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## EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL 7.3

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



\*\*\* June 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, June 17, 2021:** Special Election Meeting and "Office Hour"

**TIME:** Noon-1:00

PM

Join us at noon for the election of 2021-2022 Council Co-VPs of Membership.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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

**Meeting ID:** 827 2177 6725

**Passcode:** 7.3

**Or Call-In:** 253-215-8782

**Thursday, June 17 - Saturday, June 26, 2021:** National PTA Convention Virtual Event. Register at this link:

<https://www.mylibralounge.com/sites/NPTA2021/Attendee>

**Monday, June 21, 2021:** Last Day of School!

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Council Special Election on June 17 for Co-VPs of Membership**

We hope you join us at our virtual "Office Hour" session on Thursday, June 17, at noon. Login details are in the "Dates To Remember" section above as well as on our Council website homepage. At the beginning of the meeting, we will be holding a special election, with Erica Youngman from Whittier Elementary PTA and Serena Peterson from Silver Lake Elementary PTA as our nominees for Co-VPs of Membership for next term! We ask that you help us reach quorum for this election by attending this virtual meeting.

We will have an open period for self-nominations until noon on Monday, June 7. If no self-nominations occur, we will proceed with the slate being the two "Co-" nominees listed above.

### **2020-2021 Council Award Recipients Announced**

Our Council recently announced the recipients of our Council Awards for the 2020-2021 school year.

- **Golden Acorn:** Beenish Iqbal and Craig Willis
- **Honorary Life Membership:** Denise Constantineau, Laura Peterson
- **Outstanding Advocate:** Adie Simmons, Director of Washington Family Engagement
- **"Spirit of the Community" Award:** Natural Leaders

Please join us in congratulating the award recipients!

### **End-of-Year Survey Coming Soon!**

Your feedback is important to us!

We are starting to plan for next year's services and support, and we want your thoughts! Next week, we will be sending a separate email with a link to a short survey. As a "thank you" for your time, you will be able to enter your email address into a drawing for a \$25 dollar gift card to Amazon. Keep an eye on your email next week for the survey link!

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## AWARD CELEBRATION

### Help Us Celebrate Individual Award Recipients From Your PTA

Everett Council would like to help celebrate your PTA's 2021 individual award recipients!

While we cannot have an in-person Award Celebration this year, we will be collecting the names and pictures of each PTA's 2021 Individual Award recipients (Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educators and Outstanding Advocates) to include in a 2021 Award Celebration video. If your PTA has given out awards, please send in the names of your award recipients along with any pictures of them receiving their award to [EverettPTSACouncil@gmail.com](mailto:EverettPTSACouncil@gmail.com) as soon as you can. We will compile these into a 2021 PTA Award slideshow to help celebrate these amazing individuals in our schools!

#### Questions? Contact our Council Award Celebration Chairs:

Heather Morrow ([hl.morrow@yahoo.com](mailto:hl.morrow@yahoo.com)) or  
Kristy Mothersbaugh ([kristymothersbaugh@yahoo.com](mailto:kristymothersbaugh@yahoo.com))

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## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### New Parent Video Series Available in Different Languages!

Hi,

I am glad to share this exciting news. The video series "What Every Parent Needs to Know" is now available on Everett Public Schools website under the tab of *Parent University*. These five videos are collaborative efforts of Washington Family Engagement, Everett Public Schools, and Everett PTSA Council, made possible by a COVID-19 Grant awarded by National PTA. To make them effective for all cultures, these videos were reviewed by the Diversity and Equity team and Natural Leaders of the District. The videos were recorded by various district staff members and are available, with subtitles in Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Arabic, plus translations being recorded and available soon in Spanish.

Link to the videos: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/39021>

Thank you,

Beenish Iqbal (she/her)  
Family and Community Engagement Chair

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## ADVOCACY

### The Importance of Advocacy Chairs and Summer Advocacy

Greetings Advocates!

I hope that you had a restful and relaxing long weekend. As we wind down towards the end of the year and you have elected or are about to elect a new board, don't forget to think

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about finding your next advocacy chair if that position is still open. What does an advocacy chair do? They share WSPTA advocacy news so members can be informed of what is happening and how they can get involved. This includes encouraging members to sign up for Action Alerts and to read the WSPTA blog. The other main duty of the advocacy chair is to distribute the WSPTA survey that comes out in the fall of the proposed platform issues that will be voted on at Legislative Assembly. The results of the survey can help your voting delegates know what your PTA wants to see on the platform. If you have any questions please reach out to me ([lsebring@wastatepta.org](mailto:lsebring@wastatepta.org)) or our incoming advocacy chair, Clarissa Phillips ([clarissa.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:clarissa.phillips@gmail.com)) for any questions.

Even though the school year is drawing to a close, this does not mean that advocacy isn't still happening. Your school's administrators will still be working through the summer. You can also reach out to school board members as well. These can be informal chats about what worked and what you would like to see happen next year. This is a chance to continue to build and nurture some great relationships. The summer is also a good time to reach out to legislators as they are not as busy with the session being over. Think about an event you might have in the fall you can invite them to.

Lastly, I would like to encourage people to sign up for WSPTA's "All About Advocacy" event Marie Sullivan, our legislative consultant, will be hosting on June 8, 6:30-7:30 PM, to talk about the most recent budget passed as well as wrapping up the legislative session. Marie will also have time to answer questions that you may still have after her presentation. You can register here (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-about-advocacy-tickets-153387930429>). If you can't make the event, we will be recording it for you to view. I do not know how long it will take for the recording to be posted so check the WSPTA website for it after the event.

Thank you,

Lizzy Sebring  
Advocacy Chair

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## REFLECTIONS

### 2020-2021 National Finalist from Within Everett School District

Hi Reflections fans! National Reflections recently released their top picks, and Everett Council had a winner! Trisha Shrestha, from Forest View Elementary, received the Award of Excellence for her Dance Choreography Entry titled "I Matter to My Family and Society", Intermediate Division. Award of Excellence is almost the highest award! (Only Outstanding interpretation is higher, and only one was awarded across all age groups). She will receive a \$200 Young Artist Scholarship, a Silver Medal, a Certificate of Excellence, and her work will be featured in the traveling exhibition. Congratulations Trisha!

### 2019-2020 Reflections Winners Also Get Recognition

**Flashback to 2019 – 2020...** since COVID-19 shut things down last year, we never got to celebrate our winners from last year! In fact, the info never got passed back to the Council or the Chairs. We are sorry it took so long to get the word out! Please join the Council in sending congratulations to the following students! We had two pieces that went all the way to Nationals and 8 others recognized at the state level.

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### **Outstanding Interpretation Award – forwarded to National**

- Tanner Kim, from Mill Creek Elementary, received Outstanding Interpretation Award and advanced to the National Level, in the Special Artist Division, for his Music Composition titled “Grumbling Song the Old Roll” submitted by the Everett Special Education PTSA, 7.3.110. At the National PTA level, he received the award of Honorable Mention! Congratulations to Tanner!
- Hailey Evans, from Tambark Creek Elementary, received Outstanding Interpretation Award and advanced to the National level for her Literature Submission titled “Look Within a Book”.

### **Award of Excellence at Washington State PTA Level**

- Adrian Serrano-Lopez, from Cedar Wood Elementary, received the Award of Excellence, Primary Division, for his Photography piece titled, “Looking Within the Survival of Nature”
- Siran Cao, from Tambark Creek Elementary, received the Award of Excellence, Primary Division for the Visual Arts submission titled “Narwhal”
- Kian Snider, from Penny Creek Elementary, received the Award of Excellence (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Special Artist Division for the Visual Arts submission titled “Looked Within: The Colors of My Soul”
- Trisha Shrestha, from Forest View Elementary, received the Award of Excellence for her Dance titled “Nepali-Newar Caste Girl-Looks Within to Find Inner Beauty”.
- Landyn Zyskowski, from Heatherwood Middle School, received the Award of Excellence (6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade), Special Artist Division, for the Visual Arts submission titled “My Salmon”
- Alice Le, from Jackson High School, received the Award of Excellence, High School Division, for her Photography piece titled “Within Every Story”

### **Award of Merit at Washington State PTA Level**

- Jonas Abazari, from Tambark Creek Elementary, received the Award of Merit, Primary Division, for his Music Composition titled “Heavenly”
- Harini Sathishkumar, from Tambark Creek Elementary, received the Award of Merit, Intermediate Division, for the Literature submission titled “Aurtistic” (yes, the “u” is struck out)

**Congratulations** to all the Artists who have participate over the last few years! Be thinking about the 2022-2023 theme - **“I Will Change the World By...”**  
See you then, Georgina and ??? (*Maybe you... still recruiting a Council Reflections Co-Chair for next year; let me know if you are interested!*)

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **The Value of PTA, Member Discounts**

PTAs can add new members year-round! Washington State PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer association dedicated to the education, health, welfare, and safety of all children in Washington state. When you join PTA, you support local, state, and national efforts to improve the lives of children and their families.

As a bonus benefit, each PTA member is eligible for great local, state, national discounts... including many that might come in useful during Summer! For more information regarding

the benefits and discounts associated with PTA membership, please visit the following WSPTA website: <https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-discounts/>

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## 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

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## NATIONAL PTA NEWS

**Virtual Convention Will Be June 17-26**

Connect with PTA leaders, educators and parents to ignite your outreach and impact in your school community—and make a difference for every child—at the 2021 National PTA Virtual Convention! This is your time to ...

- Get inspired by mission-minded peers and experts
- Stay informed on trends and issues affecting our children
- Transform your leadership and membership approach through our workshop series
- Celebrate our standout members and students

### **Limited Offer: Goody Bag**

The first 500 people whose registration is **paid in full** will receive an email to opt-in for our Virtual Convention Goody Bag! Included in the goody bag are our beloved Convention t-shirt, lapel pin, tote and many other awesome surprises from our sponsors.

To register for the National PTA Virtual Convention:

<https://www.mylibralounge.com/sites/NPTA2021/Attendee>

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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.everettptsacouncil.org/training.html>

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### **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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