

MISSISSIPPI PTA NEWSFLASH

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The Five Back to School Power Moves

1. Start Strong. Find out how prepared your child is for his or her new grade. Pay attention to how easy or hard it is for your child to perform grade-level tasks, and be sure to review the annual state test results from last year. If you haven't received the results yet, ask your child's teacher.

2. Partner Up. At your first teacher meeting, bring your child's state test results and ask what they mean for this year. Find out what's expected of your child and what you can do at home to help.

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.

Malcolm X

3. Make it fun! You are the expert on your child and can help make learning cool! Read together on topics that interest your child. Find math in everyday life and turn it into a game. These small learning moments add up to a lot!

4. Celebrate hard work. Help your child see that hard work is what leads to success. Focus on the effort and what your child is learning. This will help your child feel less nervous about new tasks or subjects.

5. Encourage life skills along the way. Strengths such as being able to communicate, problem-solve, show patience, and act independently will help your child in school and life. Talk openly with your child about how he or she is feeling and reacting to situations at school, on the playground, and at home.

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Join PTA

The number one reason to join the **Parent Teacher Association** is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more PTA advantages:

Get Connected. There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.

Discover Great Resources. The PTA

a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.

Tap into a Network. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.

Watch Yourself Grow. By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community.

Speak Up. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

Witness Improvement. By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events.

Be a Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

Enjoy Substantial Benefits. Individuals and local units can take advantage of a host of benefits from PTA membership including discounts and offers from member benefits providers and sponsors, magazine

Unit Training

MSPTA VP of Leadership is preparing training workshop across the state. Stay tune to our website and newsletter for the dates of these training.

Legislative Issues

MSPTA VP of Leadership is preparing MSPTA Legislative Conference for 2018. As time progress and the Legislative are preparing to start their 2018 section. As important bills are proposed by the legislative body that information will be load onto the website and printed in the newsletter. Please watch the website and the newsletter.

Treasury Notes

Make sure **2016** 990 Ecard has been filed by November 15, 2017. (You can file it now) click here: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

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Northern Regional Director:

Greetings MS PTA Members and Stakeholders, my name is **Tijuanda Beckworth** and I am the Northern Regional Director. I look forward to working with the units in my region towards having a successful school year. I do believe that Teamwork makes the DreamWorks, so please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Let's work together to making this a successful year!!!

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Benton	Grenada	Noxubee	Tippah
Bolivar	Itawamba	Oktibbeha	Tishomingo
Calhoun	Lafayette	Panola	Tunica
Carroll	Lee	Pontotoc	Union
Chickasaw	Leflore	Prentiss	Washington
Choctaw	Lowndes	Quitman	Webster
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