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## Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



\*\*\* November 1, 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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**Friday, November 15: Membership Drive Deadline**

Submit your Membership Drive Form and payment by this date.

### **Wednesday, November 20: PTSA Council Membership Meeting & Training Opportunity**

Council Membership Meetings bring together representatives from our local PTAs to share information and vote on PTA business. Each local PTA is asked to have *at least* one representative from their PTA Board of Directors attend (more are welcome!). Dr. Sally Lancaster, Assistant Superintendent for the Central Region, will provide updates from the district and will be available to answer questions. After the Council meeting, we will host a free WSPTA-approved training for all leaders in attendance: ***PTA Boards & Administrators - Building Strong Relationships***. This training is appropriate for any and all PTA Board members to attend.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** 6:30 - 7:30 PM (*feel free to come earlier than 6:30 PM for introductions and to get meeting handouts*)

**TRAINING:** 7:30 - 8:30 PM, "PTA Boards & Administrators - Building Strong Relationships"

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

### **Friday, November 22: Reflections Entry Deadline**

Submit your Reflections entries by this date.

### **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

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Important Membership Invoice Information**

This year, membership invoices are a bit different than in the past. WSPTA is still sending out invoices, however you will receive 2 invoices per month. One for State/National Dues and one for Council Dues. Your invoice for State and National Dues is payable to WSPTA, and your invoice for Council Dues is payable to your local Council. To pay invoices, click on the link in the invoice. You will be able to set up an auto-payment, or pay each time. Remember you will need to do this twice, as each invoice is payable to a different entity. Even if you had automatic payments set up in previous years you will need to complete these steps again due to our new system. Invoices will be emailed to the President and Treasurer listed in *Memberplanet*.

### **Our Membership Drive is Underway!**

We are pleased 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.

**IMPORTANT: Form and payment due by November 15, 2019**



## 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!](#)



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## **F.A.C.E. (FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT) Grants Now Available**

Everett PTSA Council supports local Everett PTAs in outreach and collaboration with families and community members who are traditionally underrepresented in PTA. Everett PTSA Council Family and Community Engagement (F.A.C.E.) Grants up to \$150/each are now available for hosting a F.A.C.E. event, where family and community engagement is a primary goal and outreach efforts to diverse school populations are being utilized.

To download a F.A.C.E. Grant Application, please visit our [F.A.C.E. webpage](#).

For more information contact Everett PTSA Council F.A.C.E. Chair, Brooke Fiscus at [brooke.fiscus@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.fiscus@gmail.com)

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## **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](mailto:valcunningham25@gmail.com).

Thank you,

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

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## **ADVOCACY Legislative Assembly Recap, Focus Day, and Vote!**

I hope that everyone enjoyed a safe Halloween and that you aren't sugar overloaded. We had a very busy weekend at Legislative Assembly. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone that attended. For those of you who were first timers, I hope that you enjoyed the lively debate and learned a few things at the classes. What we do at Legislative Assembly has a big impact on what

PTA is trying to do in advocating for a better tomorrow for all of our children. I will try to be brief in my summary of what all happened.

We adopted 1 NEW legislative *principle*, 1 NEW legislative *issue* that will be added to our also supported issues on the platform, AMENDED 1 legislative *issue*, adopted 4 NEW *resolutions* and adopted 15 AMENDED *resolutions*. There was a lot of good debate and amendments to the proposed issues, principles, and resolutions. It was our new parliamentarian's first Legislative Assembly and he did a great job. It's not easy when there are people lined up at the for and against microphones making motions to amend, extend debate time or close debate while others are standing at the information microphone to ask a question about the process and all of this is happening fairly quickly and at the same time! We will be updating the website to reflect all of the new things that were passed in the upcoming week(s) so you can see the final versions of it all online under the Advocacy page. Also, for those of you who attended, you should receive an email soon that has a survey asking for your feedback. We do want to hear from you what we can do to make Legislative Assembly even better so please take some time to fill it out when you do get the email. Thank you!

So now that we have a platform and updated principles and resolutions, it's time to be thinking about taking our platform to Olympia to share with our representatives on Focus Day on January 20 (MLK Day)! I encourage anyone who wants to, to please consider taking your kids too since it's a non-school day and it is a great experience for our kids to see where the seat of our state government resides and to (hopefully) meet the people who make the decisions about laws that govern our state. It's a great opportunity to see our state capital and there are plenty of wonderful things to do in Olympia so you can make a day out of it. If you are considering going, please let me know ([rungal20@msn.com](mailto:rungal20@msn.com)). I want to make sure that we can try to get appointments for you to meet with your representatives on that day, but we need to get it on their calendars soon since they will be filling up quickly especially as we get closer to the start of the beginning of the legislative session in January.

Lastly, **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE & MAIL YOUR BALLOT IN BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5!**

Thank you,

Lizzy Sebring  
Advocacy Chair

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## 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](#).

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## **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

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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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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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