

## Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



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### 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.



**Nov 28** Council Meeting 6:30pm and Training 7:30pm

**Nov 30** Reflections Entries Due to Council Office 10am-6pm

#### High School Growth Forums

**Nov 27**, Jackson High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**Nov 28**, Cascade High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**Nov 29**, Everett High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**Council office hours** Every second and fourth Thursday of the month 10am-1pm

Come by to ask your questions or just to say Hi!

CRC-Community Resource Building 3900 Broadway, Everett



Council would like to wish all our local PTA leaders and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for your continued dedication to your school communities. We appreciate all of your efforts.

#### Meeting Info

Our November 28 Council Membership Meeting and Guest Speaker, Cynthia Jones, who will be sharing info about the district's KIT Program (Kids in Transition). Meeting begins at 6:30pm with WSPTA Approved Training beginning at 7:30pm. Both will be held at the CRC (3900 Broadway, Everett).

Registration links for PTA Trainings can be found on our Council website on the Home and Training pages. <http://www.everettptsacouncil.org/>

#### Reflections

Entries can be brought to our Wed Nov 28th Council Meeting at 6:30pm and from 10am -6pm on Friday, Nov 30 to our PTA office (1st floor in Atrium) in the CRC. Any questions they should email [everettreflections@gmail.com](mailto:everettreflections@gmail.com).

Reflection Chairs & PTA boards, please remind parents that the Reflections Celebration Open House will be Wed January 9 from 6-8pm at the CRC.

#### Insurance

PTAs need to renew their insurance and email an updated certificate no later than Dec 1 to Diane Stratton-Gregory (Everett Public Schools Community Services) at [dstratton-gregory@everettsd.org](mailto:dstratton-gregory@everettsd.org) or mail updated certificate to Diane's attention at Everett Public Schools, Community Services, 3930 Broadway, Everett WA 98201. PTAs need to start this renewal now so their December facility reservations aren't cancelled after Dec 1.

## Advocacy

Hello Everyone!

I just wanted to thank everyone who voted on November 6th! Your voice **does matter**. As you might have heard or read somewhere, there are still a few legislative races that are too close to call in our state as well as some races around other parts of the country. This is why it's always important to vote because you never know what will happen. For full [election results](#) you can go to the Secretary of State's website.

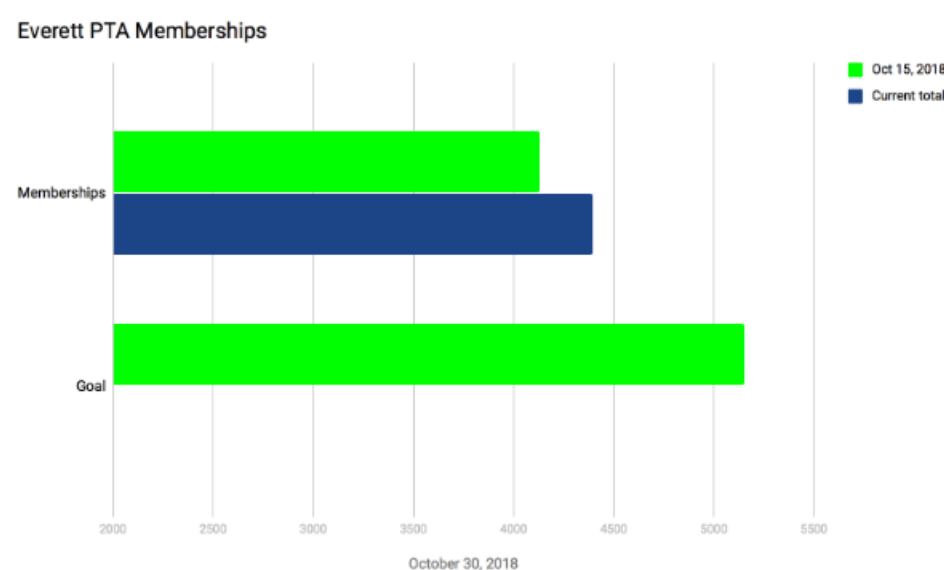
As a wrap up for Legislative Assembly, our Legislative Director Nancy Chamberlain, has compiled all of the information from the surveys that were received regarding what people liked and what people wanted to see improved. Some highlights include many first timers coming to Legislative Assembly and responding to the survey, that lunch was provided on both days, and after issue education a lot of people changed their minds on how they were going to vote on issues. Some things that people wanted to see improved include a way to educate people on what caucusing means and how it works. They also wanted more time for caucusing. Another comment made was allowing more time for people against an issue to be able to express their views during debate. Some people felt that there wasn't an equal amount of time for those opposed to an issue to share their views as there was for proponents of an issue. All of the information gathered from the surveys Nancy will pass on to whoever is going to be the new Legislative Director as her term expires at the end of the PTA year (June 30th).

Also if you haven't had a chance yet, don't forget to sign up for action alerts! You can go on to the state PTA website and under the focus area of advocacy there will be a place that says "[subscribe here](#)." Click on it and a new window will open for you to sign up. This is a good way to keep up to date about what is going on in advocacy. If there is anyone who feels strongly about an issue and wants to potentially testify in the upcoming legislative session, please contact Nancy Chamberlain ([PTALegDir@wastatepta.org](mailto:PTALegDir@wastatepta.org)).

Lastly, I want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and happy shopping!

[Lizzy Sebring](#)

Advocacy Chair



## Membership

**2018-19 Members: 4574**   **Goal: 5150**   **2017-18 total: 5121**

Everett Council has 9 PTAs that have earned the Bronze Membership Award this year by having at least 1 more member than last year. Council Membership Drive checks went out to schools on Friday November 9th. Be sure to check your mailboxes! Those memberships will help some more PTAs earn their Bronze award this month! Thanks go out to the 11 Everett PTAs that signed up for the WSPTA POWER Surge Membership contest! For basic questions on Membership for your PTA, don't forget to read thru the Membership handbook!

[https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Membership\\_Handbook\\_2018-19-FINAL.pdf](https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Membership_Handbook_2018-19-FINAL.pdf)

Don't forget about the "How to be a Membership Chair" class on November 28th!  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-be-a-membership-chair-tickets-51526120012>

Questions on membership? Contact Kim at [kimkuhne@hotmail.com](mailto:kimkuhne@hotmail.com)

Watch the Everett PTSA Council Facebook page for more Membership news coming soon!

## Programs

There are many resources available on the National PTA website including tips and toolkits for hosting programs that matter to your school. [www.PTA.org](http://www.PTA.org)

For example, is your PTA looking for a way to address bullying? Check out the [Connect for Respect \(C4R\)](#) Toolkit to guide your PTA/PTSA in engaging students in improving the school climate and reducing bullying. These materials walk your PTA through assessing your school climate, building a team, engaging your school community and designing an action plan. If your PTA is already taking action on bullying, the materials might trigger some additional ideas on next steps.

Other resources are available for reading nights, STEM nights, healthy lifestyle programs and more!

**Last Call!** Applications for [PTA Connected with Google Grants](#) and [PTA Connected with Facebook Grants](#) are **due November 18th!** These each provide \$1,000 grants to 200 PTAs from around the country to host family and community nights around digital safety and literacy. The applications are relatively short and are submitted online. Submissions must be received by 5pm on November 18th to be considered.

## FACE-Family and Community Engagement

Many of our PTAs are reaching out to families during the holiday season with food and toy drives. These are opportunities for both the families receiving items, but also for your school families who wish to help out those in need. Connecting people to resources and providing ways of giving, together build stronger school communities.

Each PTA and school have unique needs and resources, but we'd like to share ideas with one another. If your PTA has a Family and Community Engagement (FACE) or Community Outreach Chairperson, please invite them to join our latest Facebook group to share ideas on what our PTAs are doing to engage families and meet some of our communities basic needs.

For more information or to get connected into this position-specific Facebook group, contact Programs/FACE Chair, Jen Hirman at [jhirman@gmail.com](mailto:jhirman@gmail.com).



## Shoe Fund Update

Thank you to all our local PTA/PTSA's who have sent in their checks for the shoe fund!!

We have been able to hand out 135 Shoe Cards so far this year!!

If your PTA hasn't sent in your check yet, it's not too late!! You can send through district mail or mail to Everett PTSA Council 7.3  
3900 Broadway  
Everett, WA 98201

Thank you so much for your support.  
Amanda Cabana



## WSPTA Game Development Competition

The Washington State PTA has an annual Game Development Competition and this year's theme is Time! High school students (grades 9-12) can compete individually or in teams up to 6 members, and 7th and 8th grade students can compete in teams that include at least one high school student. More information can be found on our [website](#). Intent to submit (the notification to PTA that you plan on competing) is due January 15, and games are due March 1, 2019.



# Let's talk about high school **GROWTH!**

**High School Growth Mitigation Committee** hosts three forums about student enrollment growth. This is the first of three forums.

- Tuesday, Nov. 27, Jackson High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28, Cascade High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 29, Everett High School cafeteria, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

On July 3, 2018, the board of directors directed the district to form a committee that will "recommend revisions to high school enrollment boundaries beginning fall 2020 to reduce enrollment at Jackson High School; and complimentary and practical program changes, portable classrooms and minor schedule changes." The High School Growth Mitigation Committee (HSGMC) was formed through an application and selection process to ensure districtwide high school representation

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Hello Everett School District Community! Our schools are still looking for great people to join our staff as paraeducators, substitute paraeducators, substitute office staff, substitute teachers and emergency certified substitute teachers. These important positions support student learning and our awesome staff in our schools. If you, or someone you know are looking for a rewarding and flexible career in education, then please apply on-line on the Everett Public Schools Employment Website: <https://www.everettsd.org/jobs> Questions? Email [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org)

We'd love to have you join us!

Randi Seaberg

Director Human Resources Talent Acquisition and Retention



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Membership Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financials can be found on our website. [website](#)



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