



The end of the school year means many different things to different people. For our children, it's time to ditch the school bus for afternoon bike rides. For parents, it's time to keep our kids focused until that last school bell rings. And for teachers, it's time to reflect on and be proud of the great strides the kids have made in the classroom during this year.

For the last several months – while parents have been packing lunches, helping with homework, attending PTA meetings, volunteering in the classroom and attending conferences – our teachers have been pouring every ounce of their energy into educating our children and building their confidence with passion, enthusiasm and heart. As the school year winds down, it's the perfect time to honor these dedicated folks with PTA's [Teacher Appreciation Week](#).

I encourage your PTA to participate this year (May 2-9) and show our teachers just how much we appreciate their tremendous efforts. [Our website](#) has tons of activity ideas, downloads and other resources to get you started – use it! And let our teachers know what they mean to us.

Of course, just because the school year is winding down doesn't mean our efforts are. In just a few short months, on June 10-13, we'll travel to beautiful, charming Memphis for our [2010 National PTA Convention and Exhibition](#). There, we'll have more than 50 workshops, 200 exhibits, hundreds of resources and countless opportunities for you to voice your opinions among a mobilized group of advocates. Each year, it promises to be a powerful event, and this year, we're kicking things up a notch by incorporating our [Emerging Minority Leaders Conference](#), PTA MORE ([Men Organized to Raise Engagement](#)) initiative, and Youth Summit, along with our partnership with PIRC (Parental Information and Resource Centers).. It will be an event like no other.

Whether or not you will be attending the National Convention, I encourage you to use your summer as an opportunity for recharging and continuing your valuable PTA efforts. Because, before we know it, back-to-school season will be upon us! I have no doubts that you will have successful summer leadership conferences and help carry your local PTA members through these next few months with conviction, grace and dedication.

So, thank you for all that you do and may your summer be one of stamina, solidarity, sunshine and success!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Saylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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