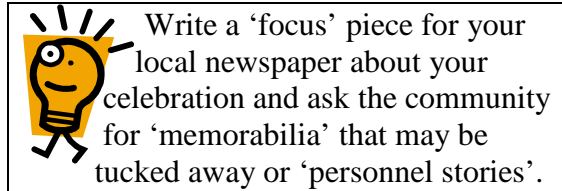


Planning a Local Celebration for Alaska PTAs 50th Birthday

How to Get Started

A local PTA should contact the state PTA if you don't know what year your PTA was chartered. Remember, when the state was chartered by NPTA in April 1957 we were the *Alaska Territorial PTA*.

1. **Enlist the support** from the school staff and parents. Talk with your parents and publicize the event in your newsletter or a flier.
2. **Determine the amount of funds** to be budgeted - if no funds are budgeted, send the estimated amount to the treasurer for board approval.
3. **Develop a project planning calendar** which identifies the key steps and the person who will be responsible for each item.
4. **Get the word out.**
 - Prepare information for teachers, students, parents and principals.
 - Arrange for publicity.



Collecting & Exhibiting

Depending on the type of items you can find or receive will help you plan what you want to do.

- Create a traveling display
- An article in your newspaper
- A brochure of your historical events

Review your past minutes and look for items of importance.

- Did your PTA advocate for a crosswalk?
- Hot breakfast?
- Tutoring?
- After-school programs?
- Open Library?

Interview previous presidents

- Ask for personal stories
- Record their memories
- Take pictures
- Put items into a safe place



Create a DVD of combined media, pictures, stories, documents of importance and send it to the AKPTA office so we can highlight it at Convention 2007!

Interview public people

- Put a flier requesting 'memories' at your Senior Center.
- Check with public boards for records like school board or assembly or library.
- Check with your business people or Chamber of Commerce



Celebration

- Will you have a party? Who will come? Maybe you will want to have a 'Regional Party' including PTAs in one region.
- Will you make a presentation to your school board?
- Let your legislator know your history?
- Record your event.
- Send copies to the AKPTA office.



Has your PTA joined the AKPTA 1957 Club?

This is the time to Blow Your Own Horn! Don't be shy. Let people know what the PTA has done.

The Alaska PTA will be celebrating in several ways and you can participate!

- We will ask for a Legislative Citation of Support to be received at our Annual Legislative Fly In. Plan on being in Juneau to represent your PTA.
- At the Annual Convention in Anchorage, April 26-28, 2007 we will celebrate by displaying any items you bring or send to us.

The Alaska PTA office has a file for each PTA current in a fire safe file in our office. If you need any help, please ask. Anything your PTA has sent to us will be residing in that file. If there is information that you want in your file please send it to us.

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