

Representative “Mission Moments” from Fall 2018!

Outstanding growth in Regions 1, 2 and 5 where several new PTAs are being chartered. Kudos to Florida State School of the Arts PTA in Leon County which has increased membership by 76% AND to Gulf Breeze Elementary PTA and Holley Navarre Middle School PTSA in Santa Rosa County who have both increased membership by over 80%!

Region 6 is doing an awesome job engaging with the Sarasota School District and community partners to charter PTAs in ALL their Title I schools.

Region 7 knows retention is the first step to growing PTA membership! They successfully retained Citrus Grove elementary PTA by sharing the value of PTA and helping them through compliance challenges.

Alachua County Council PTA is doing an awesome job engaging and supporting students and their families this year! They hosted a Transitions Fair providing a wealth of information to families of students with disabilities. They have also hosted programs on raising children in the digital age as well as how we can support LGBTQ youth in schools.

East Side High School PTSA in Alachua County is working to raise awareness on mental health, suicide risks and prevention. They partnered with UF PALS Thrives/UF Psychiatry to host a program where the film “Not Alone” was shared.

Meadowbrook Elementary PTA in Alachua County was a recipient of a \$1000 grant from National PTA.

Congratulations! Over 300 families were able to engage with their kids and learn about math without having to worry about dinner.



Broward County Council PTA continues its legacy of supporting needy families with its annual Thanksgiving feast. Invites were sent in four different languages (English, Spanish, Haitian-Creole, and Portuguese) and they fed over 300 people with a spaghetti dinner and provided 65 turkeys and baskets to needy families their community. **Crystal Lake Middle PTSA in Broward County also has a giving heart –** They funded 22 Thanksgiving meals for families in need.

Escambia County Council PTA does a great job of supporting families with younger children by making sure to provide daycare at their programs including their annual Leadership Training event.

Miami Dade County Council is passionate about legislative advocacy and has stepped up its efforts to meet with members of the Dade Legislative Delegation and allied organizations and acquaint them with Florida PTA’s and the Council’s Legislative Priorities for 2019. They have also passed a Council resolution encouraging legislative support for career and technical education programs.

Miami Edison Senior High School PTSA also supports career and technical programs by supporting a National Apprenticeship Week program their school.

National PTA School of Excellence winner Frank C. Martin K-8 PTSA and North Miami Senior High School PTSA were both awarded 2018-2019 PTA Connected with LifeLock Grants, the only two PTAs in Florida to earn such a distinction!

Nautilus Middle School PTSA in Miami-Dade County supports cultural arts enrichment programs and celebrated “Night of the Arts” with their school community.

Redland Elementary School PTA in Miami-Dade County supports math and sciences by holding a fantastic Family STEAM Night and Science Fair. Redlands is also a National PTA School of Excellence designee!

Orange County Council PTA is helping to connect families! The Council has partnered with the school district and community sponsors to share information on the importance of and how low income, migrant and non-English speaking families may access low cost internet services.

Palm Beach County Council used its VOICE to educate voters on a referendum initiative that keeping 650 arts, music, education, and other programs and staff in our schools, added more security and equipment and will ensure we have the mental health needs met in our schools by hiring more mental health professionals. They are also working to charter new PTAs in underrepresented parts of the county and have numerous schools that have already exceed LY

membership, some by as much 225%!

J.C. Mitchell Elementary PTA in Palm Beach County is serious about supporting reading! They are hosting a literacy breakfast for parents and students in each grade level and each student receives a grade level appropriate book at the breakfast.

Crystal Lakes Elementary PTA in Palm Beach County supports military families and welcomed local veterans to a breakfast sponsored by the PTA, where they shared memories and past experiences with the students.



Pasco County Council PTA is "Pairing Pasco PTAs" so that school communities with lesser needs can support those with greater needs through various service projects. They are also working hard to charter and reorganize PTAs across the county.



Polk County Council PTA continues to grow community involvement and build partnerships through their fantastic annual Community Involvement Conference co-hosted with the Polk County School Board.

Seminole County Council PTA and numerous representatives from local PTAs demonstrated their caring outreach to ALL families in the community by cooking and serving a spaghetti lunch to the homeless served by the Rescue Outreach Mission in Sanford.



Crystal Lake Elementary School PTA in Seminole County is intentional about identifying underrepresented groups in their school and adapting their programming to reflect their mission to serve all children including those who are non-English speaking and those with sensory needs.

Layer Elementary PTA celebrates both Grandparents Day and Veterans by hosting a special breakfast that included a patriotic theme. They loved seeing students interact with their grandparents and were grateful to give them the opportunity to recognize the contributions of our veterans.

Seminole High School PTSA in Seminole County opened a new college- and career-readiness center!

Sterling Park Elementary PTA encourages male engagement. They hosted their very first "Donuts with Dudes" which included donuts, basketball, playground time, and book fair shopping for families to enjoy.

Volusia County Council PTA and Campbell Middle School PTSA are supporting family and community engagement with their second FACT Fair (Families And Communities Together).

Creekside Middle School PTSA is blessed to be part of a very caring school community. They were able to distribute 163 baskets for Thanksgiving that were generously donated by its families and staff.