

Imagining Your Approach to PTA Leadership

PTA Grows Leaders for Children



National PTA Mission

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Today we will:

- ★ Identify characteristics of great leaders
- ★ Define three leadership styles used in different situations
- ★ Explore traits of great PTA leaders
- ★ Self-reflect on ways to improve our leadership tendencies

PTA in a Collaborative Leadership Framework

Who Are We & How We Collaborate	
Members	
Local PTA Leaders	
District, Council, Region Leaders	
State PTA Leaders	
National PTA Leaders	



GREAT LEADERS

**inspire others to take action;
flex their style to match a situation;
transform potential into reality.**

Leadership Styles

STYLE	TRAITS
Authoritative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tells others what to do• Makes decisions independently• Limits teamwork and discussion
Democratic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seeks input and fosters teamwork in all planning and decision-making
Hands-Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offers little direction or guidance• Provides opinion only when asked• Defers to others

LET'S ROLE PLAY: Flex A Leadership Style

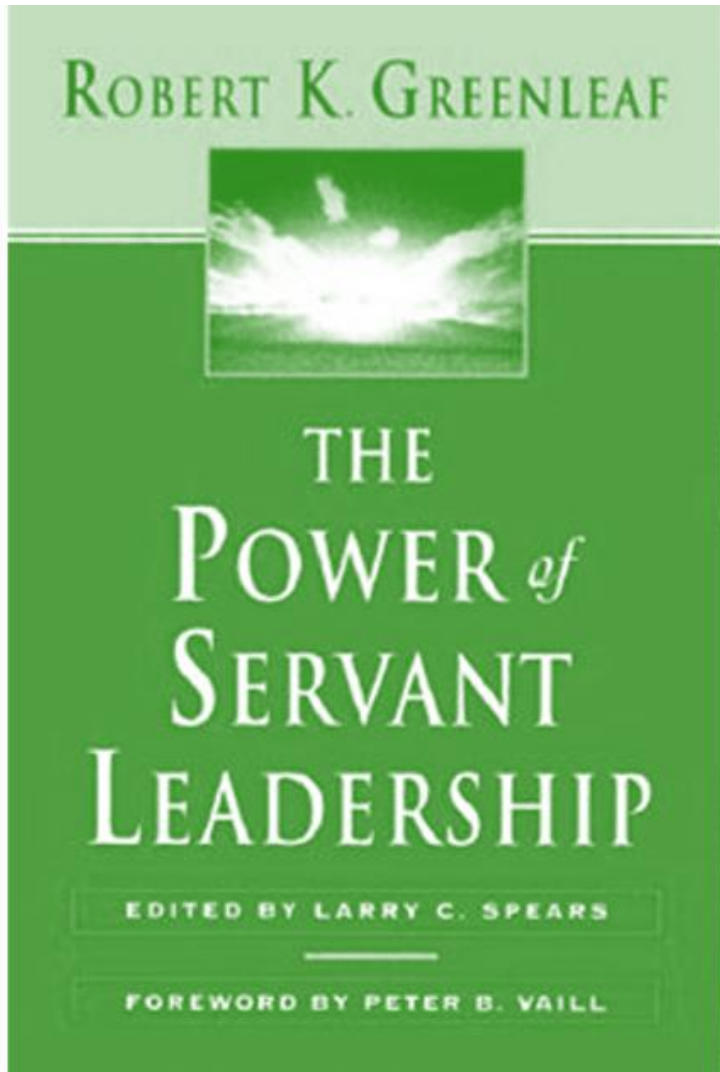
★ **PARTNER WITH 2 OTHERS** and decide who will be Health & Safety Committee Chair, PTA President and School Nurse

★ **PICK A LEADERSHIP STYLE TO ROLE PLAY FOR 2 MINUTES:**

Your PTA is planning a family health day. You need to decide the mix of activities together.

★ **WHEN TIMER BUZZES:**

- Discuss the leadership styles each used and how it felt to others
- Did you achieve your discussion objective?
- What could've been better in this situation and with people involved?



“A servant leader is servant first. It begins with a natural feeling that one wants to serve...as opposed to wanting power, influence, fame or wealth.”

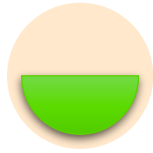
— Robert K. Greenleaf

Core Leadership Traits of a Servant Leader



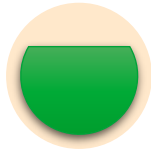
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- Serves a higher purpose



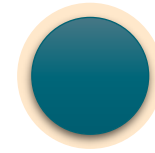
Leader Who Puts People First

- Displays what's in their heart for others
- Mentors others to achieve their potential
- Coaches not controls
- Shows care and concern



Skilled Communicator

- Demonstrates empathy
- Listens intently
- Invites feedback
- Communicates persuasively and regularly



Compassionate Collaborator

- Expresses appreciation
- Builds teams and communities
- Negotiates conflict
- Unleashes the energy and intellect of others

Seven Pillars of Servant Leadership: Practicing the Wisdom of Leading by Serving, by James W. Sipe and Don M. Frick (2009)

SELF-REFLECT:

What are your strengths?

Opportunities to grow?

What's 1 thing you will stop/start doing immediately?

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Life-Long Learners of Leadership



Great leaders understand there is
no cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all approach.
So they keep reflecting, learning and evolving.

Your PTA Leadership Tools:

- ★ PTAKit.org & PTA Boot Camp
- ★ PTA.org/Elearning
- ★ PTA.org/Programs
- ★ PTA.org/Grants
- ★ Subscribe to Newsletters & Blog
- ★ Follow on Social Media
- ★ Come to National PTA Convention!



Your Amazing 2019-2020 School Year Begins Now!

National PTA President Leslie Boggs has [a special message for you](#) as you kick-off your first-ever PTA Boot Camp!



What's the PTA Boot Camp?

PTA Boot Camp is a total learning experience that will help you to make this the most amazing school year yet for kids! Your PTA Boot Camp will strengthen your connection to [PTA's mission](#), while unlocking tools and resources that are exclusively available to PTA leaders, including:

- Inspirational emails each day this week with practical "how-to" tips and downloads

The role of a
GREAT LEADER
is not to give
greatness to
human beings, but
to help them extract
the greatness
they already have
inside them.

- J. Buchan

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