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EVERETT PTSA COUNCIL 7.3

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



*** June 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, 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!

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.

The open period for self-nominations is now closed. There were no self-nominations, so we will proceed with the slate being the two "Co-" nominees listed above.

Take This *Short* Survey - Your Feedback Is Important!

The Everett PTSA Council is starting to plan for next year's services and support, and we want your thoughts! Please click on the link below to complete a short survey about how we can best serve you and your PTA. Your answers will be kept confidential.

[Click Here to Take the Survey](#)

As a "thank you!" for your time, at the end of the survey you can submit your email address to enter a drawing for a \$25 gift card to Amazon.

Complete the survey by *TOMORROW* (June 16) to be eligible to enter the drawing!

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Thank you,

Everett PTSA Council 7.3

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
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- **Outstanding Advocate:** Adie Simmons, Director of Washington Family Engagement
 - **"Spirit of the Community" Award:** Natural Leaders
- Please join us in congratulating the award recipients!
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank You!

To our local PTA leaders,

As we wrap up the 2020-2021 school year, we want to express our sincere appreciation for all your work this past year! It's been a tough year to navigate, but PTA leaders found ways to engage parents, support teachers and students, and even reach out into the greater community, all while taking care of the basic PTA business of elections, financial reports and aiming for best practice. We are proud to see the work of PTA continuing through difficult times when our schools and students need it the most, and the grace and resilience you all have shown in the process.

I hope that this summer provides an opportunity for you to rest, recharge, and also connect with your incoming PTA boards who will be starting to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Not all leaders coming in will have been able to see your former PTA's programs in action, and so there may be some additional learning curves that PTAs need to catch up on, and opportunities to try some things differently going forward.

The PTSA Council's mission is to support all of our Everett 7.3 local PTAs, so please reach out if you need any PTA resources, guidance or advice. The incoming 2021-2022 Council board of directors has a lot of local PTA experience to draw from, and so we hope to continue learning from each other and supporting one another in our PTA work.

It has been a true privilege to work with you all in PTA and serve as your Council President these last two years!

With sincere gratitude for all you do,

Jen Hirman
Everett PTSA Council President 2019-2021

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 as soon as you can. We are compiling these into a 2021 PTA Award video slideshow to help celebrate these amazing individuals in our schools!

Questions? Contact our Council Award Celebration Chairs:

Heather Morrow (hl.morrow@yahoo.com) or

Kristy Mothersbaugh (kristymothersbaugh@yahoo.com)

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

ADVOCACY

The Importance of Advocacy Chairs and Summer Advocacy

Hi Advocates!

First of all, congratulations to the class of 2021 and the parents of those students who have been their biggest advocates. We are in the last week of the school year and what a year it has been! With a virtual legislative session and remote testimony, things were a little different. We had some wins and some things that we will want to work on for next session. If you didn't have a chance to join us for "All About Advocacy" with our legislative consultant, Marie Sullivan, you can view the recording at <https://youtu.be/igWDjUINdTI>. Look for the slide deck from her presentation to be posted on the advocacy page in the next week. For those of you who want to dig a little deeper, a more detailed report from Marie will be in the next Advocacy Newsletter.

Just because it is summer, this doesn't mean that advocacy is not still happening. The summer is a great time to connect with your school's administrators, school board members, and meet with legislators since they are not as busy. What are some things that you did not get a chance to address this year? What are new things that you might want to talk about for next year? Whatever your concern or passion is, I encourage you to send an email or ask to meet. It is the building of these relationships that will help your advocacy efforts in the long run.

This is my one last plug for you to continue to look for an advocacy chair if your PTA does not have one. The main responsibility of the chair is to share with members information about advocacy, to share the survey that comes out about the issues, resolutions, and principles being proposed for members to vote on, and to encourage attendance at Legislative Assembly. Most importantly though, is to provide support to your members in their advocacy efforts locally.

Lastly, I just want to say that it has been a pleasure to be your advocacy chair for the last three years. I hope that you have learned a few things along the way that will help in your own advocacy. I am leaving you in good hands with my successor, Clarissa Phillips, who I know will do things that I have never even thought of. Remember that each and every one of you is an advocate. You are advocating every time you speak up for your child and by extension all children.

Thank you!

Lizzy Sebring
Advocacy Chair

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.

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".
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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-5th 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 (6-12th 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!*)

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/>

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
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- 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

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>



"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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