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Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



*** April 15, 2020 ***

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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Wednesday, April 15, 2020: Membership Meeting (Virtual/Online Meeting)

We invite our local PTA leaders to join us for our April Membership Meeting. During the meeting, we will cover regular PTA business, provide updates and announcements, and vote in our Elected Officers for next school year. This is an important meeting. We hope to see you all there.

TIME: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Online meeting. Details below, as well as on our website and Facebook page.

Wednesday, April 22, 2020: Local PTA Leader Roundtable Discussion

Please join us for an open Roundtable Discussion to brainstorm creative ways to some of the challenges PTAs are facing during this time.

TIME: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Online meeting. Details on our Facebook page and website homepage.

Wednesday, April 22, 2020: Earth Day

Unofficial holiday celebrated in the U.S. and many other countries worldwide, this is dedicated to education, awareness, and appreciation about the Earth's environment.

Sunday, April 26, 2020: Hug A Friend Day

Unofficial holiday to celebrate friendship. Send friends online cards, online chats, or emails to let them know how much you care.

Wednesday, April 29, 2020: Council Budget Committee Meeting

Preliminary Council Budget Committee Meeting to plan for the 2020-2021 Term. This meeting is a great opportunity for our local PTA leaders to see how a Budget Committee Meeting works and to ask questions. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please RSVP to EverettPTSACouncil@gmail.com by April 28 so that materials can be sent to you ahead of time.

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Online meeting. Details on our Facebook page.

May 4-8, 2020: Staff Appreciation Week

Find creative ways to show appreciation for your staff members during this week.

May 11-21, 2020: WSPTA Convention

Our State PTA Convention will be online this year. During the 11-day event, each day will include general sessions, keynote speakers, webinars, and/or trainings. For registration and further details, please visit: <https://www.wastatepta.org/general-information/>

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Help Opportunities

As part of our ongoing commitment to our local PTAs and community, Everett PTSA Council 7.3 tries to provide support, guidance, and resources at all times but especially during times of crisis and district-wide school closures. Our team is pleased to announce that during this emergency district-wide school closure (and beyond), we have created a dedicated webpage on our website for donation and volunteer opportunities to help children and families in our community. <http://www.everettptsacouncil.org/community-help-opportunities.html>

We will continue to update the webpage in the coming days and weeks, as well as post updates on social media. Thank you to everyone for doing what you can to help kids and families.

YOUR support can make all of the difference!

PHOTO BELOW: Council President Jen Hirman and Advocacy Chair Lizzy Sebring helping the Mill Creek Community Food Bank by volunteering for Hope Creek Charitable Foundation, one of many community help opportunities listed on our Council website.



Membership Meeting and Council Election on April 15 (Today)

Join us for our April Everett PTSA Council Membership Meeting which will be held virtually. We will be electing our 2020-2021 Executive Board as well as hearing updates from Committee Chairs and district updates from Central Regional Superintendent, Sally Lancaster. To view the Nominating Committee Report, visit [this link](#).

Each local PTA is allowed up to three voting representatives for our election, but all local PTA leaders are welcome to attend this meeting. We want to hear from you!

Find instructions on joining this meeting below. Please sign in to Zoom using your name and PTA name, so we can verify members attendance

We look forward to having you join us online!

Meeting Agenda

January Membership Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Topic: Everett PTSA Council Membership Meeting

Time: Apr 15, 2020 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3923109315?pwd=dWRxaWw4ZTV3V0xUelpsdTN2WjFZQT09>

Meeting ID: 392 310 9315

Password: 7.3

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MEMBERSHIP

2020 WSPTA Membership Awards

Congratulations to our local PTAs who won Membership Awards this year! You did awesome!

REACHED PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Everett Special Education PTSA 7.3.110

Evergreen Middle PTA 7.3.70

Hawthorne PTA 7.3.15

Whittier PTA 7.3.55

REACHED GOLD MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Gateway Middle PTSA 7.3.72

Heatherwood Middle PTA 7.3.71

Jefferson PTA 7.3.25

Monroe Elementary PTA 7.3.40

REACHED SILVER MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Eisenhower Middle PTSA 7.3.65

REFLECTIONS

Local Artists Became WSPTA Finalists

Congratulations to the following *10* local Reflections artists who became WSPTA Finalists, including two students whose entries are moving on to National PTA for the final round of the program!

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY:

Intermediate (Grades 3-5):

Award of Excellence: Trisha Shrestha Nepali-Newar, *Caste Girl-Looks Within to Find Inner Beauty*, Forest View PTA, 7.3.7

LITERATURE:

Intermediate (Grades 3-5):

Award of Merit: Harini Sathishkumar, *Artistic*, Tambark Creek PTSA, 7.3.12

Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2):

Outstanding Interpretation: Hailey Evans, *Look Within a Book*, Tambark Creek PTSA, 7.3.12
(MOVING ON TO NATIONAL PTA FINAL ROUND!)

MUSIC COMPOSITION:

Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2):

Award of Merit: Jonas R. Abazari, *Heavenly*, Tambark Creek PTSA, 7.3.12

PHOTOGRAPHY:

High School (Grades 9-12):

Award of Excellence: Alice Le, *Within Every Story*, Henry M Jackson High PTSA, 7.3.95

Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2):

Award of Excellence: Adrian Serrano-Lopez, *Looking Within the Survival of Nature*, Cedar Wood PTA, 7.3.3

VISUAL

ARTS:

Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2):

Award of Excellence: Siran Cao, *Narwhal*, Tambark Creek PTSA, 7.3.12

SPECIAL ARTIST (ALL GRADES) - MUSIC:

Outstanding Interpretation: Tanner Kim, *Grumbling Song the Old Troll*, Everett Special Education PTSA, 7.3.110 **(MOVING ON TO NATIONAL PTA FINAL ROUND!)**

SPECIAL ARTIST (ALL GRADES) - VISUAL ARTS:

Award of Excellence (6-12th): Landyn Zyskowski, *My Salmon*, Heatherwood Middle PTA, 7.3.71

Award of Excellence (Pre-K-5th): Kian Snider, *Looked Within: The Colors of My Soul*, Penny Creek PTA, 7.3.42



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 121 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 116 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](#).

ADVOCACY

Reminder to Participate in Census

The Census is used to determine how federal funds are distributed to communities like ours; how we are represented in Olympia and Washington, DC; and how organizations like ours serve the community. For the first time ever, the Census Bureau is requesting that households respond to the Census online, especially as we practice social distancing due to COVID-19. When you respond, you will tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020, and include everyone who usually lives and sleeps in your home. You can respond after this date but are encouraged to respond sooner than later.

You can complete the Census online at <https://my2020census.gov/> in 10 minutes or less, via phone by calling 844-330-2020, or by filling out the paper copy that should have arrived to homes via mail.

WASHINGTON STATE PTA NEWS

Annual WSPTA Convention 2020 To Have Virtual Format

Dear PTA leaders and members,

Your Washington State PTA Board of Directors and staff have decided to preemptively move our 107th annual convention from an in-person, social gathering to a virtual landscape. Plans are underway to develop an event that will maintain all the best parts of our convention while providing the ability to maintain our social distancing. While we have no doubts that the landscape will improve, our greatest concern is for the well-being of our community. Moving to a virtual convention format gives us the ability to plan ahead while maintaining the opportunity to connect and learn from each other.

This decision was not made lightly. The WSPTA Board of Directors weighed many pros and cons before unanimously voting to move the convention to a virtual platform per the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 10, Section 4. As additional details become available, we will share them via various communication channels.

At its heart, PTA is about connection. We will not waver from our commitment to provide you the information and resources you need to be successful.

Sincerely,

Janice Kutzera
WSPTA President, 2019-2021

NATIONAL PTA NEWS

Participate in the 2020 U.S. Census

Per National PTA:

Did you know, responding to the [#2020Census](https://www.2020census.gov/) helps determine accurate funding? Your responses provide financial insight for clinics, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and other healthcare assistance programs. <http://www.2020census.gov/>

SPANISH VERSION:

¿Sabías que responder al [#2020Census](https://www.2020census.gov/) ayuda a determinar la financiación precisa? Sus respuestas proporcionan información financiera para clínicas, Medicaid, el Programa de Seguro Médico para Niños y otros programas de asistencia médica. <http://www.2020census.gov/>

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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