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Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



*** December 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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Wednesday, January 8: Reflections Art Celebration Open House

Come see the great Reflections submissions from within our school district.

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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

Monday, January 20: Focus Day

Wednesday, January 29: 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 training for all leaders in attendance: ***Health & Wellness for PTA Leaders***. 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, "**Health & Wellness for PTA Leaders**"

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

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

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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PROGRAMS

Monroe Elementary PTA Receives Star Award

Congratulations to our first Star Award winner of this school year, Monroe Elementary PTA! Some examples of their successful initiatives this year include welcoming students with a red carpet event on the first day of school, plus adopting a "This Is Me" theme this year which includes introducing positive message signs throughout the school.

If you know a local PTA that is implementing an innovative and successful idea, we want to hear from you! Contact our Programs Chair, [Christa Bicket](#).

Volunteer Help Offered

The Eisenhower Middle School Junior National Honor Society (JNHS) is looking for volunteer opportunities. If your PTA has an upcoming event that requires volunteers, you are welcome to contact the JNHS liaison at Eisenhower Middle School, [Shannon Depew](#).

Game Development Competition

The [WSPTA//Game Development Competition](#) is a STEM-based program, introduced in 2016, to encourage and support student success. Students in Grades 9-12 (or 7th and 8th Grade students as part of a larger group of 9th Graders or older) attending a school with a PTA in good standing may participate and share their knowledge of computer science based on an assigned theme. (See the FAQ for details on how 7th/8th Grade students may participate.)

The purpose of this competition is to provide an opportunity for students, either individually or in teams of up to six members, to use their creative talents and express themselves by developing a computer game. Students' submissions are judged in the following areas: game of the year, arts and animation, game design, programming (code), and audio design.

The theme for the 2019-2020 competition is: ANIMALS

Teams will register directly with WSPTA by completing an Intent to Submit form, due January 15, 2020. Students will upload their submission directly to the state level for judging. There is no fee for participation.



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

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

SHOE FUND Student and Community Support

We are excited to be partnering with Famous Footwear this year for Shoe Fund. Thus far, we have distributed 36 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 75 gift cards to Middle School and High School students. Great job!

If your local PTA would like to contribute to this great community program but has not already done so, please review and submit our [Shoe Fund Invoice](#).

ADVOCACY
Focus Day Reminder and Bond Information

Hi everyone!

I hope that you enjoyed your long weekend and stuffed yourselves with lots of yummy food. Just a quick couple of things for advocacy. First I want to remind everyone about Focus Day on January 20. Please let me know in the next couple of weeks if you are thinking about attending. I am hoping to start setting up some meetings with legislators, but want to get a feel for how many will be attending and work out some carpooling arrangements. It's always best if I can get actual constituents to set up meetings since you will take priority first of people legislators are willing to meet with. It's easy to do and you can do it through email. I'm more than happy to give you some guidance if you're not sure what to say. Our advocacy committee is still working on figuring out the details for Focus Day so more information will be coming in the next month.

On another note, the district should be reaching out to PTAs in January to set up times that someone can come to speak to your PTA about the upcoming bond so please keep an eye out in your emails for something from the district. I will be providing some more information in the January Eblasts about what PTAs can and can't do when supporting a bond (or levy) if their membership votes to take a position of support. It's important that we educate our members on what is on this bond so that they can make an informed decision in April.

Stay warm and safe!

Thank you,

Lizzy Sebring

Advocacy Chair

EPS NEWS
FIRST LEGO League

On December 14-15, Cascade High School will be hosting a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Regional Qualifier. Everett Public Schools now has *over 50* robotics teams throughout the district (and growing)! If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for this event, please contact me for further details.

FIRST LEGO League is the most accessible, guided, global robotics competition, helping students and teachers to build a better future together. The program is built around theme-based Challenges to engage children ages 9 to 16 in research, problem solving, coding, and engineering. The foundation of the program is the FIRST Core Values, which emphasize teamwork, discovery, and innovation.

Students emerge more confident, excited, and equipped with the skills they need in a changing workforce. The positive impact FIRST LEGO League has on participants is gratifying and well documented; over 88% of participants are more interested in doing well in school, and 87% of participants have more interest in attending college.

Thank you,

[Kimberly Griggs](#)

CTE Manufacturing & Engineering Facilitator

STEM-CTE

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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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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