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Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



*** May 1, 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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May 4, 2020: WSPTA Convention Registration Due Date

Registration is \$60; you can [register here](#). This fee entitles you to all professional development webinars, general sessions, keynote speakers, panel discussions, and so much more! You are sure to reap the benefits of this convention for years to come. Registration closes on Monday, May 4 at 11:59 PM.

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/>

Wednesday, May 27, 2020: Membership Meeting and Meet-and-Greet

Schools might not be open but PTA business carries on. We would love for our PTA leaders to join us at our May Membership Meeting. Prior to the meeting, there will be an online Meet-and-Greet with Andrew Nicholls and April Berg from our School Board.

MEET-AND-GREET TIME: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Online meeting. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks.

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

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

PROGRAMS

Star Award for April 2020

Congratulations to our newest STAR Award winner, Hawthorne Elementary PTA! They have done a great job trying new programs and events throughout the school year.

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



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
WSPTA President, 2019-2021

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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.everettspsacouncil.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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