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## Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



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### *Everett PTSA Council eBlast*

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**OUR VISION:** To be a meaningful and vital resource to PTAs and our community partners.

**OUR MISSION:** To support, empower, and guide our PTAs to be successful.

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**Monday, January 20: Focus Day**

### **Wednesday, January 29: PTSA Council Membership Meeting & Bond Discussion**

Council Membership Meetings bring together representatives from our local PTAs to share information and vote on PTA business. Each local PTA is asked to have *at least* one representative from their PTA Board of Directors attend (more are welcome!). Dr. Sally Lancaster, Assistant Superintendent for the Central Region, will provide updates from the district and will be available to answer questions. Before the Council meeting, the Citizen's Committee will have a 15-minute presentation and Q&A session to provide an overview of what the upcoming School Bond includes as well as the rationale for what is included in the School Bond.

**BOND DISCUSSION:** 6:30 - 6:45 PM

**COUNCIL MEETING:** 6:45 - 7:30 PM (*feel free to come earlier than 6:30 PM for introductions and to get meeting handouts*)

**Council Office Hours:** The second and fourth Thursday of each month during school year

**TIME:** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Everett Community Resource Center (CRC) - 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Focus Day Reminder and Bond Information**

Happy 1st Week of the Legislative Session!

I hope that everyone is staying safe and warm in this wintry weather we are enjoying. Assuming we don't have weather mishaps like we did last year, I am looking forward to going down to Olympia next week to meet with legislators. As previously stated in the last eblast, I have meetings with Representative Strom Peterson (21st) and Representative June Robinson's aide (38th) as well as Senator McCoy (38th). I am happy to add that I also have meetings with Senator Marko Lias (21st) and Representatives Lillian Ortiz-Self (21st) and Mike Sells (38th). This will be a full day. I invite you to join me at some or all of the meetings. The first meeting is at 9:15 am. Please contact me if you are interested in attending. If you have not done so, please sign up for [action alerts](#) to keep up to date with everything happening in Olympia. Also keep an eye out for weekly recaps from our legislative consultant, Marie Sullivan, of what is happening at the Capitol on the state website and in your inboxes if you are a PTA leader.

Even if you can't come to Focus Day next week, we encourage you to write your legislators by sending them a [postcard](#) that you can print at home and mail. They love postcards from kids so don't forget to include them. To find the address of your legislator you can go to the council website and under "council forms" you will find a document "ESD Legislators" that has all of the addresses of the legislators in the Everett School District. You can also visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/> to put in your address and find your legislators. You will

then be able to click on the link to the legislator's contact information. There will also be Advocacy Week February 24-28, 2020 if you can't participate in Focus Day. More details to come so keep an eye out on the state website.

Looking at what is happening within our district, our newest school board members April Berg and Andrew Nicholls have begun their terms this week. We have invited both of them to come to an informal meet and greet a half hour prior to our March 18 membership meeting with both already confirming their attendance. We hope this will give you an opportunity to talk to them about what's important to you and to get to know a little more about them.

Lastly, I hope that you are all enjoying getting to know more about the bond and giving your membership a chance to listen to a bond presentation by a district representative. Please remember if your PTA wants to endorse the bond, this needs to be put to a vote by the membership before your PTA can post endorsements on any of your official PTA communications.

[Lizzy Sebring](#)  
Advocacy Chair

## PROGRAMS

### WSPTA Essay Contest

Have you heard about the WSPTA Essay Contest?  
The theme this year is: **People Making a Difference in Children's Lives**

The WSPTA Essay Contest is for students of all ages to write an essay about an influential role model that has had a profound impact on their life. The objective is to help celebrate the people that are most important in influencing the lives of children around the state of Washington. **Contest submissions must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2020.**

For WSPTA Essay Contest Instructions and Applications Form, please visit [this link](#).

### WSPTA Scholarship Program

Washington State PTA offers three \$3,000 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship to graduating seniors from Washington state public high schools with an active PTA, who will be starting college (either two-year or four-year) in the fall. Qualified student applicants can learn more details and submit an online scholarship application via **this link**.

### PTA Volunteer Recognition

**Thursday, May 21, 2020: Everett PTSA Council Awards Celebration**  
PTA is a volunteer organization. Each year, PTAs have the opportunity to recognize and thank their volunteers through individual awards. The culmination of these awards is the Everett PTSA Council Awards Celebration.

**Please use this linked document as a suggested timeline** that will assist your PTA in organizing the nomination process, presentation and celebration of your **Golden Acorns, Outstanding Educators, Outstanding Advocates, Outstanding Student Advocates and Honorary Life**

**Recipients.** Please keep in mind deadlines for nominations, ordering awards, presentations and especially RSVP for the celebration. The Everett PTSA Council looks forward to recognizing your honored guests at this event.

## **F.A.C.E. (FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT) Grants Now Available**

Everett PTSA Council supports local Everett PTAs in outreach and collaboration with families and community members who are traditionally underrepresented in PTA. Everett PTSA Council Family and Community Engagement (F.A.C.E.) Grants up to \$150/each are now available for hosting a F.A.C.E. event, where family and community engagement is a primary goal and outreach efforts to diverse school populations are being utilized.

To download a F.A.C.E. Grant Application, please visit our [F.A.C.E. webpage](#).

For more information contact Everett PTSA Council F.A.C.E. Chair, Brooke Fiscus at [brooke.fiscus@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.fiscus@gmail.com)

## **Parent Leadership Training Institute**

Applications are being taken for the **free** Spring 2020 Parent Leadership Training Institute and Children's Leadership Training Institute at Everett Community College. Space is limited - **apply now!** Classes begin Saturday, February 22 and end May 16. [Apply here!](#)

## **PTSA COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE Now Accepting Nominations for 2020-21 Council**

Everett PTSA Council is planning ahead for next school year!

At our March 18 Membership Meeting, Everett PTSA Council will elect officers for the 2020-2021 Executive Committee positions. If you would like to get involved at the Council level, or if you know a local PTA leader who might be interested in joining Everett PTSA Council, please complete this [Nomination Form](#). The PTSA Council's mission is to support, encourage, and empower Everett PTAs to be successful. We hope all current and former local PTA leaders will consider serving on this district-wide team to provide a valuable resource for our local PTAs. Nominees will be contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee to discuss positions available and interest.

If you have questions, please contact our Nominating Committee (Craig Willis, Denise Constantineau, Valerie Ungren) at [everettcouncilnomcom@gmail.com](mailto:everettcouncilnomcom@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Friday, February 28, 2020**

## **SHOE FUND**

### **Student and Community Support**

We are excited to be partnering with Famous Footwear this year for Shoe Fund. Thus far, we have distributed 77 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 85 gift cards to Middle School and High School students. Great job!

If your local PTA would like to contribute to this great community program but has not already done so, please review and submit our [Shoe Fund Invoice](#).

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## **PTA LEADER TRAININGS**

### **Open to all Local PTA/PTSA BOD and Officers!**

Training opportunities can be found on the Training webpage of our Council website: <http://www.everettsptacouncil.org/training.html>

#### **WSPTA eLearning Options:**

Check out the PTA Leaders: Training webpage for a growing list of eLearning options for all members! Options included: Nominating Committee, Effective Meetings, Secretary: More than Just Minutes, Treasurer Basics, and Bank Statement Review. [WSPTA Training webpage](#)

#### **National PTA eLearning Options:**

National PTA offers a wide variety of eLearning options for local PTA leaders and all active members. They are FREE and a great supplement to our local offerings! Go to: <https://member.pta.org/Shop/Local-Leader-eLearning-Courses>

#### **eLearning Options in Spanish!**

National PTA also offers 5 eLearning options for our Spanish-speaking leaders. Check them out at: <https://member.pta.org/Shop/eLearning-Courses-En-Espanol>

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"Our Children" is an online magazine for parents published by the National PTA. Today's PTA is dedicated to empowering parents to make a difference in the education, health, and safety of America's children.

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For more information or further assistance, please refer to the Council Contact list in this eBlast and also posted on our [website](#).

Membership Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financials can be found on our [website](#).



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