

# UTAH PTA CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter Connecting & Empowering  
Parents and PTA Leaders



## August 5, 2022

### Check Your Join PTA Link

Utah  
**PTA**  
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**73,248**  
**MEMBERS STRONG!**  
2021-2022

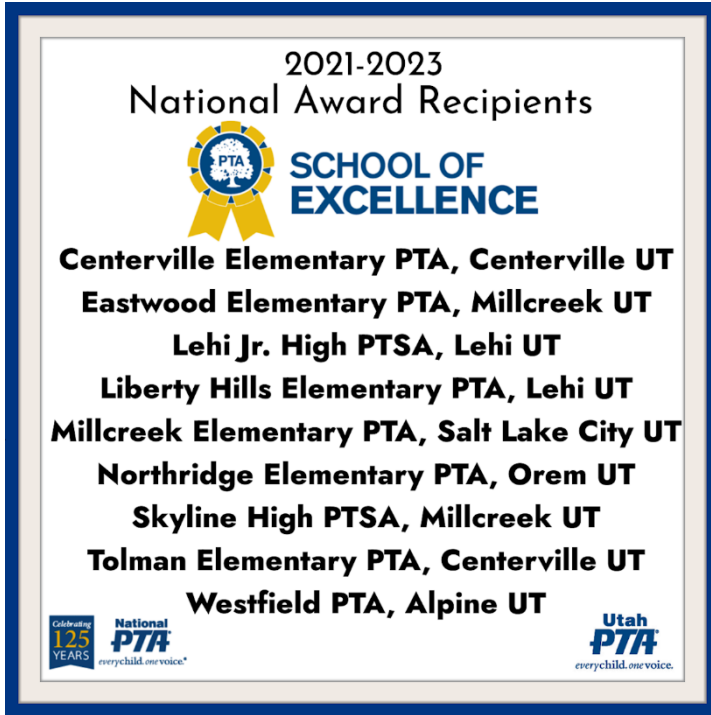
Giving your parents a way to join PTA online is important and we want every PTA to have a way to accept online payment for memberships. Please check the link for your PTA at [www.utahpta.org/join](http://www.utahpta.org/join) and make sure it links to your online store. If the link needs to be updated, please send your store link to [technology@utahpta.org](mailto:technology@utahpta.org). Be sure to send out the link to your parents and faculty to invite them to join PTA. The number one reason people don't join PTA is because they aren't asked to join. Increasing our membership, even by one, makes it possible to provide important educational resources, speak up on important issues, and create a stronger school community.

### Local PTA Members are invited to Join Utah PTA Legislative Advocacy Committee



This is your official invitation to join the Utah PTA Legislative Advocacy Committee (LAC) for the 2022-2023 school year. This is the perfect committee for local Legislative/Advocacy VP leaders. LAC meets monthly over zoom from 12:00-2:00 PM on the last Wednesday of the month beginning at the end of August and weekly during the Legislative Session. Come learn about Utah PTA Advocacy efforts and help take positions on policy and legislation. Contact [LeAnn Wood](mailto:leann@utahpta.org) at [leann@utahpta.org](mailto:leann@utahpta.org), Utah PTA Advocacy VP to join.

School of Excellence



Congratulations! We are so proud of the work these parents, students, and school personnel have done to receive the School of Excellence designation. Having this recognition means that the school, the PTA and families agree to become a unit in improving identified needs in their school and that action is being taken. As they work toward their goal to improve, they are assessed by the National PTA and honored as a school for making a difference, becoming a School of Excellence. We invite all PTAs to learn more about becoming a School of Excellence and enroll by October 1st.

Contact [familyengagement@utahpta.org](mailto:familyengagement@utahpta.org) if you have questions. For more information and to see the full list of winners click [here](#).

## 12 Points of School Readiness



"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." - Benjamin Franklin The 12 Points of School Readiness will help ensure the safety of school students and staff during a natural or manmade disaster or incident. Be Ready Utah Schools provides training to your school and helps you get the correct information so your school can be prepared for any emergency. They will even help you get emergency kits up to date in classrooms. If your school completes the [12 Points of School Readiness](#) you will receive a custom Be Ready

logo for use on websites and printed materials, and a certificate.

## Memberhub Summer Training

# MEMBERHUB SUMMER SERIES TRAINING



MemberHub Summer Training! Hop on [zoom](#) on Friday, August 19, 11 am - 12 pm. Learn about memberships, submitting state and national dues, and using MemberHub messaging and newsletter features. [Register now!](#) For more information, visit [www.utahpta.org/memberhub-help-instructions](http://www.utahpta.org/memberhub-help-instructions)

## Applications Needed for Free and Reduced Lunch for 2022-2023



Please help us spread the word to families in your community about free and reduced school meals. Did you know that 1 in 10 of Utah families experience food insecurity? In order to continue receiving this benefit, families will need to apply with their district. [Look up how to apply](#) in each Utah school districts.

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