2018 Massachusetts PTA Convention

Keeping Your PTA Healthy and Successful
March 18, 2018

For information and questions regarding Hotel Reservations for Mass PTA Convention:
email: info@masspta.org

2018 Massachusetts PTA Convention is Now Open...Register
Saturday, April 7, 2018
DoubleTree Westborough Hotel
5400 Computer Dr, Westborough, MA

Join Us at Convention

For Workshops

- Meet and talk with National PTA Vice President for Advocacy, Marques Ivey

- Attend great workshops:
  1. "The Smart Talk"
  3. "Amplifying Your Voice through Advocacy Priorities"
  4. "Minding Your Mind: Just Talk About It"

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Things to Remember To Do:

- Send to Mass PTA my PTA nominee names for Awards. **Due Today:** March 18, 2018
- Register PTA members, leaders and myself for the Mass PTA Convention! **Do this Today....Time is running out!**
- Submit my PTA Dues by sending them to the address on the the Massachusetts PTA remittance form.
- Submit my PTA Current Officer/Committee form and email the form to baileypta@aol.com. The state PTA won't know who we are. **Do that TODAY!**
- Go to info@masspta.org
- Smile and say thank you to all my PTA local/state member/leader Volunteers!
- Sit back, take pride in what you are doing...
- **THANK YOU!**

**Mental Health Education**

5. "21st Century Education: Opening to Career Readiness".

- Vote on officers and bylaws changes
- Join us in honoring this year's Mass Reflections winners at our Reflections meeting in round table discussions
- Visit exhibitors offering information, and fundraisers
- Attend our Awards Dinner celebrating the successes of local PTA units, volunteer educators
- Meet, Learn, Share and have fun with activists across the state!

**Register Now!**
Please share this information with other PTA members and family and school staff as well as your local community. For more information, visit masspta.org.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

To Register, click below:

**The SmartTalk - Put your internet rules in order!**

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Local Leader PTA Kit  
(formally the Back to School Kit) -  
Welcome to the  
2017-2018  
Local PTA Leader kit.  
These easy-to-use guides will help  
PTA leaders implement all the  
important strategies and functions  
of your PTA. The kit contains  
valuable resources and leadership  
tools and is designed to assist  
your executive team in meeting  
critical benchmarks and goals to  
ensure each child's success this  
school year.  
We at Mass PTA encourage you  
and members, especially those  
who are transitioning to a  
leadership role, to access the kit.  

To access the kit go to www.ptakit.org

If not Us, then who?  
If not Now, then when??

They are depending on us!

Stand Strong and Advocate 
for health, safety and wellness for

With so many kids now having new smartphones and tablets,  
set some smart ground rules for technology.  
Let's be sure they are safe and understanding the pluses and  
by having  
The Smart Talk Today.  
Visit TheSmartTalk.org to get started.

National President Jim Accomando presents $1,000 Grant  
efforts and advocacy. Mass PTA President Jennifer Franc  
Accomando in congratulating Patrick Lyndon PTA for their eff  
The National PTA and LifeLock/Symantec assisted and help  
program to Boston's Patrick Lyndon School, educators, far  

Boston’s Patrick Lyndon Pilot School PTI  
Safer Internet Day: As one 1 of 5 National PTA grant win  
an evening parent event with exciting speaker BU Profess  
who talked to us about the digital media landscape and he  
around technology use. One tool to help put your childre  
in writing as part of a family agreement is https://thes
All children, families, schools and communities!

We need all of you to stand with us!

Parents for Healthy Kids grant applications due by April 6th
The grant requires a parent leader and school professional as the co-lead.

- Schools will be awarded grants up to $1,000 to support physical activity and nutrition initiatives and to engage parents. Funds can cover the cost of equipment, evaluation, incentives, and food for taste tests.
- Physical activity funding may include items for recess, playgrounds and play-spaces, classroom energizers, walk and bike to school initiatives, intramural, and before and after school programs.
- Nutrition funding may include items for school gardens, water access, taste tests, cooking classes, healthy fundraising, classroom celebrations and classroom rewards.

Massachusetts PTA Joins National PTA at National Legislative Conference!

This past week, many Mass PTA State Board members joined National PTA Legislative Conference attendees across the country for training and lobbying in Wash, DC for young people’s and communities’ safety, health and education. Given National PTA’s history of advocacy for the safety of children and youth, National PTA supports federal efforts to protect children and youth from gun violence. National PTA also advocates restricting access to guns from persons who may endanger public safety.

School safety is a critical priority for all parents, educators, students and community members that cannot be taken for granted. We must make every attempt to reduce violence that involve firearms. National PTA recognizes the importance of parent involvement in the decision-making process in the development and implementation of school safety policies, including crisis response plans.

National PTA recognizes the importance of a safe learning environment in attaining the highest level of student learning and achievement. National PTA believes the most effective day-to-day school climate to be gun-free, but defers to local collaborative decision-making to allow for the presence of law enforcement community-oriented policing.

We're also looking to have Jill back to talk to our upper s

Stefanie Frischknecht is President of the Patrick Lyndon PTA
Congratulations Stephanie and your Team!

The Smart Talk is an online contract that gets parents and kids talking about being responsible with new technology. It’s rules in writing today! Visit TheSmartTalk.org to get

Thank You Dr. Jill Walsh for speak
Patrick Lyndon School
SmartTalk Meeting

SmartTalk will also
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Don't Miss Out!

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Funded schools will also receive expertise and technical assistance to ensure the success and sustainability of the school wellness initiatives.

For more info view the archived Parents for Healthy Kids Grant Application Webinar or go to School Grants for Healthy Kids

Get started by completing the Eligibility Survey and signing up on the AFHK School Portal (where applications are submitted)

Here are links to access the application, application instructions guide and our grant FAQ guide.

If you are interested in applying please email MA State Coordinator, Shannon Ashcroft at:

sashcroft@actionforhealthykids.org

We could not do it without all of you!!!!

Rob Surette

"The most amazing program that we have bro school!"
- Chris Lee, Thomas PTA President

As leaders and PTA members we continuously work to support the make every child’s potential a reality...

On February 14th, the Thomas Prince School in Princeton, Massachusetts, brought Rob Surette to bring his "BE SOMEBODY" speed-painting program to our students.

Rob had visited our school more than 9 years ago thus his two auditors were not familiar with the program, and were excited to enter and find with drop clothes a large projection screen and a blank canvas that height.

The performance began with music and video displaying the wonders of the world. Rob began what appeared to be splattering paint to the black canvas to blend and add color the portrait of Abraham Lincoln seemed to make. Upon completing the piece of art, Rob took a moment to share with the students the wonders of the world that are around us every day to the music of "The world".

As he created the remaining three pieces of Mother Teresa, Albert Einstein, and Luther King the students were inspired by Rob’s story, amazing talents, video/music and his message to believe in themselves in others and do anything! It starts with them...

Middle school teachers commented, "This is AMAZING, the message the students, truly a gift to each of them!" After the performance, all asked, "Can we have him come every Valentine’s Day, this was SO believe he also paints Star Wars, he is AMAZING!"

Rob is a Massachusetts residence, and has been performing speed painting for 22 years. His hope is to flood kid’s minds and hearts for one hour with love and self-empowerment. His goal is to inspire each of them to accomplish something good in life and change the way that they look at the world.
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His talent has opened up opportunities for him to appear on; The To Morning America, The Tonight Show and Oprah. He is globally recc perform in Malaysia, Russia, India and all over Europe. He currentl! World Records, and is always looking for his next challenge.

He works as a Top Tier Master Fine Artist for Disney, Star Wars, Dre and DC Comics. Rob has made it clear to his employers "You can't from me because...it's part of what I am meant to do."

Our school was so lucky to be part of what Rob is meant to do; as th watched the news on the tragedy in the Florida school. As my heart students, teachers and their loved ones; I was grateful that our PTA Rob share his truly inspirational program challenging our TPS Warri within themselves and "Be Somebody."

Rob plans on performing at 100 schools this year. To read more ab Amazing Hero Art and learn how he could make an impact to the st school; visit his web site at www.amazingheroart.com or contact him heroart@comcast.net.

Contact Chris Lee for any additional information related to our exper tpsprinceton@gmail.com.

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018 the Massachusetts Health Coun will present "Our Kids and Drugs: Nicotine, Marijuana: What's the message?"

For: Parents; Teachers; Counselors; Coaches; Student Educators; School Nurses; School Resource Officers; S School Wellness Committee Members;

Tuesday, May 22nd 2018; 10:00 am - 2 Bentley University, The Wilder Pav 175 Forrest Street, Waltham, MA Tickets: $50, includes lunch

National health and policy experts will address the current cl drug use among our young people and will examine the risks, realities surrounding these activities and substances. Please j Boticellii, former Obama Administration Drug Czar and others this important public health topic.

www.mahealthcouncil.org
Mass PTA Health, Safety and Wellness Committee partnering with Social Emotional Learning (SEL MA)

Mass PTA Health, Safety and Wellness Committee still at work for all children, families, schools and communities.

On March 31st, the Mass PTA Health, Safety and Wellness Committee meeting to talk and discuss with Mitch Lyons and Ellen P Gibbs. They will be talking to us about Social Emotional Learning and collaborating with Mass PTA.

As PTA members and leaders, this may be a time for you to work with Mass PTA Health Committee leaders. As the Board and Chairpersons like to invite you to this discussion on March 31st from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in Waltham at 860 Winter Street at the Conference Center Woods in the Middlesex North Room.

You must register for this by March 30.
  by contacting:
  Jackie Coogan
  Mass PTA Chairperson
  617-851-5382
  jmincoogan@comcast.net
  or
  health@masspta.org

If you cannot make the Discussion on March 31st, please be sure to register today for the Convention and the "Emotional Learning PreK-12 - What, How, and Why Now."

You will also be able to meet National PTA Leaders especially Marques Ivey, National PTA Vice President for Advocacy, and an opportunity to discuss your concerns in the Committee.

National PTA believes every child deserves the opportunity to grow into a happy and healthy adult, which includes physical and overall well-being. Too often, health issues for children and young adults are never identified. For more information and program ideas...
Thank You!!

We are your Future.

Join
Today,
Participate,
Engage with people,
get Involved,
and
be United!
We are the PTA!

Massachusetts PTA
everychild.onevoice.

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go to: https://www.pta.org/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/aware-identification-and-interventions-for-children-with-mental-health-

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions and/or suggestions.

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Looking Forward to seeing you April 11 at the Mass PTA Convention

Just press the Red Button for Info and Register!! Mass PTA Convention April

Thank you for all that you do for children, families, communities and the PTA!