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EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL 7.3

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



*** April 15, 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 15, 2021: Council "Office Hour"
SPECIAL TOPIC: Family and Community Engagement
COUNCIL "OFFICE HOUR": Noon-1:00 PM
LOCATION: Virtual (online via Zoom)

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82721776725?pwd=NnB2cTQvMVlwaTNLd3lDWXhuZWc5dz09>

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Offering Scholarships to Help Local PTAs Attend Convention

Did you know that Everett PTSA Council has scholarships available for local PTAs that need financial assistance for the registration fee to attend the virtual WSPTA Convention? Please email everettptsacouncil@gmail.com for details.

Also, did you know that WSPTA is offering a **reduced price of \$35** that local PTAs can take advantage of if funds are tight this year? Please email ptaleaddir@wastatepta.org for details.

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: everettptsacouncil@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 everettptsacouncil@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 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!

We are fast approaching the end of the legislative session with only 10 days to go! This past Sunday, April 11, was the cutoff date to get bills out of committees. The House and Senate budget committees have had several meetings to work on the budget and will continue to meet until they can agree on a final budget. They must pass a budget by the end of the session. As a final push, our president and advocacy director sent a letter to the budget committee members last week encouraging them to fund things that align with our platform.

A couple of other things. Please make sure to register for convention if you want to go. It will be virtual again. We will be voting on a new slate of officers as well as some state bylaws. In order to be a voting delegate, make sure that you reach out to your president since they have to submit your name. It is also that time of year to be thinking about who would make a good advocacy chair for next year. Is there someone that is passionate about an issue? They may be someone that you want to reach out to. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Last, but not least, if you think we should add something to our current legislative platform, consider submitting a new issue, resolution or principle. The initial submissions are due on June 1. Please visit the advocacy page to watch some videos on how to submit these. Again, don't hesitate to reach out to me for any questions.

Let's finish the session strong!

Lizzy Sebring
Advocacy Chair

WASHINGTON STATE PTA NEWS

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.everettsacouncil.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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