

Program Ideas for PTA/PTSA Units

Bedtime Stories for K and 1st Grade

Come join "Mrs ???" for bedtime stories in your pajamas. This is truly a favorite for the kids. Volunteers will be needed to help serve milk and cookies.

Fire Preventions Week

Fire Prevention Week is Oct 6-12, 2013 (October 5-11, 2014). This is a great opportunity to call your local fire department to come out and talk to the classes about fire safety. Ask if they can bring a truck to let the little ones explore.

Red Ribbon Week

"Say No To Drugs" is the focus of this week, usually late in October (October 23-31 2013). Daily activities and events may be planned. There are multiple ways to get involved and help during this important week.

Veteran's Day Celebration

Coordinate a dinner and honor our Veterans; celebrate their amazing contributions to our country. Have a speaker talk about their military service, have some of the students sing patriotic songs, have a local scout troop do a flag ceremony/present colors.

Grandparent Read to Me Day

On this special day, Grandparents are invited to come and read to their Grandchildren and fellow classmates. To show thanks and appreciation, PTA can host a breakfast for them in the morning.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Celebrate and honor our hard working teachers. (May 5 - May 9 2014). Encourage parents to write notes of thanks to their child's teachers. PTA may provide bagels and/or muffins for breakfast one day during the week.

Birthday Book/Pencil Club

Send out invites to students to come to the office to receive a free book and/or pencil on their birthday.

WATCH D.O.G.S.

WATCH D.O.G.S. is a founding member of the National PTA's M.O.R.E. Coalition (Men Organized to Raise Engagement). Contact them at 1-888-540-DOGS (3647) or visit their website at www.father.com.

All Pro Dads/iMom

Contact www.allprodad.com on how to set up a chapter at your school. Contact www.imom.com on how to set up a chapter at your school.

Work with School Clubs and Organizations

Examples—Water Safety with the Swim Team or Fitness with a Sports Team.

Connect with Teachers and Staff at School

Example—Work with Social Studies teacher to encourage voter registration and PTA Take Action Network (CapWiz) enrollment by students.

Founders Day

Founders Day is February 17th. Celebrate the "birth" of the largest child advocacy group.

Gun Safety

Learn the dangers of firearms. Contact Sergeant Daniel R. Zsido Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Community Education & Programs Law Enforcement Liaison 727-582-2836 dzsido@pcsonet.com or John Gluck from the Wyoming Antelope Club at jgluck1@tampabay.rr.com.

Take Your Family to School Week

What a great way to create Family Engagement. February 17-21, 2014 this school year. Go to National PTA (www.pta.org) for more information

Bullying Prevention

Contact Pinellas County Schools Prevention Office—Joan Reubens 727-588-6348 or e-mail reubensj@pcsb.org.

Walk to School Day

October 9, 2013 for this school year. Visit the Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition website and sign up to participate in this annual event. You can also contact Jean Shoemaker, Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coordinator at 727-767-8581 or 800-756-SAFE (7233) for more information.

Bicycle Rodeo

Contact the Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition (See Walk to School Day for contact information). This rodeo includes free helmet fitting and road course to teach children about bike safety.

Mother/Son Event or Daddy/Daughter Dance

Great way to engage families for a fun evening. Some idea: Valentines/Sweetheart Dance, Sport Night, Fear Factor Night.

FACTS.org

Florida's educational opportunities and student advising at your fingertips.

College and Career Planning

Work with your Guidance Counselors to set up a night that local colleges and technical schools can talk to kids about choice. Pinellas Educational Foundation has information as well www.pinellaseducation.org.

Sweet Sixteen Birthday Cards

This is for all students turning 16 to remind them of the importance to drive responsibly. Print bright colored cards with the fine that kids will receive for speeding, make it wallet sized so they can keep with them as a reminder.

Safe Driving

Contact State Farm Teen Program www.betterteendriving.com.
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles www.flhsmv.gov
Distracted Driving—US Department of Transportation www.destruction.gov
Linda Hunsinger-- lindaatscottandfenderson@gmail.com

Museums

Contact your local museums to set up a family night or special program.

Internet Safety

Contact the Pinellas County Sheriffs Office— Sergeant Daniel R. Zsido Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Community Education & Programs Law Enforcement Liaison 727-582-2836-- dzsido@pcsonet.com

Multicultural Night

Reach out to your Multicultural families. Have them bring food from their country to share, dress in native outfits, share traditions. Work with teachers, have each classroom represent a different country or culture.

Fitness Night

Team up with your PE staff for an evening of fun and fitness.

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) or SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving)

Contact Sharon Hall at Sharon.Hall@madd.org to help set up a program at your school. Contact SADD at www.sadd.org to get more information about programs.

S.W.A.T. (Students Working Against Tobacco)

*Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, Florida Department of Health-Pinellas County 727-588-4040 Ext. 3158
Steven_Sergent@doh.state.fl.us 12420 130th Ave N Largo, FL 33774.*

NOPE

*Contact Laurie Serra, NOPE of Pinellas Coordinator, at 727-424-6906 for more information, or go to
www.nopetaskforce.org for more information.*

Energy Drinks

Contact Linda Kearschner @ lj.k.pta@gmail.com or Carol Conaway @ carolconaway@verison.net to set up a program at your school.

Meet Your Legislator

*Work with the Pinellas County Council Legislative Team to host a Meet Your Legislator day/evening at your school.
Contact Legislative@pccpta.org*

Health and Safety Fair

Contact your local fire department, police departments, health care providers and community health and safety organizations. Contact healthandsafety@pccpta.org

Plant a Butterfly or Vegetable Garden

Contact your local nursery to see if they will donate/discount plants for your school. Work with teachers to plant gardens outside of classrooms. Have classrooms/clubs adopt a planted school garden or planted area and have them take care of it.

Send us your ideas and successes!! Contact programs@pccpta.org