

PTA PROGRAMS WORKSHOP

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WHAT DO YOU OFFER YOUR MEMBERS?

PTA Mission Statement: The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Fundraising should be the MEANS to provide services and programs, NOT your primary focus!

THREE (3) non-fundraising programs for every ONE (1) fundraiser 3

How do you know what programs to offer?

ASK!!! Ask: Parents, principals, teachers, other volunteers, students. Surveying your members is the best way to find out what they are interested in and what they'd like PTA to offer. Surveys can be paper versions sent home in backpacks or digital version completed online using such FREE websites as Survey Monkey (surveymonkey.com) or kwiksurveys.com. Give your respondents choices and don't forget to leave room for "write-ins".

National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

- ▶ The goal of National PTA programs is to bring families together with school staff in a way that builds relationships and supports student success, while providing information that enriches children's education and overall well-being.
- ▶ **Standard 1 - Welcoming All Families into the School Community.** Families are active participants in the life of the school and feel welcomed, valued and connected to each other, to school staff and to what students are learning and doing in class.
- ▶ **Standard 2 - Communicating Effectively.** Families and school staff engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.
- ▶ **Standard 3 - Supporting Student Success.** Families and school staff continuously collaborate to support students' learning and healthy development, both at home and at school, and they have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.
- ▶ **Standard 4 - Speaking Up for Every Child.** Families are empowered to be advocates for all children to ensure that



students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

- ▶ **Standard 5 - Sharing Power.** Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence and create policies, practices and programs.
- ▶ **Standard 6 - Collaborating With Community.** Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services and civic participation.

Where can you find program ideas?

- ▶ South Carolina PTA Website – www.scpta.org
- ▶ National PTA Website - www.pta.org
- ▶ These are the easiest places to start! Your national and state dues pay for all of the resources you will find on these sites.

There are many resources to be found on the National PTA website.

- ▶ Programs include:
 - ▶ School of Excellence
 - ▶ Reflections Art Program
 - ▶ Family Reading Experience
 - ▶ STEM + Families
 - ▶ Connect for Respect
 - ▶ Teacher Appreciation Week
 - ▶ Take Your Family to School Week
 - ▶ Healthy Lifestyles
 - ▶ Every Child in Focus