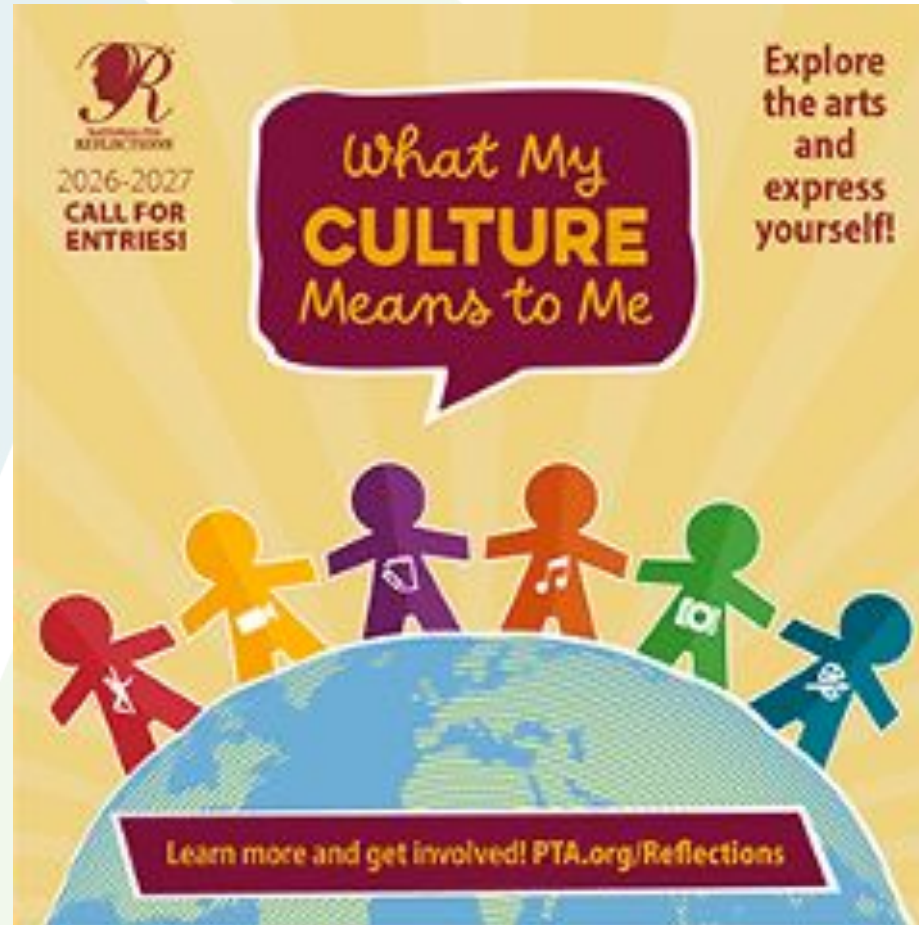
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The poster features a film strip background with various icons: a popcorn bucket, a clapperboard, a smartphone, and a film reel. A yellow ribbon graphic highlights the cash prizes.

# Arts Education Grant

- Utah PTA believes cultivating the arts is important to Utah's children, and participation in the arts can make a notable difference in a child's abilities, talents, and self-esteem.
- Funds are granted on a 1:1 basis
- Applications open in the Spring for the following school year

# Reflections



# NEW Reflections Grant

- The Utah PTA Reflections Grant Program complements PTA's long-standing commitment to quality arts education by providing funds to local PTA/PTSA units to establish or enhance a Reflections programs.
- Grants in the amount of \$200.00 to be awarded for use towards a Reflections Programs. To be considered for a grant, complete the grant application.
- Proposed program activities may take place from July 1, 2026 through April 1, 2027. Grant reports are due thirty days after the end of the grant project or on May 1, 2027, whichever comes first.

# PTA Awards

- Recognition is a key feature of every successful organization. Participation in the Awards program helps PTA's attract and retain quality volunteers.
- Take advantage of the programs as a way to recognize volunteers at every level!



# PTA Awards

and the **WINNER** is...

<b>OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR</b> Jason Benson Franklin Elementary Region 10	<b>INCLUSIVITY</b> Keaton Wynn Mountain View High Region 9	<b>ENGAGEMENT</b> Hillary Moser Westland Elementary Region 6
Todd Dawson Lone Peak High Region 9	Nicole Poole Snow Horse Elementary Region 3	Becky Benson Churchill Junior High Region 5
Brett Bawden William Penn Elementary Region 5	<b>ADVOCACY</b> April Flores William Penn Elementary Region 5	Eric Schultz Timpanogos High School Region 9
Amy Sandgren Midvalley Elementary Region 17	Brandi Eaton Foothills Elementary Region 6	<b>OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY EDUCATOR</b> Terra Stringham Snow Horse Elementary Region 3
<b>OUTSTANDING SUPPORT STAFF</b> Crystal Bartlett Midvalley Elementary Region 17	<b>DEVELOPMENT</b> Alyson Madsen Westmore Elementary Region 9	RaNisha Glover Butterfield Canyon Elementary Region 6
Isabel Gomes Franklin Elementary Region 10	Katelyn Vidmar Foothills Elementary Region 6	Susana Haskins William Penn Elementary Region 5
Patricia Hanlon Foothills Elementary Region 6	<b>OUTSTANDING SECONDARY EDUCATOR</b> Kayla Edwards Jordan High Region 6	Kirstin Bybee Lindon Elementary Region 9
<b>SPIRIT OF PTA</b> Lindsay Johnson Canyon Elementary Region 21	Paul Andrus Oak Canyon Jr High Region 9	<b>OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER</b> Brandi Draney Snow Horse Elementary Region 3
Adawna Smith Mt. Mahogany Elementary Region 9		Dixie Olson Scott M. Matheson Jr. High Region 5
Nicole Harman Alta High School Region 17		Mallory Boggs Sandy Elementary Region 17
Sara Struhs William Penn Elementary Region 5		Whitney Joseph Foothills Elementary Region 6



# National PTA Programs



# National PTA Grants

- For the 2025-26 school year over \$1 million dollars were given to local PTA's!
- Each awarded school received at least \$1,250
- Application window opens in August
- Watch for information over the summer!

# National Grants in Action

Alta High School PTSA in Region 7 (Canyons District) received a PTA Connected “Create with Kindness Grant” for \$4000 to host an event for students and parents to learn how to stay safe online and how to create a positive digital impact. They were able to give away swag as well as parent gift bags which contained additional resources and information. They had presenters from Stand 4 Kind and their district online safety group and also put on a student panel to answer questions. “The National PTA was extremely helpful in knowing what was needed and how to put it together.”-Alta PTSA President



# Questions...

- Please reach out!!
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- [www.utahpta.org](http://www.utahpta.org)

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