

Workshop Schedule

Friday October 19, 2018

10:45-11:45 am

101 Salon 1 First Timers Workshop

Presenters: Bonita Allen, President and Maryann Kolbeck, Parliamentarian

Is this your first time at the Pennsylvania PTA convention or it's been a while since your last one? This workshop is for you. You will learn all you need to know to attend workshops, and general meetings.

102 Salon 2 Small Games of Chance

Presenter: Officer from the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement

We have all raised funds for our PTA and most have experience with small games of chance. But many of the laws governing small games of chance can be subject to interpretation, leaving many of us with unanswered questions about how we're running these. When do we need a license? Are there payout limits? How does bingo differ from small games of chance? What record-keeping do we need? This workshop will provide the answers to these questions and many more.

103 Mirage Meeting Room Everyday Asset Training

Presenter: Abigail L. Biebel, Positive Youth Development Coordinator

This training will inform individuals about the 40 Developmental Asset Framework along with concrete ways to build Developmental Relationships with youth. Attendees will be equipped with the tools needed to be effective asset builders in the lives of youth. Perfect training for those who are passionate about the youth of our community and are eager to help them thrive.

Noon – 1:00 pm

201 Salon 1 The Meeting has been 'Called to Order', Now What?

Presenters: Marie Merkel, Secretary and Maryann Kolbeck, Parliamentarian

In this workshop, you will learn how important minutes are and how to do them correctly.

202 Salon 2 Calling All Leaders

Presenter: Harold Dixon, National PTA Nominating & Leadership Recruitment Committee (NLRC) Member

What are best practices and concrete steps for understanding, improving and fulfilling our leadership positions? How do we engage the community and develop skills in others? These questions and more will be explored and answered in this interactive workshop.

203 Mirage Meeting Room Membership Through the Years

Presenter: Darlene Harris, Membership & Extension Chairman

Membership doesn't end after your Fall campaigns. Learn how to continue to engage families, staff and community, and keep membership in focus throughout the school year.

1:45 – 2:45 pm

301 Salon 1 Valuing Diversity and Leading with Inclusion

Presenter: Leslie Boggs, National PTA President-Elect

They say a dream team includes people with different perspectives, skills, talents and connections. During this workshop, we will talk about vast perspectives of families at your school -- members of your PTA. In a hands-on activity, you will research your school or community demographics and sketch your community's strengths. Model ways to be an inclusive leader so that your PTA cultivates the perspectives, skills, talents and connections of all families who want to make your PTA and school stronger for students.

302 Salon 2 DIY Membership Plan Boot Camp

Presenters: Darlene Harris, Membership & Extension Chairman and Ivelisse Castro, National PTA Representative

PTA leaders will flex their creative minds in an interactive Boot Camp. They will take-home a DIY Kit for Membership Growth and a preliminary P.L.A.N. to:

- Picture ways to reach and attract possible PTA members.
- Listen to what matters most and align PTA's efforts.
- Ask possible members to join PTA by sharing PTA's focus on what matters most to them.
- Nurture relationships year-round by communicating the impact PTA is making for students, school and community.

303 Mirage Meeting Room You are Valuable and Your Voice Matters!

Presenter: Cynthia-Grace Devine-Kepner, Legislation & Advocacy Chairman

Ever thought to yourself..."Someone needs to speak up about that problem"...but felt that you couldn't be the one because you didn't know how or felt that no one would listen? Believe it or not you can be **that** person who speaks up for themselves and/or others, you can be the advocate that your child needs. This workshop will give you the tools to speak up and be a part of the change. You are valuable and your voice matters!

3:00 – 4:00 pm

401 Salon 1 Bylaws are Due - What Now? Standing Rules - Do We Need Them?

Presenters: Ginny Wade, Bylaws & Policies Chairman and Debbie Munson, Pennsylvania PTA Past-President & Consultant

In this workshop, you will learn the steps to update or amend the bylaws as well as what standing rules are and how to develop them for your PTA.

402 Salon 2 Spark, Inspire, Engage - Fuel Your STEM + Families Initiative

Presenters: Sandi Staab and Kelly Heberle, both of Strong Vincent Middle School PTSA in Erie County Council

If you have a passion for empowering students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), then you will want to hear more about National PTA's STEM + Families Initiative! Participants in this workshop will have the opportunity to engage in a hands-on STEM activity themselves, as well as review data and hear valuable tips from PTAs who have already planned and hosted a STEM event. Sandi and Kelly will describe National PTA's STEM + Families grant opportunities and examine as a group the free toolkit and other program materials available to support this program. Through discussion, participants will reflect on how STEM + Families could best thrive in their own communities.

403 Mirage Meeting Room Treasurer

Presenter: Cindy Horner, Treasurer

This workshop will teach you how to handle the finances for your local or council unit, what expenses are IRS approved and what reports you need to complete.

Saturday October 20, 2018

9:00 – 10:00 am

501 Salon 1 Today's Prepared Student

Presenter: Matthew Harris, President and founder of Character Be About It

Character Be About It is a unique program that runs weekly for 32 weeks, 6 hours per each session. Active state troopers/law enforcement officers are in the classroom educating K-8 students on the importance of essential character traits. Penn State provides a third party evaluation by tracking the program's evidence based data. Federal and State levels have expressed interest in the Safe Schools' model. We will discuss the importance of school safety,

student-law enforcement relations, bullying, discipline referrals and other important variables during this workshop.

502 Salon 2 Leading the PTA Way

Presenter: Leslie Boggs, National PTA President-Elect

What does it mean to be a PTA leader? Together, we will define effective and ethical PTA leadership. Then, we'll examine real-PTA scenarios and discuss how to welcome all families, communicate effectively, focus your PTA's efforts on student success and school improvements, and strengthen relationships throughout your school and community. Throughout the discussion, you will appraise your own leadership style, and leave with a roadmap for sharing power, leading positively through conflict, and achieving your PTA's goals.

503 Desert Dining Room Update of Educational Policy Issues

Presenter: Ron Cowell, President of The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC)

Governor Tom Wolf, in his budget messages, has emphasized the importance of education issues. Pennsylvania voters have said they agree. Legislators continue to consider many issues including education funding, student testing, property tax cuts, charter school reforms, school employee pension changes, and much more. Get the latest update on Harrisburg policy activities, and learn how our children and schools may be affected.

10:15-11:15 am

601 Salon 1 Valuing and Supporting Arts in Education

Presenter: Melinda Meyer, Program Director for Erie Arts & Culture

Erie Arts & Culture is one of (14) organizations across the state that is a Partner with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Arts in Education Program. Learn how funds from the PCA are leveraged to support in-depth arts experiences for children and adults (in schools and community organizations) and training opportunities for educators and artists throughout the state.

**602 Salon 2 What Every Parent Needs to Know –
Drug Trends and How to Keep Safe in Your Communities**

Presenter: Mary Kay Eisert-Wlodarczyk, Advisor for Lake Erie Youth ROAD Crew (*Hidden In Plain Sight* - trailer will be on site)

A mother's story of how she used a personal tragedy – the death of her son from an accidental overdose – to educate the community and raise awareness. Mary Kay is the advisor for a county wide team of 7th – 12th grade students and educates them on the dangers of drugs and underage drinking so they can encourage peers to live a healthy lifestyle. Parents will learn

about the problems faced by today's youth, what has changed since we were teenagers, and what you and students can do in your own community. Mary Kay's son, Corey, helped to create a "Hidden In Plain Sight" mock teen bedroom in a trailer to educate parents about the everyday items that might indicate drug use. The trailer has been used extensively throughout the county, received national recognition and is now being duplicated by other counties and states. The trailer will be available for tours.

603 Desert Dining Room How We Connect and Grow: Stories from the Statewide Family Network

Presenters: Lorie Brew, PEAL, Enid Calderon, HUNE and Judy Baker, PaTTAN

Hear how PEAL, PaTTAN & HUNE have developed a platform for parents to come together with their stories, concerns, and beliefs. How they tell their stories, encourage others, learn new strategies and build new journeys. This sharing of stories, insights and information collaboratively builds networks of friends, families and professionals. Parent and community involvement and engagement is the desired outcome.

2:00 – 3:00 pm

701 Salon 1 College and Career Readiness: How Afterschool Can Help

Presenter: Caroline Allen, PSAYDN and Pennsylvania PTA Past-President

It is never too early to talk about planning for the future and setting expectations for success. Parents will discover multiple methods of preparing their children to be college and career ready. This workshop includes information about how afterschool and summer learning programs can partner with parents to guide students with career exploration opportunities and prepare for post-secondary education. Additionally, the informal learning setting is a perfect place for students to prepare and develop 21st century learning skills.

702 Salon 2 Athlete Power for Parents – Raising Healthy Athletes Project

Presenter: Nikki Williams, Creator of Raising Healthy Athletes Training Series

Are you the parent of a youth athlete? This session is designed to empower you as the parent of a young athlete 18 years or younger. This session will teach you the importance of a coach in the life of your child, the importance of athlete/coach boundaries and what those boundaries should look like, when and where to report suspected abuse of any young athlete (also, exactly what is reportable) and how abuse affects young athletes, our families, our communities and ultimately our world. At the completion of this session you will know all the right questions to ask before the season begins, the importance of supporting your child athlete and their coach and how to encourage other parents to become involved.

703 Desert Dining Room Reflections

Presenters: Amy Fugate, Region 1 Reflections Chairman and Bonnie Fagan, Region 1

Director

This workshop will explain how to start a Reflections program in your school and how to run Reflections from the beginning to the final awards presentation.

3:15 – 4:15 pm

801 Garden Atrium MemberHub

Presenters: Darlene Harris, Membership & Extension Chairman and Alecia Boyce, MemberHub Representative

This working session will introduce and/or reacquaint all members to MemberHub, the membership platform now being used for Pennsylvania PTA to turn in dues and other unit in good standing requirements.

School Safety and Cyberbullying Townhall

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Garden Atrium

Moderator: Ron Cowell, President of The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC)

Panel Participants:

Bea Habursky: Assistant Superintendent, Academics, Erie's Public Schools.

Daryl "Brother D" Craig, Erie's Blue Coats*: Peacekeepers who help build connections to the community and monitor district schools for safety.

Leah Galkowski: Safe Schools Coordinator, Center for Safe Schools.**

Leigh Anne Kraemer-Naser: Pennsylvania Advocate Director for Bully Police USA and the author of original curriculum on school climate and bullying prevention.

Dr. Charisse L. Nixon: Associate Professor of Psychology at Penn State Behrend in Erie and a nationally recognized expert on bullying. Dr. Nixon is coauthor of the book *Girls Wars: 12 Strategies That Will End Female Bullying*.

*"Blue Coats" was started by a church to address youth violence. Blue Coats aim to bridge the gap between the community and the school, contextualizing the school as part of the community.

** The Center for Safe Schools works in partnership with key state agencies concerned about school safety, including the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Pennsylvania State Police and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. The Center for Safe Schools is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and National Crime Prevention Council as one of 20 Statewide School Safety Centers in the nation.