

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.



Apr 12 Nomination deadline for Council Individual Awards

Apr 26-28 [WSTPA Convention](#) at Sea Tac

Apr 29 Movie-*Angst* at JHS Commons sponsored by JHS PTSA, 6:30pm

May 15 Council Awards Banquet

May 29 Council Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation 6:30pm

Local PTA Officer Transition Training: *Ready, Set, Go*

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



WSPTA Convention — April 26–28, 2019

[Convention Registration](#)

Why Attend WSPTA Convention

- Attend classes that help you develop new skills and reach new levels of knowledge
- Bond with your fellow local PTA and council leaders
- Network and meet new people from around the state
- Share your successes and brainstorm fresh ideas
- Be inspired by amazing students – Reflections, PTA Men's Essay Contest, and more
- Hear from inspiring speakers
- Visit our exhibitors and sponsors to look for the next great assembly, fundraiser,

or enrichment opportunity

- Engage to receive giveaways and special offers – exhibitors offer some great giveaways, plus there are fantastic door prizes given out at general sessions
- Make your voice heard on amendments to the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws
- Elect and install your [2019-2021 Washington State Board of Directors](#)

And you will have fun!

Voting Delegate Credentials Process for Convention

Each year local PTAs and councils have a chance to send representatives to cast their vote at convention. Items that will be voted on this year include amendments to the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws*, and the election of the 2019-2021 WSPTA Board of Directors.

Local PTA and council presidents should watch their inboxes for an email regarding voting delegates and reply to that email identifying their delegates as requested.

Business of the Member Delegation

WSPTA Uniform Bylaws

Per the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws*, Article 12, these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the WSPTA convention, provided the amendments have been approved by the WSPTA board of directors. [Click here](#) for the proposed amendments that will be open to the delegation for debate and vote.

Scholarship Basket Donations

Everett PTSA Council is creating a Cooperative Game basket for the scholarship raffle at the WSPTA Convention. I have created an Amazon shopping list with specific, award-winning, cooperative games, a set of cups with lids, and a snack basket. If your PTA would like to contribute, you can make a purchase from the list or send money or an Amazon gift card to Council. If you would like to donate a new game that you already have, you can do that as well! I can answer any questions you may have. I would like to have all the items by April 23rd so that I can make the basket before heading out on April 25. Thank you!

Kim, kimkuhne@hotmail.com

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16VHWDONVM6K0?ref_=wl_share

For 2019-2020 Incoming Officers...

WSPTA Region 7 Fall Conference is usually scheduled on a mid-weeknight the week before Labor Day. Please try to avoid scheduling your Board Retreats/new PTA board planning meetings during that week so you can attend this important (and FREE) conference for all local PTA leaders. Attending the trainings and receiving your Leadership Packet provided by Everett PTSA Council is a fabulous way to launch a new PTA year! As soon as our Region 7 Director announces the August 2019 conference date, we will be sure to post it on our Council Facebook page and email all local PTA leaders. Thank you!

Advocacy

Hi All~

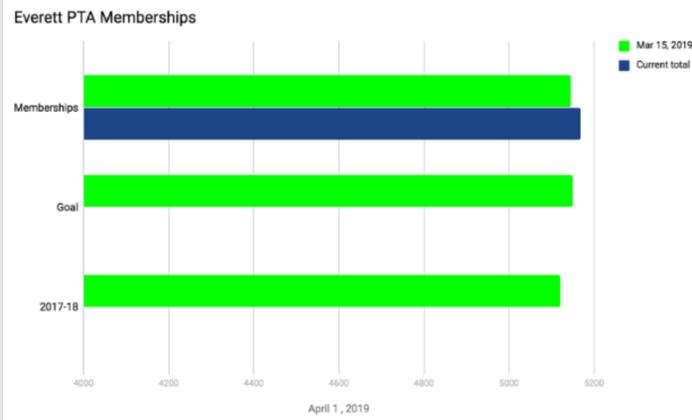
We are in the final month of the legislative session and lots of things have been happening! Both the House and Senate have issued their proposed capital and operating budgets. What does this mean? Each chamber (House and Senate) proposes two budgets—an operating budget and a capital budget. An operating budget covers the day-to-day expenses to run the state government like funding school lunches and paid training for professional development of school staff while the capital budget pays for construction and renovation of state facilities like building schools or fixing existing ones. The next step is for the two chambers to meet to negotiate a final version of each budget which will then get sent to the governor to sign. This budget will be how the state will spend it's money for the next two years (2019-2021).

An important date coming up is April 3rd when bills from the opposite chamber will have to pass out of committee unless they are a bill that has a fiscal impact. A lot of bills have been passed out of committees including [SB 5082](#) which was a bill concerning social emotional learning (SEL) and was our number one legislative priority. We were very excited to see this bill pass out of committee so the next step will be to make sure that the Senate and House versions are reconciled so that one bill can be sent to the governor for his signature and it will become law! Please look at the legislative updates that our Legislative Consultant Marie Sullivan provides on the website under advocacy to find out the latest. She does a great job!

Lastly, I wanted to say keep writing to your legislators and comment on bills that matter to you. I have been down to Olympia twice to talk to legislators and have attended town hall meetings. Our legislators have told me that they read the emails and comments they get and really do care what you have to say. Your comments can even help them when they're talking to their colleagues because they have a story they can tell.

Keep speaking up for all of our children!

Lizzy Sebring



Membership
2018-19 Members: 5167 Goal: 5150 2017-18 total: 5121

Memberships within the Everett PTSA Council are still climbing! Now is the time to start focusing on member benefits that can be used during Summer Vacation. Remember to offer memberships to extended family members so that everyone can use the theme park and museum discounts this Summer! Keep an eye on Leadership News and the WSPTA website for the most recent additions. Information will be coming from WSPTA about preparing for a possible dues increase. Your executive team should be talking about what you would need to charge if there is an increase. Watch Leadership News and the Council Facebook page for the latest information. I hope to see many of you at the WSPTA Convention! There are a number of great membership classes on the schedule!

Please feel free to message Kim with any questions: kimkuhne@hotmail.com

Council Star Award

View Ridge PTA was recognized this past week with Council's Star Award for their 3rd Annual Art Walk and Silent Auction in February. Student art work was on display and open for bidding with proceeds benefitting the art docent program. What a creative and fun way to showcase art and generate funds that go back to support art education!

Well done, View Ridge PTA!



Council Individual Award Nominations

Click [HERE](#) for the printed nomination form
Click [HERE](#) to nomination form online.
Nomination deadline is April 12, 2019.

Each year Everett PTSA Council recognizes volunteers and educators who have given outstanding, continued and dedicated service to our children. These deserving recipients go "above and beyond", and their efforts reach beyond the usual school boundaries. This is your opportunity to participate in the selection of our award recipients by nominating candidates for consideration by our award committee. Nominations can come from PTAs, parents, staff members, students, or community members.

The Everett PTSA Council Awards are presented at the annual council banquet in May. Nominations are accepted for all awards, though each award may not be presented annually. The awards committee is appointed by the President, and typically consists of past recipients. For all of the WSPTA Awards, a contribution in the name of the recipient is made by the Everett PTSA Council to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to

provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.

We are looking for your nominations for our dedicated volunteers, hardworking educators and advocates, engaged student advocates and outstanding community organizations.

If you have any questions, please email everettcouncilawards@gmail.com

Local PTA Individual Awards

We've seen many local PTAs posting and distributing their nomination forms to select Golden Acorns, Outstanding Educators and Outstanding Advocates, and we are excited to see who you all will be honoring with these awards this year! Keep a look out for award packets that include registration forms for the May 15th Award Celebration which should be arriving next week. If your PTA has not started this process yet, you'll want to asap! Find information and a sample award nomination form here: <http://www.everettptsa.org/individual-awards.html>.

Questions on the award process? Contact Programs Chair, Jen Hirman at jhirman@gmail.com.



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.

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March edition features

5 Strategies to Help Kids Resolve Conflict

While ups and downs in your child's friendships may seem minor, hurt feelings between friends can lead to unkind interactions. With a few strategies, kids can become problem solvers and maintain their friendships, even when conflict occurs.

Catch Up with National PTA!

1. **Funding Opportunity for Local PTAs!** Action for Healthy Kids is offering parent-led school grants for school nutrition or physical activity. Check the eligibility requirements and [Apply by April 5!](#)
 2. **We teachers!** Get your [Office Depot coupon](#) & visit a store near you to receive 20% BACK IN REWARDS on a qualifying purchase. Ends 4/20/19. [Learn more!](#)
 3. **Diversity and Inclusion Survey closes soon!** The National PTA Diversity and Inclusion Committee wants to hear from your PTA about diversity and inclusion. [Take our survey!](#)
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2019-20 Everett PTSA Council Officers

Our officers for next year were elected at our membership meeting March 27th.
President-Jen Hirman
VP Membership-Amanda Cabana
Secretary-Valerie Ungren and Christa Bicket
Treasurer-vacant

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



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