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*** June 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, June 17, 2020: Council Board of Directors Meeting

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday, June 19, 2020: Last Day of School

Tuesday, June 30, 2020: Important "Best Practice" Date for PTAs

Each PTA should have the following action items completed by this date:

- 1) Approve budget for next fiscal year.
- 2) Hold PTA Officer elections.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank You!

As we close out the year, I just want to express our sincere gratitude to all of our PTA leaders for continuing the PTA mission and support of our schools and families throughout the year, but especially during these last few months when our motto of "PTA flexible" was tested to its fullest. When schools closed in March, PTAs stepped up to communicate information with their school communities, share resources, ideas and positive messages, celebrate teachers, staff and volunteers - and through it all continued to give their time and energy to supporting school families and the greater community.

You have embodied what makes us all PTA Proud!

We look forward to summer, both to recharge and plan for next year. Please take a few moments to fill out the [End-of-Year Survey](#) to inform some of our decisions at Council as to how we can best serve as a resource to local PTA leaders next year. Also, if you haven't already, send us contact information for your 2020-2021 Board of Directors (name, email, phone) so that we can transition in new PTA leaders into our communications over the summer.

Thank you for all that you do. Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

~ Jen



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Our Award-Winning Team!

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
- Shoe Fund
- Board Member-at-Large position - Central Region of Everett School 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 for more information

2020 Everett PTSA Council Awards

Congratulations to our newest Council award winners!

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD: Dr. Sally Lancaster

OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE AWARD: Valerie Cunningham

GOLDEN ACORN AWARD: Amanda Cabana

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD: Jen Hirman

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE



GOLDEN ACORN



OUTSTANDING SERVICE



ADVOCACY

Capital Bond Vote on August 4

The vote for the 2020 Capital Bond Initiative has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 4. If you have any questions, want a yard sign, buttons, or window clings, or you want to volunteer to help, please visit the bond committee's website (www.imvotingyes.com) to get more information. Remember, do not put any endorsement of the bond in your PTA communications unless your PTA has voted "yes" to support the 2020 Capital Bond. Feel free to attend the upcoming virtual community bond presentations:

Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Join with this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81570067661>

Tuesday, June 30, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Join with this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89145654515>

Art Contest

The Citizens for Everett Public Schools is sponsoring a Kids Art Contest in support of the 2020 Capital Bond. Winning artwork will be featured on a mailer to the community!

Grand Prize: \$50 gift card

Runner(s) Up: \$25 gift card

Theme: What I want my school to look like!

Deadline: June 21, 2020

Eligibility: Open to Everett Public School students entering kindergarten through 5th grade. The artwork must be primarily the student's work, but parental support is encouraged.

Identification: Please include student name, grade, and school

Size: No larger than 8.5x11 with a 1/2" border all around

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DISCLAIMER: By participating in this contest, you are allowing the Citizens for Everett Public Schools committee to use the artwork in all campaign communication including the website, social media pages, and campaign literature. All artwork becomes the property of the Citizens for Everett Public School committee. Submission of artwork constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions.

MEMBERSHIP

Final Membership Verifications

Work with your PTA President and the school office manager to verify there is not any membership mail in your PTA mailbox. Do a final check of paper membership forms to make sure that everyone that paid is in the database. All changes should be completed by June 21.

Transition Considerations

Now is the time to focus on transitioning membership duties to the next Membership Chair. If you are staying in the position, it is a good idea to review these points for yourself. Set up a time to talk with the person replacing you. Talk about the numbers, what worked, where you had problems, and any ideas going forward. Information will be coming from WSPTA this month with some ideas for Autumn and to help transition *memberplanet* for the upcoming PTA 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](#).

NATIONAL PTA NEWS

Grant Opportunity for COVID-19 Relief Funding

National PTA is pleased to announce that they will be distributing \$1.25 million dollars in COVID-19 relief funds to over 150 local and District/Council/Region PTAs across the country. With generous support from TikTok, this emergency grant funding is intended to allow your PTA to help meet the most pressing needs of your school community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For details, visit: <https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/Awards-Grants/covid-19-relief>

Virtual Convention Coming Soon!

The 2020 National PTA Convention will now be a virtual event held between July 20 - August 7. Registration will open during mid-June. Here is the general itinerary:

- **July 20-21:** Convention opens with a message from National PTA President, Leslie Boggs, and the Convention Keynote Speaker, astronaut Jose Hernandez, as well as the annual Reflections celebration.
- **July 27-31:** Week-long virtual education/leadership development “Summer School” series.
- **August 6-7:** Official business meeting and elections.

For up-to-date information regarding the National PTA Convention, visit the [official website](#).

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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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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