

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.



Dec Reflections art on display at CRC

Jan 9 Reflections Celebration 6-8pm at CRC -event is open house style with refreshments and a chance to see how all the artists placed in the competition.

Jan Council Membership Meeting 6:30pm at CRC

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

Meeting Review

Many thanks to Cynthia Jones, Director of Categorical Programs for ESD, for presenting this past Wednesday night at our November PTSA Council meeting on the Kids in Transition program which assists students who qualify under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act. She discussed some of the statistics (and misconceptions) of homeless students currently enrolled in Everett Schools, the support available through the KIT program, and ways that schools and PTAs can help. For more info on this program, please visit <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/5968>

Thank you, also, to all of our PTA leaders who attended to learn more about KIT and the circumstances facing students in our community. If you're wondering how you or your PTA can help, here are some suggestions:

- Be aware of signs of homelessness
- Volunteer at a shelter or social service agency
- Be a mentor at a school
- Donate to an organization that supports students and families experiencing homelessness (for example: Operation School Bell, Clothes for Kids, Volunteers of America, United Way, Everett Public Schools Foundation Stuff the Bus for Kids campaign, and local shelters)
- Advocate for living wage jobs, low income housing, and support for social services
- Support the Everett PTSA Council Shoe Fund Program which partners with our Everett schools and provides Payless gift cards to students in need: <http://www.everettsptsa.org/shoe-fund.html>
- Support local clothing drives and coin drives

November Council Star Awards also presented-see blurb below.

Insurance Required by District

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 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.

2017-2018 Fiscal Year Financial Report needed

Please email angelasteck@live.com with a copy of your 2017-18 Year-end Report (what your PTA actually spent vs your budget for last PTA year) so we can assemble a PTA Summary demonstrating the amazing impact our local PTAs have in our

school communities. Thank you to the PTAs who have already submitted reports! Please contact Angela Steck, angelasteck@live.com, with any questions.

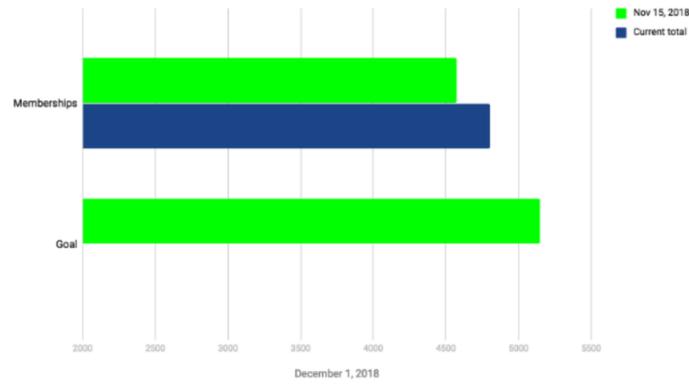
PTA Leader Trainings

Thank you to the many PTA leaders who attended our trainings this past Wednesday, November 28. Training opportunities can be found on our Council website's Training page <http://www.everettptsacouncil.org/training.html>. Please note the next PTA & the Law training opportunity: **Fri, Dec 7 PTA & The Law (Webinar):** [PTA and the Law](#)

Advocacy

[Lizzy Sebring](#), Advocacy Chair

Everett PTA Memberships



Membership

2018-19 Members: 4803 **Goal: 5150** **2017-18 total: 5121**

Questions on membership? Contact Kim at kimkuhne@hotmail.com

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

Programs-November Star Awards

Henry M. Jackson High School PTSA for hosting the showing of SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a timely film covering issues of social media, video games, and academics. By collaborating with Heatherwood PTSA and Gateway PTSA, they were able to provide this valuable parent education night free of charge and made it open to all families in the district.

Monroe Elementary PTA was recognized for expanding their Family Reading Night to include an author visit, arts and crafts related to reading and books, and bringing in the Reading with Rover program where students get to read to a trained therapy dog. These many activities really made for a great family event celebrating reading!

FACE-Family and Community Engagement

Many of our PTAs are reaching out to families during the holiday season with food and toy drives. We'd like to share ideas of how these drives get implemented and which community partners our PTAs are working with throughout the year. If your PTA has a Community Outreach Chair or volunteer who coordinates your food and toy drives or backpack program, please invite them to join our latest position-specific Facebook group for FACE. We want to share ideas on what our PTAs are doing to engage families to meet some of our communities' basic needs. Contact Programs/FACE Chair, Jen Hirman at jhirman@gmail.com.





Shoe Fund Update

THANK YOU to Linda and John Drake for their very generous donation to our Shoe Fund! We are so grateful for your support and for the impact your substantial donation will make to the students in our program!

Washington State PTA Hires New Executive Director

The Washington State Parent Teacher Association has selected Andrew L. Estep, CAE, as their new Executive Director starting December 1, 2018. The Board of Directors conducted a nationwide search and are delighted to bring Estep on board. According to Board President, Michelle Nims, "Andrew is a perfect fit for the position, just the person we need."

Estep will be joining the Washington State PTA after many years working for association management companies where he served several nonprofit organizations. His experiences have provided him with great depth and breadth in association management. According to Estep, "I am grateful for the opportunity to put my experience to work serving such a great cause."

Born in Yakima, Estep has spent most of his life in the Seattle area. He is a US Air Force veteran who turned to nonprofit work after several years in aerospace. As a lifelong learner, he is proud to be a Certified Association Executive. Through his membership with the Washington Society of Association Executives, he volunteers to help other association professionals prepare for the exam.

Founded in 1905, the Washington State PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in Washington state with over 130,000 members and is a leading voice for all children in the state. Through comprehensive and focused advocacy efforts, they ensure that the legislators in Olympia know about the health, safety and education needs of parents and children. The WSPTA volunteers and staff train and support local PTA organizations via local events, webinars, and an annual statewide conference to be strong leaders and advocates in their communities helping to make every child's potential become a reality.

More information about the Washington State PTA including its legislative platform and how to become involved can be found on their website, www.wastatepta.org.

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

We'd love to have you join us!

Randi Seaberg

Director Human Resources Talent Acquisition and Retention



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