

AUGUST 2019



## WELCOME BACK!

### We're here to guide you through your best year yet!

As you anticipate the start of the 2019-2020 school year that is just around the corner, we are excited to announce that we are resurrecting The Beacon-Lite! We want this to be a resource for our local units and provide important information for our PTA members from here in Western New York, New York State PTA, and National PTA.

This year, our units will have access to their own Associate Director or Assistant Director whom they can contact, in addition to the Region Chairs who are in place to help with specific areas such as renewing your bylaws or running your Reflections program. We are anxious to hear your ideas, answer your questions, and share your enthusiasm! If you haven't heard from your AD yet, contact [info@westernregionpta.org](mailto:info@westernregionpta.org) and we can put you in touch with your assigned person.

Is your unit ready to start the year?

[READ MORE...](#)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 21st** - Western Region PTA's Annual **Summer Leadership Academy**  
\$20 per person includes dinner and PTA training opportunities

[Register Today!](#)



## REGION SPOTLIGHT

Welcome our [newest additions](#) to the Western Region family!



Fredonia Primary-Elementary PTA
Bemus Point PTA
CC Ring PTA
MJ Fletcher Elementary School PTA
Persell Middle School PTA
Samuel Gurley Love School PTA
Gail M. Chapman Elementary PTA
Cattaraugus - Little Valley PTA
Brocton Central School PTSA
Abraham Lincoln Elementary School PTA
Jamestown High School PTSA
Thomas Jefferson Middle School PTA
C. V. Bush Elementary PTA
Delevan Elementary PTA
George Washington Middle School PTSA
Silver Creek Central School PTSA

## UNIT RESOURCES

Unit Leaders - [Team building exercises](#) to help break the ice at your first meeting!

Unit Treasurers - [This pocket guide is for you!](#)

## AWARDS & PROGRAMS

Recognize the great things your district and PTA leaders are doing for kids!!

### **Don't Miss These Deadlines!**

October 5th - *Jane Skrzypek Educator of the Year*

September 30th - *Community Service Award*

Both will be awarded at our upcoming Partnership Dinner!

<https://westernregionpta.org/awards.html>



2019-2020  
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS\* THEME

**LOOK WITHIN**

Start Your Reflections  
Program Today!



Arts Advocacy Resources | Student Awards & Prizes | Arts Education Grants

## REFLECTIONS - NATIONAL PTA

Give students confidence in their abilities to explore ideas and learn through the arts in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

**NATIONAL PTA  
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**

By enrolling in this program, your PTA and school administrators are making a year-long commitment in identifying and implementing an action plan for school improvement based on PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. Those that exhibit improvement are honored as National PTA Schools of Excellence, a distinction that spans two years.

**School  
of  
Excellence**

**ENROLL NOW!**

**[www.PTA.org/Excellence](http://www.PTA.org/Excellence)**



**Join the PTA!**

“Our association is the best voice to make sure that we’re being heard and that our children are getting the resources they need.”

[Join Now!](#)

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STAY CONNECTED

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