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## Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



\*\*\* May 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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**Daily through Thursday, May 21, 2020: WSPTA Virtual Convention**

Highlights include live webinars to help PTA leaders develop new skills, coaching sessions, student celebrations, and keynote speakers.

**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. Meeting materials will be posted on our Everett Council website prior to the meeting.

**LOGIN INFORMATION:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3923109315?pwd=dWRxaWw4ZTV3V0xUelpsdTN2WjFZQT09>

Meeting ID: 392 310 9315

Password: 7.3

Dial by your location: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 392 310 9315

Password: 564313

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3923109315?pwd=dWRxaWw4ZTV3V0xUelpsdTN2WjFZQT09>

**Thursday, May 28, 2020: PTA Leader Roundtable**

Do you have an issue you would like to discuss with other PTA leaders from around the district? Join us for our next PTA leader roundtable discussion. We will be brainstorming ideas for next school year and can share out some of the information that was presented during the Washington State PTA Convention, as well as addressing any end-of-year questions in wrapping up PTA by June 30. We hope you can join us for this roundtable discussion!

**TIME:** 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**LOGIN INFORMATION:** Join Zoom Meeting

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### General PTA Reminders

Hello PTA leaders,

It's now been two months since teaching has moved to remote learning, and we have the revised calendar of dates which confirms the last day of school is June 19, and for seniors, June 12. So we still have a month with lots of learning and school taking place! If you want to make sure you're not missing any of the news from the district, make sure to visit their webpage [here](#) that includes all of the communications that have been sent home to families. Thank you for sharing out these and other messages to help keep your families informed and connected during this time. It is a true value that PTAs bring to school communities.

As PTA leaders, we continue to adapt and grow during this time (how many of you are now used to Zoom?). I hope that many of you are being able to take advantage of the virtual PTA training going on through WSPTA Convention this week. There have been some fantastic classes so far, and we have more next week. Remember, these classes count towards your PTA training requirements for next year.

With the end of the year approaching, we just want to remind all PTAs that there are two important business items that need to be completed by June 30:

- 1) Approve a budget for the next fiscal year
- 2) Hold officer elections

Many of you are successfully holding your PTA meetings via Zoom or other virtual format to get these done, which is an accomplishment in itself! If you are having any difficulties in doing this, please reach out to us at Council. We want all of you to feel that despite the challenge of this current time, that you are finishing the year in the best possible way that you can.

Keep up the great work and above all, stay safe and healthy!

~Jen

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2020-2021 Elected Officers

Join us in welcoming the incoming Elected Officers for Everett PTSA Council 7.3 for the 2020-2021 Term:

**President:** Jen Hirman

**Co-VPs of Membership:** Amanda Cabana, Craig Willis

**Treasurer:** Jonelle Radford

**Secretary:** Stephanie Cherry\*

\* *Stephanie Cherry is new to our Council. Welcome to the team, Stephanie!*

### 2020-2021 Open Council Positions

Would you like to join our PTSA Council team for the 2020-2021 school year? If you have enjoyed working on PTA at the local level and would like to become part of our Council team, let us know! We are looking for the following positions as either a chair or co-chair:

- Programs
- Family and Community Engagement
- Shoe Fund
- Board Member-at-Large positions (Central and North Regions of the district)

Position descriptions can be found on our PTSA Council Handbook on our website.

As a Council leader, you would be invited to attend the WSPTA Leadership Conference held in early August which further develops your PTA knowledge base and leadership skills. This helps connect you in working with other experienced PTA leaders in the mission of improving the lives of all children.

Questions? Contact Jen at [jhirman@gmail.com](mailto:jhirman@gmail.com) for more information

### 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.

## WASHINGTON STATE PTA NEWS

### Reminder to Review SOA Checklist

As we near the end of the year, it is a great time for local leaders to review their PTA's 2019-2020 [Standards of Affiliation \(SOA\) Checklist Agreement](#). Your board of directors should review what your PTA has accomplished and what still needs to be done, report it to your membership and record it in your meeting minutes. Keep your completed SOA checklist and all relevant documentation with your legal documents or treasurer binder. Be aware that for many PTAs there may be a few key items that still need to be completed before the end of the fiscal year, including:

- Charitable solicitations filing (due to Secretary of State by May 31 each year).  
**IMPORTANT:** *The Secretary of State Charities Division has announced an extension of this due date to July 31 for PTAs.*
- Corporate renewal filing (month it is due is dependent on when your PTA was incorporated, due to Secretary of State by the last day of that month);
- Membership invoices need to be paid in full; and
- Start planning for your PTA's year-end financial review.

As your PTA elects new officers and begins planning for 2020-21, be sure to include the SOA as a part of the transition process! Every elected board member is responsible for helping to ensure that their PTA is in compliance with all IRS, state, insurance, and PTA requirements—and it can be overwhelming. The SOA is a great tool that can be used to help orient and educate board members about what they need to do and when to do it.

Need help with your SOA? Reach out to your council leaders (if applicable) or region director for assistance. You can find contact information for your area leaders on the [WSPTA website](#).

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## **NATIONAL PTA NEWS**

### **Participate in the 2020 U.S. Census**

Per National PTA:

Did you know, responding to the [#2020Census](#) 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](#) 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/>

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## **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>

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"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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**FACE Chair (Family & Community Engagement):** Brooke Fiscus, [brooke.fiscus@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.fiscus@gmail.com)

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**Member-At-Large, North District: OPEN**

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### Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs

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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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