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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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Friday, February 7, 2020: Coffee Chat

Hosted by Everett PTSA Council and Everett High School PTA, this informal meeting is an opportunity our local PTA leaders to meet with some members of our Council as well as other PTA peers to discuss topics related to PTA.

START TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Kindred Kitchen - 3315 Broadway Ave, Everett, WA 98201

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

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

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Friday, February 28, 2020

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.

MEMBERSHIP

2020 WSPTA Membership Contest

Hey all, I just wanted to give you all a small nudge about the [2020 WSPTA Membership Contest](#) that is happening. We already have five local PTAs that have qualified for this contest. Great Job!!!!

This contest runs through February 14th! There is still time to build your membership! If you are not sure how many members you need to qualify, please reach out to me. I have all numbers handy!!!

Amanda Cabana
VP of Membership, Everett PTSA Council

ADVOCACY

Focus Day Recap and Bond Information

Hi everyone! I wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU to those of you who came down to Olympia for Focus Day. It was a great day filled with lots of meetings with legislators. Our own Laura Peterson testified before the House Education Committee about improving the prevention and treatment of students with life threatening allergic reactions. The legislature has been busy. Next week, February 7, will be the cutoff date where bills have to pass out of committees in order to continue in the legislature. If a bill doesn't pass out of committee then it is considered dead. The exception is if the bill is related to the budget or transportation. 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 our legislative consultant, Marie Sullivan's, weekly recaps of what is happening at the Capitol on the state website and in your inboxes if you are a PTA leader.

Even if you did not come to Focus Day, 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. More details to come so keep an eye out on the state website.

This is also a good time to meet with legislators during coffee chats or in town hall meetings as well as telephone town hall meetings. Check our FB page for postings about any upcoming events. It's an easy way to meet with your legislator without having to go far from home or even staying at home and getting on the phone.

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. We had a great kickoff by our Bond Committee on January 23 with great turnout. If you want more information or want to help out, you can visit the website: www.imvotingyes.com. 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. Check out our Council website for

information about taking positions and endorsements if you need help finding out how you take a vote to endorse the bond if your PTA wishes to do so.

Lizzy Sebring
Advocacy Chair, Everett PTSA Council

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 91 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 95 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](#).

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

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!](#)

EPS NEWS

2020 Capital Bond Information

At the Everett PTSA Council meeting on January 29, Michelle Nims from the Citizen's Committee gave PTA leaders an overview of the 2020 Capital Bond that will be on the April 28, 2020 ballot.

Highlights of the \$317.4 Million Capital Bond include:

- Replacing three of the District's oldest elementary schools: Lowell, Jackson, and Madison
- Adding 36 new permanent elementary classrooms at eight other schools within the District
- Safety improvements at all schools
- STEM career pathways in high-demand industries:
 - Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing – Cascade High School
 - Medical & Health Careers – Everett High School
 - Information & Communication Technologies – Jackson High School

To review a complete list of items included within the 2020 Capital Bond, visit <https://www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects>

Everett PTSA Council unanimously voted to endorse the bond during their Membership Meeting.

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>



"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.

<https://ptaourchildren.org/>



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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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