



William & Mary Scherkenbach Elementary and Scherkenbach PTA Recognized Nationally as a School of Excellence

Las Vegas, Nevada September 1, 2016—National PTA® has recognized William & Mary Scherkenbach and Scherkenbach PTA as a National PTA School of Excellence for their achievement in building effective family-school partnerships. Research shows that when families and schools work together, student achievement increases, schools improve and communities grow stronger. Being recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence demonstrates William & Mary Scherkenbach Elementary and Scherkenbach PTA's leadership and commitment to supporting student success and continuous school improvement.

"The partnership between William & Mary Scherkenbach Elementary and Scherkenbach PTA is a true example of what can be accomplished when schools and families work together," said Laura Bay, president of National PTA. "William & Mary Scherkenbach Elementary and Scherkenbach PTA have put strong practices into place that involve families in the life of the school, and we are pleased to recognize them as a National PTA School of Excellence."

National PTA launched its National PTA School of Excellence program to help strengthen family-school partnerships across the country and make measurable progress in the areas of education, health and safety and arts and cultural exploration. As a National PTA School of Excellence, families at William & Mary Scherkenbach Elementary feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement.

To be recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence, PTAs evaluate their current family engagement strategies and submit a goal for school improvement that families, teachers and administrators have set together. They improve upon their family engagement strategies throughout the year, while focusing on their goal. The National PTA School of Excellence designation is awarded to those schools that have demonstrated improvement in the family-school partnership and significant progress toward their goal.

To celebrate their achievements, National PTA will present William & Mary Scherkenbach Elementary and Scherkenbach PTA with a National PTA School of Excellence banner. For more information about the National PTA School of Excellence program, visit PTA.org/Excellence.

About National PTA

[National PTA®](http://NationalPTA.org) comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.