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**Floral Park-Bellerose School PTA Awarded National PTA and AT&T Grant to Implement
PTA Connected: Ready, Tech, Go! Program**



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Floral Park, NY — November 20th, 2024 — Floral Park-Bellerose School PTA is excited to announce that we have been selected through a competitive process to receive \$1,500 to implement the *PTA Connected: Ready, Tech, Go! program*, supported by AT&T.

This program, a collaboration between National PTA and AT&T, is designed to empower families, parents, and caregivers to address the challenges of today's digital world. Through meaningful peer-to-peer discussions, the program promotes healthy and responsible use of technology for all family members. The PTA Connected: Ready, Tech, Go! program will help families to:

- Identify and reflect on various aspects of screen readiness.
- Explore tools and resources to determine screen readiness and discuss digital life.
- Gain new strategies to create a healthy digital home.

The Floral Park-Bellerose School PTA will host an interactive, in-person PTA Connected: Ready, Tech, Go! program between March 18, 2025, and May 16, 2025. This event is specifically designed for parents and caregivers of elementary-aged students to engage in meaningful conversations about screen readiness, discover helpful tools and resources, and gain innovative ideas to foster a balanced digital environment at home.

As part of the program, attendees will explore the PhoneReady Quiz, an interactive tool developed by AT&T that guides families through questions about screen readiness. Based on their responses, families will receive a personalized readiness score to help them make informed decisions about device use in their household.



Additionally, the Floral Park-Bellerose School PTA will host an “Open Lab” session immediately following the main program. This hands-on experience will allow participants to explore free online resources and tools highlighted during the program, including:

- **The Achievery:** A free, safe online learning platform offering engaging educational videos paired with activities for K-12 students.
- **AT&T’s Connected Learning:** Resources to bridge the digital divide by equipping families with skills to effectively use the internet and access free high-speed internet, computers, tutoring, and mentoring.
- **AT&T ScreenReady:** Tips and tools for digital literacy, digital safety, and digital parenting to help families make positive connections on all screens.
- **Access from AT&T:** A program committed to digital equity, connecting families to learning opportunities and high-speed internet.

These efforts are part of AT&T’s three-year, \$2 billion commitment to help bridge the digital divide, ensuring families across the country have access to vital digital tools and resources.

For more information on how you can get involved and support our PTA in the school year, don't hesitate to get in touch with Susan Saint-Joy, PTA President Floral Park-Bellerose School Email: susan.president@fpbspta.com or fpbspta@gmail.com

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