Conference and Convention Agenda

Friday, April 26, 2024

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Registration Area Open

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm  General Session I:

- Call to Order/Welcome
- Introductions: Board & Special Guests
- Greetings
- Credentials Report
- Conference Rules
- Parliamentary Moment
- Annual Report
- Annual Report
- Reflections Committee Report
- Scholarship (TES)
- Announcements

Lisa Kensel, President
Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, OSBA President
Reed Scott-Schwalbach, OEA
Jim Holstein, Treasurer
Jamie Thomas, Secretary
Matt Schafer, Parliamentarian
Robin Roemer, VP for Legislation
Anna Doty, VP for Programs
Robin Roemer, Reflections Committee Chair
Jamie Thomas, TES Chair
Lisa Kensel, President

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm  Workshops:

1A: Engaging Families of Children with Disabilities in PTA
1B: Elevating Authentic Student Voice
1C: Community Schools 101

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  Hospitality Hour

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  Dinner:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Annual Report
- Reflections Awards
- Program Awards
- Oregon PTA Board Service Award
- TES Report

Lisa Kensel, President
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9:00pm – 11:00pm  PTA Networking/Hospitality
Saturday, April 27, 2023

8:00 am – 11:00 am  Registration Area Open

9:00 am – 10:15 am  Workshops:
2A: Raising Resilient Kids
2B: Tools & Strategies for Sustainable Schools
2C: Navigating the Educational Landscape: An Overview of IDEA, Section 504, FAPE, and Understanding SB819

10:30 am – 11:45 am  Workshops:
3A: President/Vice-President/President-Elect
3B: Secretary & Membership
3C: Treasurer

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm  Saturday Luncheon
Welcome and Introductions  Lisa Kensel, President
Legislative Moment  Otto Schell
Luncheon Sponsor Greetings  AIM Insurance, NW Playground Equipment Inc.
Keynote Presentation  Mu-Yin “Molly” Chen
Announcements  Lisa Kensel, President

2:00-3:15 pm  Workshops:
4A: Digital Safety for Families
4B: Suicide Prevention: Question, Persuade, Refer
4C: Wills and Trusts Simplified: How to Protect Your Family

3:30 pm – 5:15 pm  General Session 2:
Call to Order/Welcome  Lisa Kensel, President
Introductions: Board & Special Guests  Lisa Kensel, President
Greetings  TBA
Credentials Report  Jim Holstein, Treasurer
President Report  Lisa Kensel, President
Annual Reports  Nicole Bailey, President-elect
Bylaw Amendments  Nicole Bailey, President-elect
Legislative Platform & Action Plan  Nicole Bailey, Leadership Committee
Acknowledgments  Peggy Parker, VP for Membership

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  Hospitality Hour
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm        Awards Dinner:

Welcome and Introductions                      Lisa Kensel, President
Greetings                                         AIM Insurance
Life Achievement Award                           Lisa Kensel, President
LUV Awards                                       Anna Doty, VP of Programs
Leadership Awards                                Nicole Bailey, President-Elect
Membership Awards                                Peggy Parker, VP of Membership
Presentation of New Unit Charters                Peggy Parker, VP of Membership
                                                     Lisa Kensel, President
Oregon PTA President’s Award                     Lisa Kensel, President
Scott Overton Excellence in Advocacy Award       Lisa Kensel, President
Adjournment                                       Lisa Kensel, President
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9:00pm – 10:00pm        President’s Reception
Upcoming Events

2024-2025 Leadership Training Events

August 14, 2024 (Virtual)
September 14, 2024 (In-person)
September 22, 2024 (Virtual)

2025 Oregon PTA Conference and Convention
April 25-26, 2025

2024 National PTA Convention
June 27-30, 2024
Virtual/Online
Workshop Descriptions

Friday, April 26, 2024 - 4:00 pm:

1a. Engaging Families of Children with Disabilities in PTA
Heather Olivier, Deputy Director
FACT Oregon

Inclusive PTAs play a crucial role in ensuring that all families feel valued, and respected. When parents of children with disabilities are welcomed into the PTA community, it not only benefits the families directly but also enriches the entire school community. This workshop will explore the importance of fostering welcoming school communities, recognize barriers that might limit a parents' participation in PTAs and explore strategies for engaging with families.

1b: Elevating Authentic Student Voice
Marnie Jewell, Dany Douglas & student panelists
Oregon Department of Education

This workshop is designed to enhance participant knowledge and skills related to the intersectionality of education, student and family engagement, and student advocacy, with an intentional focus on elevating student voice in collaborative processes designed to impact educational systems. Participants will explore strategies and practices for engaging traditionally underserved focal student populations, fostering an inclusive educational environment that values and amplifies diverse voices.

1c: Community Schools 101
Joanne Shepard & Lauren McCartney
Oregon Education Association

This workshop will teach participants about the 4 tenants of community schools, provide examples and research of successful implementation in districts across the country. Participants will learn strategies for increasing engagement and turn out at events and will be given resources to take home.
Saturday, April 27, 2024- 9:00 am

2a: Raising Resilient Kids
Justine Kovak, Clinical Outreach Specialist
Laura Sisulak, Director of Prevention and Community Engagement
Children’s Center

This insightful workshop delves into essential communication strategies and skill development for children and families, forming the bedrock of abuse prevention and resilience-building. From navigating discussions about body safety to fostering healthy emotional expression, explore practical techniques to empower families in facing challenges, whether stemming from abuse or violence, or everyday life stressors. Topics will include encouraging open communication about accurately naming body parts, setting healthy boundaries, managing feelings, and identifying and celebrating family strengths. Through a blend of education and hands-on strategies, participants will gain actionable tools to create safer, more resilient family environments. Parents will feel more hopeful and empowered with skills and strategies to support resilient kids, wherever they are in their parenting journey.

2b: Unlocking the Power of Eco-Volunteers: Tools & Strategies for Sustainable Schools
Sasha Rose
ECO School Network

Discover how to empower your school volunteers with free training, support, and resources to make your school greener and healthier. This engaging and interactive workshop is designed to help you inspire enthusiastic volunteerism in your school community. Learn practical strategies to shift your school's culture towards sustainability while having fun along the way. The Eco-School Network is your partner in this journey, equipping parents and students to lead their school communities towards a more sustainable future.

2c: Navigating the Educational Landscape: An Overview of IDEA, Section 504, FAPE, and Understanding SB819
Dr. Tamra Gowdy and Dr. Allison Watkins
Oregon Department of Education (ODE), -Office of Enhancing Student Opportunities (OESO)

This workshop aims to demystify the legal statutes and safeguards impacting the educational paths of children with disabilities, ensuring the material is straightforward and understandable. It will concentrate on unpacking key regulations such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the principle of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE), alongside exploring the repercussions of Senate Bill 819 (SB819)
Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 10:30 am  
Enhanced Leadership Workshops

3a: President/Vice-President/President-Elect  
Lisa Kensel and Nicole Bailey  
Oregon PTA

3b: Secretary & Membership  
Jamie Thomas and Peggy Parker  
Oregon PTA

3c: Treasurer  
Jim Holstein, Oregon PTA  
Shannon Callahan, AIM Insurance

Join us for one of our three immersive workshops designed specifically for PTA leaders who are looking to elevate their leadership skills. Our "Enhanced Leadership Workshop" will provide you with the tools and insights needed to lead with confidence and drive positive change within your school communities. This workshop is perfect for current and aspiring PTA leaders, who are committed to improving their leadership abilities. Whether you're new to the role or looking to refresh your skills, this workshop will offer valuable learning for all.
Saturday, April 27, 2024- 2:00 pm

4A: Digital Safety for Families: Being a Goldilocks Caregiver in the Digital Age
Justine Kovak, Clinical Outreach Specialist
Laura Sisulak, Director of Prevention and Community Engagement
Children’s Center

In today’s digital age, ensuring the safety of our children online is more important than ever. Join us for an informative workshop where we'll provide clear and practical information on internet and digital safety for children. From understanding online risks to developing strategies for safe internet usage, we'll equip parents with the knowledge and tools they need to navigate the digital world with confidence. Participants will learn effective communication strategies for talking to their children about using the internet and online technology in a safe way, empowering parents to have critical conversations and promote digital safety at home.

4B: QPR Gatekeeper Training: Empowering Suicide Prevention
Nanuette Lundeen, Children’s System of Care Liaison
Andy Wallace Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
Washington County Behavioral Health

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is a powerful evidence-based suicide prevention training that equips individuals with the knowledge and skills to intervene and provide support to someone experiencing suicidal thoughts. In this workshop, participants will learn to identify the warning signs of suicide and receive training in the QPR model—a simple yet effective approach to intervening and supporting individuals in crisis. Founded and created by Dr. Paul Quinnett, a renowned clinical psychologist and Executive Chairman of the QPR Institute, this training has transformed countless lives by empowering individuals to become gatekeepers of suicide prevention. Join QPR as they guide you through this life-saving workshop, where you'll learn how to apply the QPR model and become a certified QPR gatekeeper.

4C: Wills and Trusts Simplified: How to Protect Your Family
Chad D. Fuss, Esq.

This comprehensive workshop will address the essential question: How can I protect my family and assets? Learn the significance and value of estate planning, demystifying key documents and strategies to safeguard your loved ones and assets. Participants will gain a clear understanding of the purpose and function of critical estate planning documents, including power of attorney, medical directive, will, and trust. Understand the importance of nominating a guardian to care for your children and explore how structuring a trust can ensure your assets benefit your children according to your wishes. Drawing from real-life examples, you will gain actionable tips and strategies that you can implement immediately and at no cost, empowering you to take control of your family's future with confidence.