

Everett PTSA Council

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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.



Feb 17 National PTA Founder's Day

Feb 21 Advocacy Training *United Way of Snohomish County* is hosting on February 21st from 4 pm-6pm at their office (3120 McDougall Ave Everett 98201)

Feb 27 Tambark Creek Elementary PTA 2nd Planning Meeting, **7pm** JHS Library

Mar 6 EPS Foundation Benefit Breakfast, 7am click [here](#) to register

Mar 8 Diversity Inclusion Lunch, **12pm – 1pm** at the Community Resource Center

Mar 27 Council Membership Meeting **6:30pm** at CRC in Port Gardner A & B
All PTA leaders are invited to attend. 7:30pm training will be a Local PTA Leaders Roundtable: Awards, Open Topic Q & A

Council office hours Every second and fourth Thursday of the month 10am-1pm
CRC-Community Resource Building 3900 Broadway, Everett



Webinars

February 20 - [PTA and the Law](#)

March 14 - [Transitions](#)

PTA Leader Trainings

Training opportunities can be found on our Council website's Training page <http://www.everettsptscouncil.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>

PTSA Council Nominating Committee

Council is planning ahead for next year!

At the March 27th membership meeting, Everett PTSA Council will elect officers for the 2019-2020 Executive Committee positions. If you would like to get involved at the Council level or know a local PTA leader who might be interested, please complete this [form](#). The PTSA Council's mission is to support, encourage and empower Everett PTAs to be successful. We hope all current and former local PTA leaders will consider serving on this district-wide team to provide a valuable resource for our local PTAs. Nominees will be contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee to discuss positions available and interest.

Questions? Contact the Nominating Committee Members: Christa Bicket, Amanda Cabana, and Jen Hirman at everettcouncilnomcom@gmail.com.

Deadline for recommendations: Friday, March 1st.

Advocacy

Hi Everyone~

I hope that you have enjoyed the snow and a few extra days home with your kids. Unfortunately due to the weather, Focus Day was cancelled. If you are signed up to receive action alerts, then every day as part of Advocacy Week you should be receiving emails asking you to write to your legislator about different issues that our on WSPTA's legislative platform. You can do this with a simple email or print a [postcard](#) from the WSPTA website to send. If you need to find your legislator [click here](#). This is the easiest way to advocate and you don't have to leave your home.

On another note, I want to share with you an opportunity to learn about advocacy that United Way of Snohomish County is hosting on February 21st from 4 pm-6pm at their office (3120 McDougall Ave Everett 98201). I encourage you to attend. This is a free training. Here is the information from United Way:

Moving to Action: Advocacy 101

In the Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of action, we are hosting an Advocacy Training on February 21 to inspire people to raise their voices and to equip them with tools to advocate for lasting change.

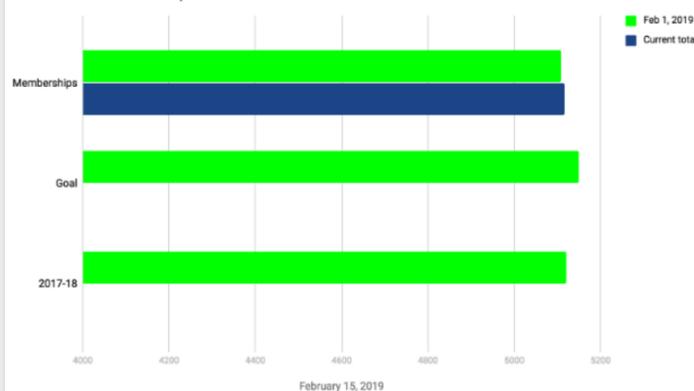
If you're interested please [register here](#).

Stay warm and safe,

Lizzy Sebring

Advocacy Chair

Everett PTA Memberships



Membership

2018-19 Members: 5116 Goal: 5150 2017-18 total: 5121

We need just 6 members to be ahead of last year's total!

Hopefully everyone saw the news that PT-Avenue will discontinue service at the end of June. The WSPTA staff is working to evaluate replacement options for us. The GOOD news is that the next program should be easier to use! As soon as I hear anything, I will let you know! The positive side for Everett Council is that (unless someone else self-nominates for the Membership Director position) I will be one of the first people trained on the new system and will be very close for answering questions! So don't stress! However, if you are using PT-Avenue to email your members, now is the time to look for an option to either work over the Summer or to work long term for your PTA.

Membership Awards Deadline is March 1st for 100% staff! If you haven't tried for this award before, please take a good look at your membership roster to see how close you are right now! To earn the 100% Staff award, your PTA needs to have 1 person from the entire school staff as a member for each full-time, certificated staff member at your school. This is a little tricky, but think of it this way: if a person needed to get a degree to do their job (like the teachers and principal) then they are certificated. So, if there are 35 certificated, full-time staff at your school out of a total of 50 staff members, your PTA only needs 35 staff members to join PTA to qualify for the 100%

staff membership. If you think you are close and have questions, contact Kim at PTAKim.Kuhne@outlook.com

Increasing Diversity in our PTAs lunch discussion

Everett PTSA Council will be hosting a lunch discussion on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 12:00pm – 1:00pm at the Community Resource Center to talk about ways to increase diversity within our PTAs and engage families who are traditionally not represented in PTA membership.

Please take a few moments to fill out this short survey to better inform our discussion: <https://goo.gl/forms/5cZGHsAaBJBhDAPC3> and save the date for joining us on March 8th. Lunch will be provided.

If you have any questions or additional feedback to provide, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.



WSPTA Awards of Excellence

Be an award winning PTA!

Local PTAs, community PTAs, or councils are encouraged to apply for the WSPTA Awards of Excellence. These awards celebrate the efforts and successes of those PTAs fulfilling our mission and vision. Consider applying for the following awards located on the website, <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-program/awards/excellence/>:

- Advocacy Award of Excellence
- Family and Community Engagement Award of Excellence
- Outstanding Communication Strategy
- Outstanding E-blast
- Outstanding Newsletter
- Outstanding PTA of the Year
- Outstanding Website
- PTAs Taking Significant Action
- Standards of Excellence

Need help or have questions? We've got examples of previous award applications and would be happy to provide direction and guidance as needed.

Individual Awards

PTAs should be putting together their awards committee this month in preparation for selecting and recognizing individuals for the Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator, and Outstanding Advocate award. Many PTAs use previous years' award recipients for this committee, but check your standing rules or discuss with your Board how your PTA has done this in the past. A basic timeline is below, but this is up to individual PTAs to determine what works best at their school.

- **January:** Identify who will serve on your PTA 2018-19 Award Committee, review budget and costs, and spring timeline
- **February:** Advertise and collect award nominations for Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator, and Outstanding Advocate
- **Early March:** Suggested deadline time frame to have award nominations turned in to your PTA Awards Committee to allow them enough time to select recipients, order award certificates and pins through WSPTA store, and plan award presentation at the school.
- **Month of March:** PTAs should aim for the month of March or early April to present awards at their school
- **Friday, April 26th:** RSVP deadline for PTAs to send in their registrations for Awards Celebration
- **Wednesday, May 15th:** Council Awards Celebration for all award recipients.

WSPTA Men's Essay Contest - Men Making a Difference

This statewide essay contest highlights the important and varied contributions that men make in the lives and education of children – from the children's perspective. All men involved in a child's life – fathers, uncles, grandfathers, brothers, step-fathers, mentors, neighbors, pastors, coaches, and friends – impact the children they care about. Research clearly shows that male involvement positively influences academic success at all levels of schooling – preschool through college. When male figures are involved with students' schooling, they enjoy school more and perform better in and out of school.

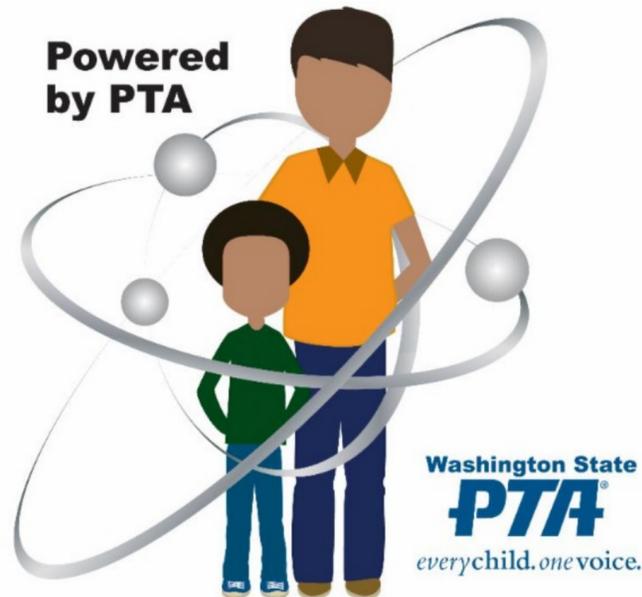
All K-12 students in WA State are invited to participate in this essay contest with divisions based on age as well as categories for Special Authors who may benefit from modified guidelines. **Applications are due March 1, 2019.**

How can your PTA promote this contest to your school community? Hang up the 2018-19 Men's Essay Contest poster in your school office and share out the link with families and teachers who may want to use this as a writing prompt. Remember that essays can be written at home or in school but cannot be edited in any way by a

teacher.

For information, promotional ideas and resources, visit the [WSPTA Men's Essay Contest web page](#).

Start planning for WSPTA Convention!



WSPTA Convention — April 26–28, 2019



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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National PTA Celebrates Family Engagement

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For over 120 years, National PTA has been encouraging families to get more involved in their child's education. Help us celebrate PTA's long legacy of family engagement during National PTA's Take Your Family to School Week - Feb. 10-17, 2019 by hosting an event at your school.

The [website has a toolkit](#) to help you plan your event and create a theme for the week such as Health & Safety, Literacy, Digital Learning, or STEM.

Jan Harp Domene Grants Open

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National PTA is now accepting applications for the 2019 Jan Harp Domene Diversity & Inclusion Award through March 31, 2019. Your PTA could win \$1,000 cash award and national recognition at the National PTA Convention & Expo in Columbus, Ohio.

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



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