



Build Awareness, Learn, and Celebrate: Extending Your PTHV Week Festivities

The goal of PTHV Week is to celebrate educators and families who prioritize building relationships of trust, generate awareness and support at the local level, and conduct as many home visits as possible. The opportunities to extend PTHV Week, however, are endless. Schools and districts are encouraged to plan culminating activities that not only recognize and nurture a community of home visit practitioners but further build educators' capacity to authentically engage families and align their home visit practice with key district priorities. These activities can be simple or elaborate but should reflect the needs and interests of participants. Be creative, and don't forget to share your plans with PTHV on social media by tagging us:

- Twitter: @PTHVP
- Facebook: @PTHVP
- Instagram: @ParentTeacherHomeVisits
- Hashtags: #PTHVWeek #PTHVTurns25

Below are three ideas to kickstart your brainstorming and planning process:

1. Host a "Thanks a Latte" Coffee and Donut celebration for participating educators
2. Have a potluck meeting and invite both educators and families to engage in a bit of reflection/debrief of the week
3. Organize a PTHV mini-conference

Some partnering districts, including Washoe County School District in Reno, Nevada, have embraced mini-conferences as a way to extend their practice. These half-day professional learning opportunities typically kick off with a ceremonial start with key messages by supportive superintendents and school board members as well as educator awards, which is then followed by a general assembly and breakout sessions. Read on for a sample PTHV Mini-Conference Agenda from Washoe County School District.

PTHV Mini-Conference Agenda

Welcome & Awards 4:00-4:50 PM

PTHV Training 5:00-7:00 PM

Title	Description	Room	Facilitators
General Training	Are you interested in Parent Teacher Home Visits about? Do you and want to be part of the program next school year? Attend this training to be cleared to go on home visits starting next school year.	M-2	<p style="text-align: center;">Caree Walker Lemmon Valley Elementary School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mike Recchia Sun Valley Elementary School</p>

Session 1 5:00-5:45 PM

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Chronic Absenteeism	Chronic Absenteeism is a primary cause of poor academic achievement and increases the likelihood of students withdrawing from school before graduating. Join this session and learn about the resources available to support families to increase students' school attendance.	Faculty Lounge	<p style="text-align: center;">Rechelle Murrillo Unity Support Coordinator</p>
Keeping Up with the Resources Available for Immigrant Families	Do you know the difference between immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants? Join this session to learn the differences, legislative changes and the resources available to our families whom identity in each category in the state of Nevada.	B-9	<p style="text-align: center;">Maria Edwards Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada</p>
School Social Work in WCSD	Join this session to learn about the emergence of school social work in WCSD and the important services that school social workers provide.	M-1	<p style="text-align: center;">Eric Ohlson PEACE Grant Coordinator</p>

Session 2 5:55-6:40 PM

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Revisiting the "Why"	Parent Teacher Home Visits (PTHVs) builds meaningful relationships between the schools and families. Join this session to learn more about the findings from the Johns Hopkins Study Report and what we can continue to do to implement effective practices with PTHVs.	Faculty Lounge	<p style="text-align: center;">D'Lisa Crain Family-School Partnerships</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tara O'Brien Traner Middle School</p>
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Engaging Families at all Levels: Tips and Resources	Family engagement is an essential ingredient to children's academic success. As children move along the educational pathway, the families' roles start shifting and family engagement looks different for the elementary and secondary levels. Join us to explore various tips and resources that can support your efforts to engage families at different stages along the path to graduation.	M-1	<p style="text-align: center;">Maria Fernandez Ana Anderson Family-School Partnerships</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary Stach Title I</p>

Feedback/ Evaluations: 6:45-7:00 PM - CAFETERIA