

# Welcome to 2025 Leadership Convention

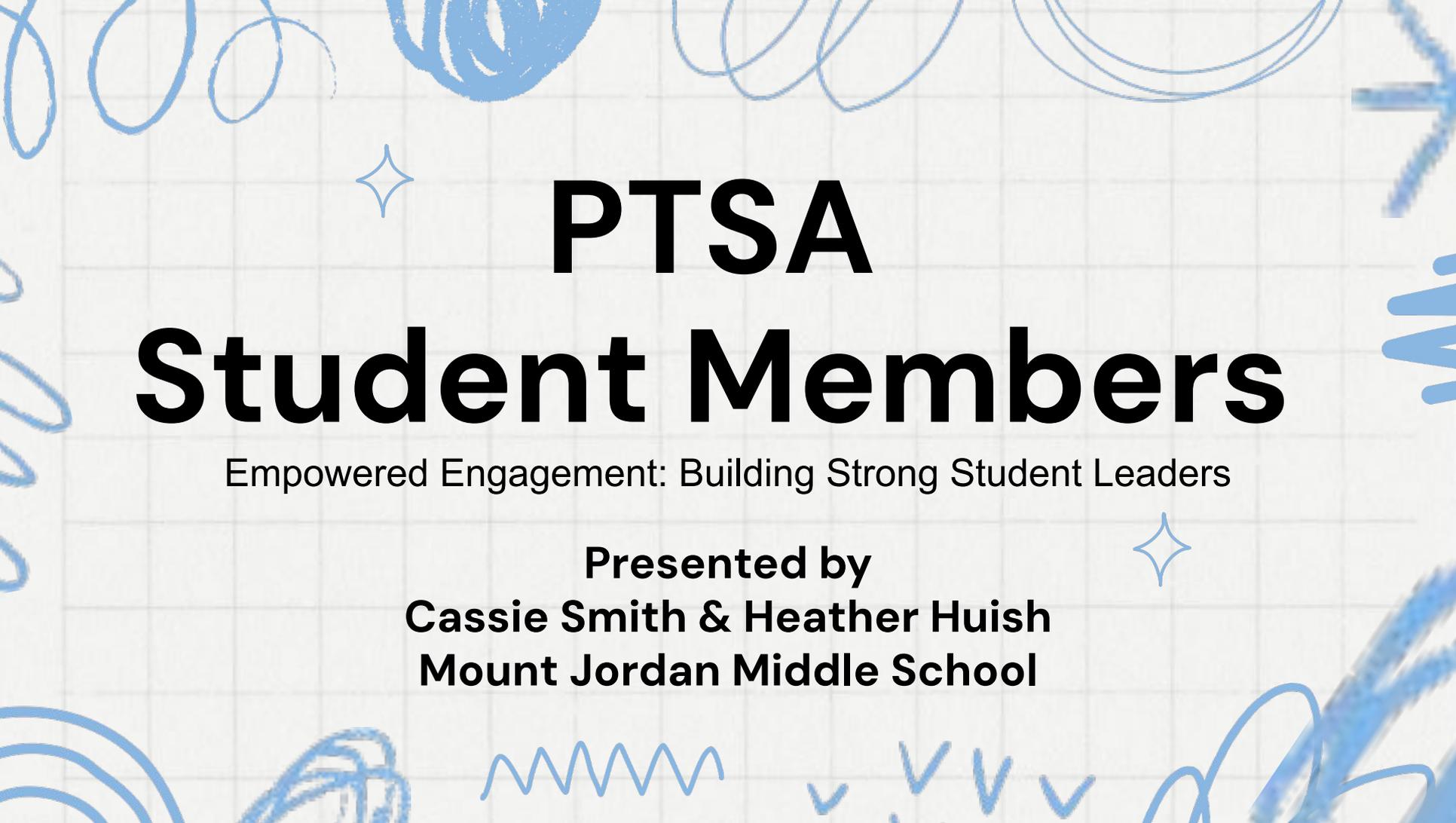
This session will begin soon



# 5H - Empowered Engagement: Building Strong Student Leaders

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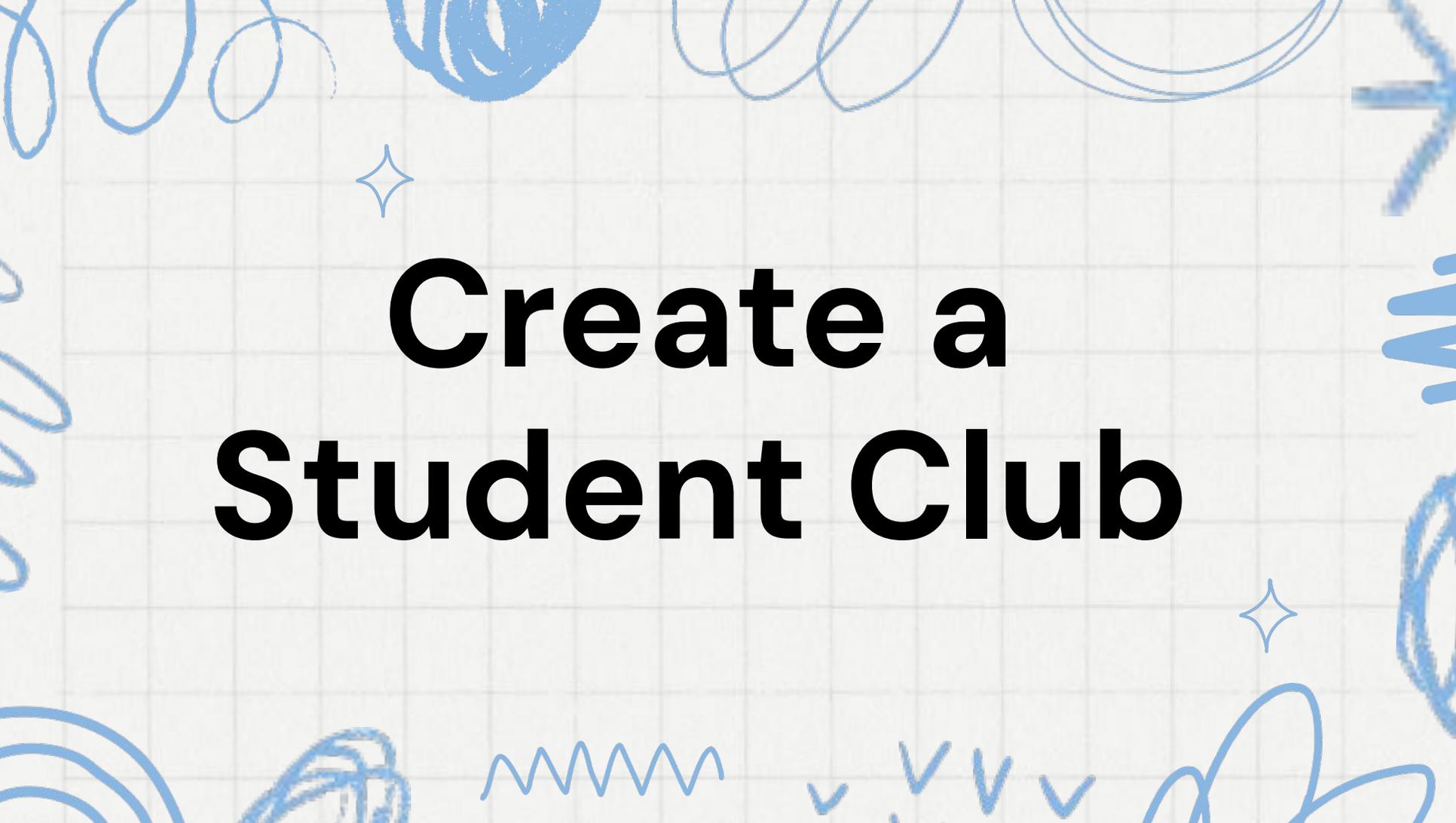
# Student Members

Empowered Engagement: Building Strong Student Leaders

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# Ways to Involve Students in PTSA

- **Start a Student Club**
- **Create a Student Leadership Committee**
- **Service Projects**
- **Lunchtime Activities**

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# Create a Student Club

# How to Grow Your Student Club

- Back to school night – flyers and talking with parents.
- Posters with QR Codes around the school – highlight the benefits.
- Give students flyers to pass out to their friends.
- Advertise inside the school on the day that Student Club meetings are happening.
- Have an “invite a friend” meeting – this works great in December.
- Let your outgoing students run the membership table.
- Have PTSA members present around the school (lunchtime activities, assemblies, school plays, etc.)

# What's included in their membership:

Let them know what they're getting for their money! Make it a no-brainer!



**STUDENT CLUB** 2024-25  
**PTSA**

- ✓ **FUN LEADERSHIP TRAINING**
- ✓ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**
- ✓ **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES & FREE LUNCH**

**MEETINGS IN THE LIBRARY EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY DURING LUNCH PERIOD**

SCAN HERE TO JOIN

ONLY \$10 PER STUDENT

- Free lunch once a month
- Birthday gift
- Leadership training
- Service opportunities
- New friends
- T-Shirt

THEME

LEADERSHIP  
MESSAGE

GROUP  
ACTIVITY

**Monthly  
Meetings**

Try to include all  
these things.

SERVICE  
PROJECT

GOOD  
FOOD

PTSA  
BUSINESS

Theme:  
Friendship

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE:  
Characteristics of a good  
friend.

GROUP ACTIVITY:  
Play telephone and  
discuss how gossip can  
be spread.

**EXAMPLE**

SERVICE PROJECT:  
Write kind notes on sticky  
notes for everyone in the  
school.

GOOD FOOD:  
Picnic style lunch with  
hotdogs. Set up tables in  
a big U-shape.

PTSA BUSINESS:  
Let student members  
vote on raising dues. Let  
them run for Leadership  
Comm.



# EXAMPLE THEMES

Ownership means learning & growing

We are more powerful when we empower each other

“Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared half to death.”

“Joy: the happiness that doesn’t depend on what happens.”

Setting goals: Academics, Family, Friends, Self-Improvement

You’re all a piece of the pie and no piece of the pie is the same

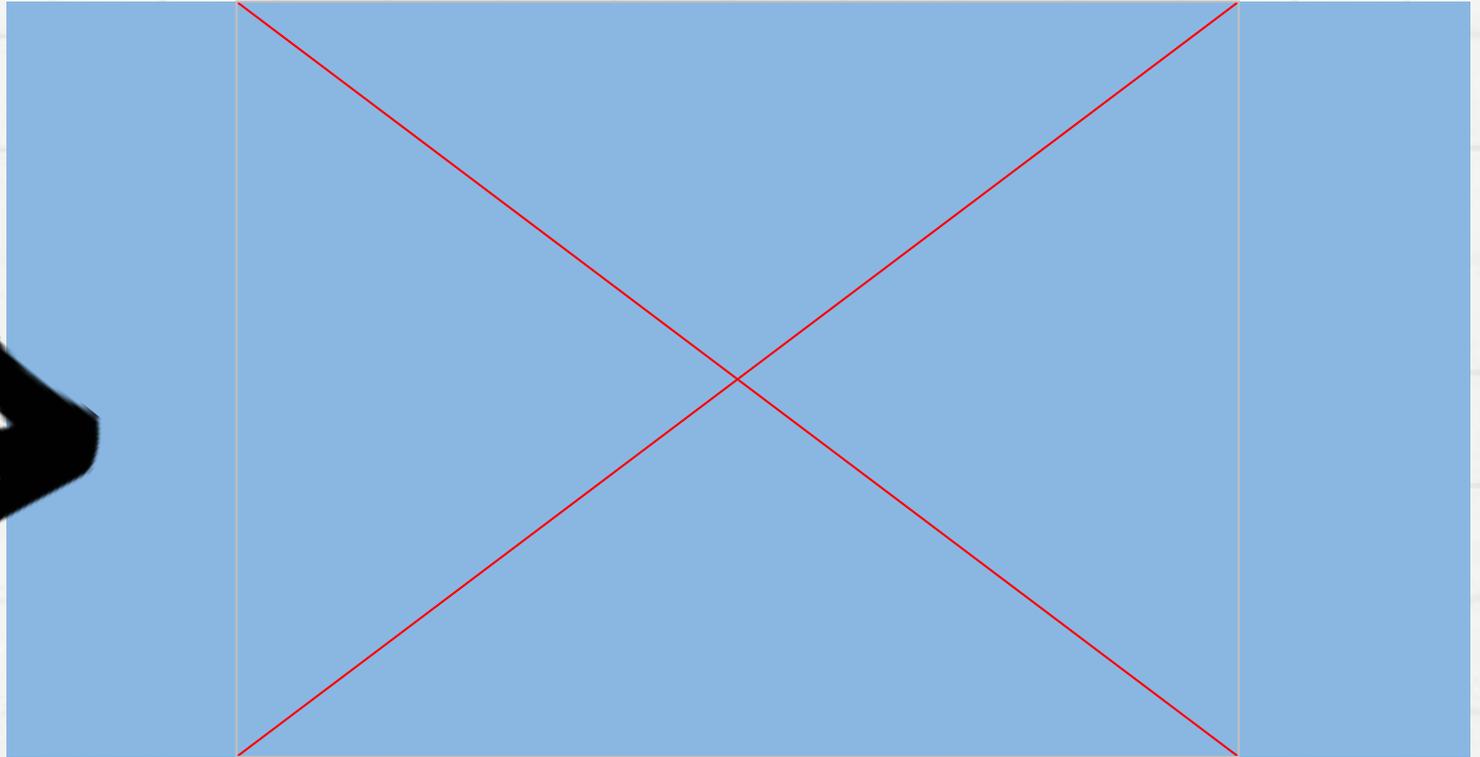
Learning can be fun and rewarding - Jeopardy game

# **We have grown from 0 active students to about 140 active participants in 3 years.**

- Help them feel important!
- They don't want another CLASS – let them be a part of the discussions.
- Play games and tie in leadership principles.
- Good food is important to them.

# What our *students* love about Student Club

WATCH  
THIS





Start a Student  
Leadership  
Committee

# Student Club Leadership Committee

- Have them apply!
- Let them plan and lead the Student Club meetings – theme, leadership message, food, activities, service, etc.
- Be consistent with your meetings.
- Provide treats!!

Example Application



# Things that we plan with the committee

- Food Plan
- Activity
- Leadership Message
- Service
- Assignments
- Volunteers

Student Club Leadership  
Committee Planning Template



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# **Lunchtime Activities for the Whole Student Body**



“Love Your Selfie” Photo Booth

Be the “i” in Kind Poster

“I have a dream...” Poster

Guess the number of candies in the jar.

Speed-friending / Friend Scavenger Hunt

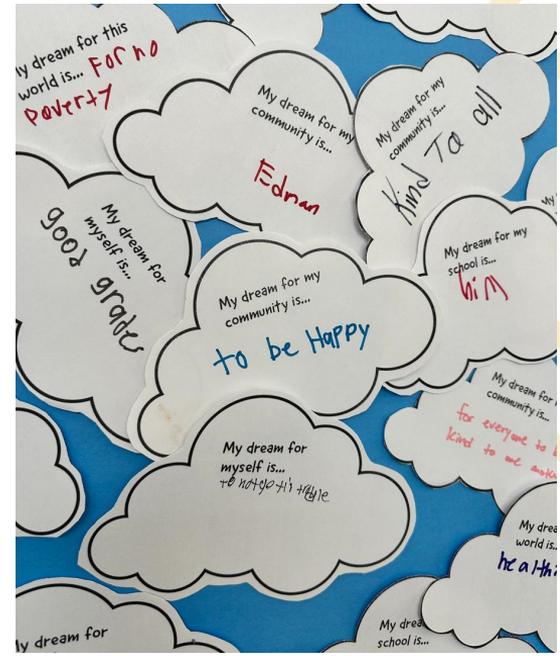
Red Ribbon Coloring Contest

Minute To Win It Games or Trivia Showdown

Outdoor Lunch Clean Up

Service Idea Tree

Lip-sync Battle in the Cafeteria







Service  
Projects

# Service Ideas

- Kind notes around the school
- Posters for teachers' doors
- Notes to cafeteria and janitor staff
- Make Teacher Appreciation treats (e.g., turkey hands in Nov)
- Gather clothes for Free Closet (for PTC events)
- Shoe Cutting Party for SoleHope
- Seed Bombs
- Set Up Flags for Sept. 11 Memorial
- Clean Up School Grounds
- Make Food Boxes for Families in Need
- Set up coloring pages for young siblings at Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Word Bracelets for Friends - with a kind word that describes them.

# Collaborate with Other Leadership Groups

**National  
Junior  
Honors  
Society**

**Student  
Council**

**AVID  
Group**  
Advancement  
Via Individual  
Determination

**Clubs,  
Plays,  
Sports,  
etc**

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# **Companies & Resources We Use and Love**

# Stand4Kind

**Assemblies**

**Leadership Training**

**Curriculum**

**Service Projects**

**Summer Camps & Activities**

**Covered by  
GRANTS!!**



**Assemblies** >>>

# Leadership Training



# Service Project





# FundHub

**Amazing Fundraising Platform for “thons” or “runs”** - You keep almost all the money raised!

**Concierge Service** - Someone helps you with plans, incentive ideas, and set up!

**Incentives** - Let students help decide - you want them to buy-in & be the hype-squad!

**Be Present  
Listen  
Let them Lead**

**JUST START!**

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**Questions?**

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