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## **National PTA Funds Programs to Increase Family Engagement** *Announces Take Your Family to School Week Grant Recipients*

**ALEXANDRIA, VA. (December 19, 2011)** – Dozens of PTAs will sing joyously together this holiday season as [National PTA](#)® today announced 45 PTAs will receive a \$1,000 grant to help promote family engagement and support student achievement through [PTA Take Your Family to School Week](#)®, February 12–18, 2012.

“Take Your Family to School Week embodies PTA’s legacy of building family-school partnerships. We’re proud to provide these grants to PTAs at the grassroots level to ensure that our legacy lives, families are involved and students succeed,” said [Betsy Landers](#), National PTA President. “This special week also reminds us that now more than ever all families, schools and communities need to work together to increase student achievement as U.S. children are behind their counterparts around the world in English and math.”

For the seventh consecutive year, National PTA’s Take Your Family to School Week Grant program expands and enhances family engagement efforts in school across the country. Each grantee demonstrated how they will improve family engagement in their school communities and how their work will support the implementation of PTA’s [National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#).

The timing of the week—in February—honors the day PTA was founded: February 17, 1897. The activities planned for the week feature a variety of educational themes, including preparing for college, literacy, math, and other topics.

This year’s grant recipients come from 22 states across the country. The 2012 PTA Take Your Family to School Week Grant recipients are:

- Alfred E. Zampella PS #27 PTA – Jersey City, NJ
- Arbolita School PTA – La Habra, CA
- Bailey Middle School PTSA – Cornelius, NC
- Banksville PTA – Pittsburgh, PA
- Bayside High School PTSA – Virginia Beach, VA
- Bedford Primary School PTA – Bedford, VA
- Bernice Young Elementary PTA – Springdale, AR
- Bradford Academy PTA – Southfield, MI

- Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools PTA Council – Carrboro, NC
- Chimneyrock Elementary PTA – Cordova, TN
- Citrus Grove Elementary PTA – Palm City, FL
- Clover Street School PTA – Windsor, CT
- Denver Elementary PTA – Denver, PA
- Donaldson Way Elementary PTA – American Canyon, CA
- Dubiski Career High School – Grand Prairie, TX
- Falcon Middle School PTSA – Falcon, CO
- Franklin Township School PTA – Quakertown, NJ
- Gene George Elementary PTA – Springdale, AR
- Gypsy School PTA – Depew, OK
- Hammocks Middle School PTSA – Miami, FL
- Jefferson Elementary School PTA – West Allis, WI
- Kate Waller Barrett Elementary PTA – Arlington, VA
- Kilbourne Middle School PTSA – Worthington, OH
- Longfellow Middle School PTA – Falls Church, VA
- Matthew Whaley Elementary School PTA – Williamsburg, VA
- McDougal Elementary PTA – Chapel Hill, NC
- McKinley School PTA – Fairfield, CT
- Morningside Elementary PTA – Fort Worth, TX
- Norco Elementary PTA – Norco, CA
- Northrup High School PTSA – Fort Wayne, IN
- Oakmont Elementary PTA – Fort Worth, TX
- Oakton Elementary PTA – Oakton, VA
- Old Village PTA – Northville, MI
- Provost Elementary PTA – Provost, UT
- Redwood Early Childhood Center PTA – North Little Rock, AR
- SAD 30 PTA – Winn, ME
- Stephen Knight Center for Early Education – Denver, CO
- Stuart Middle School PTSA – Stuart, FL
- Thomas G. Pullen K-8 Arts Focus School – Hyattsville, MD
- Three Rivers Elementary PTA – Cincinnati, OH
- Tuskegee Institute Middle School PTA – Tuskegee, AL
- Tyhee Elementary PTA – Chubbock, ID
- Vista Verde Middle School PTSA – Phoenix, AZ
- Walt Whitman Elementary PTA – San Diego, CA
- Wenatchee Lewis and Clark PTSA – Wenatchee, WA

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