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Everett PTSA Council

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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, February 17, 2020: National PTA Founder's Day

Sunday, March 1, 2020: Application Deadline for WSPTA Awards of Excellence

Wednesday, March 4, 2020: Everett Public Schools Foundation Annual Benefit Breakfast

Wednesday, March 18, 2020: Membership Meeting

Our Council Board Members and Committee Chairs will provide updates to those in attendance. Also, Dr. Sally Lancaster, Assistant Superintendent for the Central Region, will provide updates from the district and will be available to answer questions.

After the meeting, we encourage attendees to join us for an Local PTA Leader Roundtable discussion, which is an opportunity for our local PTA leaders to discuss with our Council and other PTA peers any topics and issues related to PTA.

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

POST-MEETING LOCAL PTA LEADER ROUNDTABLE: 7:30 - 8:30 PM

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

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

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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

Local PTA Membership Making Gains

This school year, Everett PTSA Council 7.3 has a goal of 5200 total members. With 5097 members thus far this school year, **we are already 98% towards our goal!** Great job!

We are also excited to announce our district had eight local PTAs qualify for the 2020 WSPTA Membership Contest. Big shout-outs and congratulations to ESD Special Education PTSA, Evergreen Middle PTA, Henry M. Jackson PTSA, Jefferson Elementary PTA, Monroe Elementary PTA, Silver Firs PTA, Silver Lake PTA, and Whittier Elementary PTA.

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 113 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 115 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!](#)

ADVOCACY

Advocacy Week and 2020 Census Preparations

Hi Everyone!

We are at the halfway mark of the legislative session which ends on March 12. Please see Marie Sullivan's weekly updates on the state website under Advocacy for the latest information. Also, read any of the Action Alerts that are sent out and if you're not signed up to receive them then it's easy to do by clicking [here](#). The most recent Action Alert was on preventing gun violence, which is one of our Top 5 issues. Coming up is Advocacy Week: February 24-28. During Advocacy Week we encourage members to advocate in any capacity they are comfortable with both at the state level and/or locally. This can include meeting with city and school officials, or writing an editorial. WSPTA will also be sending out communications each day during the week to highlight a topic that is related to our legislative platform.

Please check out our website and Facebook page for information on any events legislators will be hosting. I do want to mention that there is an opportunity to learn about the 2020 Census on Saturday, February 29 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Community of Color Coalition office. There will be a Spanish interpreter there, too. This is FREE event, and I encourage anyone to attend who wants to educate themselves on an important process that happens every 10 years to come. Information is posted on our Facebook page or you can contact me for details.

Lizzy Sebring
Advocacy Chair

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Benefit Breakfast Coming Soon

Dear Friends,

Please be my guest at the Everett Public Schools Foundation's 26th Annual Benefit Breakfast on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**.

As you know, I've been a part of the Everett Public Schools Foundation for a few years now and I'm proud of the work we do to support innovative teachers, early learning endeavors, and high school and beyond events. We use our annual benefit breakfast to raise money to support all of these efforts and more. I would love to have you as my guest this year!

You may use the link below to reserve a seat at my table. It will be a wonderful morning filled with examples of how your support makes a difference for the students and staff in the Everett Public Schools!

Also, for those of you still closely involved in PTA activities, please feel free to share this information with your PTA boards and members and help us spread the word about this event. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about the event or about the Foundation.

[REGISTER TODAY](#) for the Everett Public Schools Foundation's 26th Annual Benefit Breakfast!

Thank you for considering this fun event.

Best Regards,

Kristy Mothersbaugh

Co-Chair, Award Celebration

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

PTA Flyer Disclaimer Requirement

As a reminder to our PTA leaders, when a flyer is used to advertise a PTA-sponsored activity, event, or program, the Everett Public Schools Communications Department requires the following disclaimer to be placed on every PTA flyer:

Disclaimer: Everett Public Schools has neither reviewed nor approved the program, personnel, activities or organizations announced in this flyer. The participants agree to protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the district, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, staff and volunteers, from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, expenses, or rights of action, directly or indirectly attributed to the activities. Permission to distribute this flyer should not be considered a recommendation of the program by the school district. This is not a school district sponsored activity.

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 that are included within the 2020 Capital Bond, visit <https://www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects>

Everett PTSA Council unanimously voted to endorse the Bond during the 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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