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Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



*** April 1, 2021 ***

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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Thursday, April 1, 2021: Council "Office Hour"

SPECIAL TOPIC: Natural Leaders Program

COUNCIL "OFFICE HOUR": Noon-1:00 PM

LOCATION: Virtual (online via Zoom)

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82721776725?pwd=NnB2cTQvMVlwaTNLd3IDWXhuZWc5dz09>

Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 9, 2021: Spring Break!

Thursday, April 15, 2021: Council "Office Hour"

SPECIAL TOPIC: Family and Community Engagement

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LOCATION: Virtual (online via Zoom)

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now Accepting Council Individual Award Nominations

Each year, Everett PTSA Council recognizes volunteers and educators who have given outstanding, continued and dedicated service to our children. These deserving recipients go "above and beyond," and their efforts reach beyond the usual school boundaries. This is your opportunity to participate in the selection of our award recipients by nominating candidates for consideration by our award committee. Nominations can come from PTAs, parents, staff members, students, or community members.

Nominations are accepted for all awards, though each award may not be presented annually. The Awards Committee is appointed by the President, and typically consists of past recipients. For all of the WSPTA Awards, a contribution in the name of the recipient is made by the Everett PTSA Council to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.

We are looking for your nominations for our dedicated volunteers, hardworking educators and advocates, engaged student advocates, and outstanding community organizations.

The online nomination form is available at [this link](#).

NOTE: This nomination form is for Council awards, those given at the district level. If you wish to nominate an individual at your local PTA-level, please contact your school's PTA. For a list of past recipients, visit:

<http://www.everettsptacouncil.org/individual-council-awards.html>

NOMINATION DEADLINE: April 11, 2021.

If you have any questions, please email Jen Hirman, Council President:
EverettPTSACouncil@gmail.com

Council Election - Welcome the 2021-2022 Executive Committee!

At our Council Membership Meeting on March 17, we elected our Executive Committee for next Term (2021-2022):

- Craig Willis for President
- Stephanie Cherry for Secretary
- Mee Yoke McGuire for Treasurer

Please join us in welcoming our incoming Executive Committee!

We are still looking for our next VP (or Co-VPs) of Membership; if you or someone you know might be a great fit for that position let us know at: everettsacouncil@gmail.com .

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION FOR PTA LEADERS:

Although we still had a spot to fill for the Executive Committee, having the PTA election now is totally OK! You are not required to have candidates for all Executive Committee positions, when an election occurs. For those candidates who were elected, having the election now rather than at the end of the school year allows more time for transitions to occur with existing officers. Also, being able to indicate elected roles to your PTA membership can help instill confidence enough to help fill the remaining position(s). For those position(s) not yet filled, an election can/will be held at a later meeting.

If your PTA has any questions regarding the Nomination Committee, nominations, and/or elections process, please reach out to your Council Contact or email everettsacouncil@gmail.com and we will get you in connection with your Council Contact.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Special F.A.C.E. Topic at "Office Hour" Today

Join us today, April 1, for a special Council "Office Hour":
Special Topic of Interest: **Natural Leaders Program**

Join us for a discussion with Diana Martin-Family Engagement, Natural Leaders District Consultant - Everett Public Schools

She will be speaking about the Natural Leaders Program. This program is helping bilingual families, and bridging cultural gaps between the communities.

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Special F.A.C.E. Topic at "Office Hour" In Two Weeks

Join us for an informal discussion around Family and Community Engagement: what does that mean for our schools and what are some of the latest discussions that districts are hearing around this topic. Joining us will be Cathy Woods, Everett PS Director College and Career Readiness & On-time Graduation, who will share some recent material on family engagement from Dr. Karen Mapp.

Interested in digging deeper? Dr. Karen Mapp's 2017 book "*Powerful Partnerships: A Teacher's Guide to Engaging Families for Student Success*" is one of the books in our Council Lending Library of resources. Contact us if you would like to borrow this book!

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AWARD CELEBRATION

Local PTAs - Start Planning for WSPTA Individual Awards

WSPTA Individual Awards 2021:

PTA is a volunteer organization and each year PTAs have the opportunity to recognize and thank their volunteers through individual awards. While we are not able to host our annual Award Celebration this year in May, PTAs can still honor those in your school community who have really made significant contributions!

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.

Questions? Contact our Council Award Celebration Chairs:

Heather Morrow (hl.morrow@yahoo.com) or

Kristy Mothersbaugh (kristymothersbaugh@yahoo.com)

MEMBERSHIP

Council Membership Drive Now Active With ALL Local PTAs!

NOW *ALL* 27 LOCAL PTAs HAVE MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP ACTIVE!

For the 2020-2021 year, we have compiled our local PTA online membership sign-up links into one, easy-to-use document! This is an opportunity to join our local PTAs from the comfort of your home. To access our 2020-2021 Membership Drive Form, click [this link](#).

PTAs within our district currently have over 3000 members. We are over halfway to our Council goal! Help us spread the word about joining our local PTAs!

SHOE FUND

Thank You!

Shoe Fund Update:

Thank you to all PTAs who have donated to this year's Shoe Fund. We appreciate your generosity and commitment to helping our students! Thanks to you, we have been able to provide new shoes or shoe gift cards to over 100 Everett School District students. As students return to school for hybrid learning, there is a great opportunity to serve even more students. We are connecting with counselors and staff to get new shoes in the hands of students. Thank you for partnering with us!

Thank you,
Abbey McGee
Shoe Fund Chair

ADVOCACY

Thank You!

Greetings Advocates!

I hope that you received the action alert that was sent out on Monday by our advocacy director, Sherry Rudolph. We are encouraging people to sign in as “pro” on E2SHB 1139 which is a bill concerning lead in drinking water. This bill will be heard in the Senate Ways and Means Committee today. We want as many PTA advocates to sign in to show our strong support for this bill. We will also have someone testifying on behalf of WSPTA as well. Let’s get this bill out of committee.

We are in the last month of this long legislative session. Last week proposed budgets were released in the House and Senate. The legislature must pass a 2-year budget by the end of the session. The next big deadline in the legislature is this Friday, April 2 to get bills out of committees. The exception is for any bills that are in fiscal committees or the transportation committee. Once bills are out of committee they will have to be voted on. If they pass the respective chamber (House or Senate), then they will have to be finalized to make sure the House version and the Senate version align before being sent to the governor’s desk for signature.

Locally, I hope that you are starting to think about potential advocacy chairs for your PTA next year. If you have any questions about what this entails, please email me. Also, there will be some great classes offered at convention to learn more about advocacy, including a new one that I have been developing with some

other advocacy committee members. I hope that you will attend convention and sign up for an advocacy class or two.

Happy (Almost) Spring Break!

Lizzy Sebring
Advocacy Chair

WASHINGTON STATE PTA NEWS

The Value of Councils

Statistics. Powered by PTA.

There are 29 councils in Washington, and 71% of all PTAs in Washington are served by councils. WHY is being in a council important?

1. If a school exists in an area served by a council, it is more likely to have a PTA: 66% of schools served by councils have PTAs, while only 16% of schools in areas not served by a council have a PTA.
2. PTAs in councils attract more members. In 2019-20, the average size of a PTA in a council (165 members) was more than twice that of a non-council PTA (77 members).
3. The support of councils is helping our PTAs weather the pandemic better. A greater percentage of PTAs in councils are in good standing (have 25 or more members.)

Additionally, PTAs in councils have retained higher membership (54%) this year than PTAs that are not in councils (43%).

Thank you for all that you are doing to serve the PTAs in your council – it is truly making a difference!

Convention Goes Virtual - Round Two

Events. Powered by PTA.

The Washington State PTA Board of Directors and staff are pleased to invite you to attend the [108th Annual WSPTA Convention](#) taking place virtually from May 18-23, 2021.

Last year's virtual convention was a big success, and we're excited to build upon those ideas this year! We are still finalizing details, but here are a few things to look forward to:

- Lots of live webinars – take some or all from the comfort of home!
- Subject area panels offering expert advice on a variety of topics.
- Coaching sessions.
- Keynote speakers to inform and inspire you!
- Student celebration!

REGISTER AT THIS LINK: <https://www.wastatepta.org/convention/>

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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