

MISSISSIPPI PTA NEWSFLASH

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School of Excellence

MS PTA would like to congratulate **North Jackson Elementary** and **Casey Elementary** for being awarded **National PTA School of Excellence 2017-2019**. North Jackson Elementary and Casey Elementary School joins McWille Elementary as the third school in the state of Mississippi to receive this honors within the last two years.

National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

*“Excellence is to do a common thing
in an uncommon way.”*

Booker T. Washington

As a **National PTA School of Excellence**, families feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.

Through the School of Excellence program, your PTA and school will gain new ways to engage families in school decision-making, such as improvements to programs, practices and policies related to education, health, safety or the arts.

The path to excellence starts with a joint commitment of PTA and school leaders to work together to achieve [PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#).

Make your school a National PTA School of Excellence

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Greetings,

As we embark upon the 2017-2018 school year let's be constantly reminded that "PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children." Let us also be focused on the commitment of children's educational success and well-being.

For more than 100 years, National Parent Teacher Association (National PTA®) has worked toward bettering the lives of every child in education, health and safety. With the same vigor as National PTA, Mississippi PTA wants to make a positive impact on the lives of children in our state. We can do this by participating in the activities of PTA units already established in our state and encouraging other areas without PTA's to come on board as we move to grow our state PTA. We can do with our communities networking and supporting each.

In order to achieve these goals Mississippi PTA needs your help. As your newly elected Vice President of Leadership of the state of Mississippi it is my goal to collaborate with each of you through networking and training as we work to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all children and families of Mississippi. I look forward to working with each of you as we accomplish this mission so that all PTA units across the state can effectively and successfully operate to serve the schools and communities they represent.

Please contact me at 601-316-7165 if you have any questions or ideas. You may also e-mail me at msvp.leadership@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and let us continue to encourage each other.

Beverly Duck-Davis
VP Leadership
Mississippi PTA



**ACTION: TELL CONGRESS TO SUPPORT
STATEWIDE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTERS TODAY**

<https://www.pta.org/advocacy/takesaction.cfm?navItemNumber=3451>

Monthly Reminders

1. Send new board officers' list to **MSPTA State Office** no later than **September 30, 2017**.
2. If you haven't register with the **Secretary of State** no later than **September 30, 2017**.
3. Send copy of your 2016-2017 school year audit report to **MSPTA State Office** no later than **September 30, 2017**.
4. Make sure **2016** 990 has been filed by November 15, 2017. The link to the 990 form is: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>
5. PTA/PTSA dues (\$3.50) should be submitted to the **MSPTA State Office** **monthly on all members**

Male Engagement

Mr. Morris Armstrong has been working with Robert Ford of Bob Ford Christian Golf Foundation. They are setting up a mentorship program with Jackson Public Schools. The foundation is going to mentor 16, 11th graders who have discipline issues and track their progress through their senior year. They're also going to show them how to dress on a business level, do a full suit makeover and they will be showcased in a red carpet fashion show on November 9th. The goal is to build their self-esteem by showing them how to dress professionally.

Reflection

Heroes Around Me... is the theme for the 2018-2019 school year.

Each fall, thousands of students submit concepts for a future Reflections theme to their State PTA organizations. Your State PTA will select five themes to submit to the National PTA for consideration in the 2019 – 2020 National PTA Reflections Theme Contest.

Deadline: November 6, 2017 (postmarked)

Please submit entries to MS PTA:

Reflections Chair

Mspta.reflections@aol.com

Regional Directors:

Central Regional Director:

Greeting MS PTA Leaders, and welcome to the new school year. My name is **Tanya Marsaw**, your Central Region Director. I hope the new school year has started well. Let me express my appreciation to you for your dedication and willingness to serve students in your schools and communities. Congratulations to North Jackson Elementary and Casey Elementary PTAs and schools for being recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence for 2017-2019. As your regional director, my job is to help you do your job by providing resources, information, and support. It is my desire to work with each of you to achieve our mission in making every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families to advocate for all youth. I urge you to please contact me via email or cell phone if you have any questions or ideas.

Central Area: Counties

Attala	Kemper	Rankin
Claiborne	Lauderdale	Scott
Copiah	Leake	Sharkey
Hinds	Madison	Simpson
Holmes	Neshoba	Warren
Humphreys	Newton	Yazoo
Issaquena		

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