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Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



*** October 15, 2019 ***

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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Tuesday, October 15: Region 7 Fall Conference and Training Opportunity

Region 7 is excited to announce another Fall Conference offering leadership development. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to receive WSPTA-approved training sessions, including *PTA and the Law*, *Treasurer Basics*, *How to be a Membership Chair/memberplanet* as well as other important PTA resources. This event is open to all PTA leaders.

TIME: 5:00 - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Hazelwood Elementary School, 3300 204th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036

REGISTRATION: To register for this free event, please visit [this link](#).

Council Office Hours: The second and fourth Thursday of each month during school year

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Everett Community Resource Center (CRC) - 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA

MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership Drive is Underway!

We are please to offer our 2019-2020 Membership Drive. If you are interested in joining and supporting a PTA other than your home school, please take a look and feel free to join as many as you would like! Download our [Membership Drive Form](#) for more info.

New Membership Database for PTAs!

Washington State PTA has partnered with *memberplanet* to provide a new membership database! Up-to-date information is available on the official [WSPTA-memberplanet website](#). Every 1-2 weeks, WSPTA sends out a Membership Database Newsletter to inform admins, membership chairs, and any other leaders interested in keeping up to date with the process and features of the new database system.

IMPORTANT: If you receive an email from a local PTA leader with a question about *memberplanet*, please reply to the email with Cc: to support@wastatepta.org so WSPTA staff can answer the question.

Membership Forms Wanted!

We ask that all local PTAs within the Everett School District forward their latest Membership Forms to [Craig Willis](#) (for Everett PTSA 7.3 Council website) and [Amanda Cabana](#), Council VP of Membership. Electronic copies are ideal but paper copies can be mailed to: Everett PTSA Council, 3900 Broadway, Everett WA 98201.



REFLECTIONS

Theme: Look Within

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Friday, November 22, 2019, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM at the Everett PTSA Council Office (Community Resource Center)

[Click Here for Our Reflections Webpage!](#)



ADVOCACY

Message From Your Advocacy Chair

I want to thank those members who were able to attend our School Board Candidates Forum on October 7. It was a great to hear from the candidates on a variety of issues from climate change to the upcoming bond. Thank you to all of those who submitted questions either in person or online. I applaud your advocacy! Please remember to vote. Ballots should be sent out on October 17 and **the election is November 5**. Voting is one of the easiest ways to advocate. You are saying who you want to represent you just by voting AND making sure you turn in your ballot or have it postmarked by election day. Please visit the [Snohomish County Elections website](#) for information about voting, ballot drop box locations, and other related topics.

Another reminder that registration for Legislative Assembly is open. Mark your calendars for October 26-27 at Bellevue College. We will be having lots of classes for you to learn more about advocacy, voting on resolutions and issues, and a chance to network with other members from around the state. Please look at the [voting guide](#) to learn more about the issues. If you are planning on being a voting delegate, please print and fill out the [survey](#). I encourage you to distribute and collect surveys from your members so you can get a sense of what is important to them since you will be representing your PTA's voice when you vote. For those who are new attendees and ones who have been before, here is a [video link](#) you can watch to learn a little more about Legislative Assembly and what to expect. **PTA PRESIDENTS**, please remember to

submit to state the names of people who will be your voting delegates by **midnight October 20**. You should have already received some emails to remind you of this. We want to make sure that anyone who wants to be a voting delegate isn't left out. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Lizzy Sebring

Advocacy Chair

SPECIAL EDUCATION PTSA

Message From Your Council Special Ed Liaison

Hi everyone,

As the Special Ed Liaison for Council as well as the Co-President of the Everett Special Education PTSA, I have been reaching out to PTAs to ask to attend one of their meetings. The goal is to introduce our Special Ed PTSA, talk about the resources we have available for the special needs students within our District, and offer any other support. If you have not been reached by me yet, and are interested in having a 5-7 minute presentation, please feel free to contact me directly at valcunningham25@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Valerie Cunningham
Special Ed Liaison, Everett Council PTSA 2019-2020

COMMUNICATIONS

Local PTA Webpage Offer

Did you know that nearly 40% of our local PTAs do not have dedicated PTA websites, beyond social media?

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve outreach for our local PTAs, the Everett PTSA Council is offering to create a dedicated webpage on our Council website for each interested local PTA that does not already have a dedicated website of its own. Each dedicated webpage would include major information such as Board Members, Calendar of Events, Membership Form, and/or social media link.

If you are a current local PTA leader whose PTA does not already have its own website and you would like to learn more about this offer, please contact our [Communications Chair](#).

SHOE FUND

Message From Your Council Shoe Fund Chair

We are excited to be partnering with Famous Footwear this year for Shoe Fund. We are happy to be able to continue this amazing program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Amanda Cabana
Everett PTSA Shoe Fund Chair

LOCAL PTA NEWS

Our Newest Local PTA Has First Membership Meeting

Congratulations to Tambark Creek Elementary PTSA, for having their first-ever Membership Meeting on October 3, 2019. Special thanks to their Board, Tambark staff members, Tambark parents, and the community for attending the meeting and contributing to its success.

Our Council and our Region are so proud to have their PTA as part of our team!

PHOTO: Tambark Creek Elementary PTSA Presidents (Alisha Crawley-Davis on left, Heather Morgan on right) being awarded their Charter Plaque by Region 7 Director, Tori Emerson (in middle).



F.A.C.E. (FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT) National PTA Podcasts

Have you heard the "Notes from the Backpack" podcasts hosted by National PTA? These 30-minute podcasts cover a variety of topics important to parents and are intended to help students succeed both in and out of school. For more information, and to hear the podcasts, use [this link](#).



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>

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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