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## Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



\*\*\* January 1, 2020 \*\*\*

### **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**

Help us celebrate Reflections submissions from within our school district. The PTA Reflections program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life. This is a free event.

TIME: Session for Special Artists participants from 5:00-5:45 PM, followed by an Open House for everyone from 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**

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

## PROGRAMS

### 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.



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## 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](mailto:brooke.fiscus@gmail.com)

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## 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 77 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 85 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](#).

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## ADVOCACY

### Focus Day Reminder and Bond Information

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to starting out 2020 by gearing up to advocate in Olympia on 1/20 for Focus Day. I have already set up some meetings with our local legislators. So far, I will be meeting with Senator John McCoy of the 38th Legislative District and Representative Strom Peterson of the 21st Legislative District. I will also be meeting with 38th Legislative District Representative June Robinson's aide. Even though I was unable to get a meeting with the Representative herself, it's always a good idea to meet with any legislator's aide if they are available. They are the gatekeepers for the legislators and are the ones to make sure that our message is conveyed to them. I am hoping to get a couple more meetings confirmed with some of the other legislators in our district in the upcoming week. Please let me know if you want to attend Focus Day so I can get an idea of who is coming and if we need to figure out carpooling arrangements. I am inviting anyone who wants to join me at these meetings to come. They're only 10-15 minutes. It's a good experience and you don't have to talk if it's beyond your comfort level.

Children are welcome and encouraged to come too! Please keep an eye out on the state website for more details of the agenda for the day.

Turning to advocacy in our district, I know many of you will be focusing on the upcoming bond. Please educate yourself and others on what is and isn't on it. The district will be contacting your PTA to set up a time that a representative can come to your meeting to share information. I encourage you to let them come so your parents can learn more about the bond and can make an informed decision in April. As a reminder, PTAs ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE POSITIONS so it is perfectly acceptable if your **membership votes** to support the bond. For some helpful tips on what you can and can't do as well as what to do if your PTA wants to contribute funds to the bond committee, please visit the "[Leadership Guides](#)" on the state website and you can look at the "Taking Positions On Ballot Measures And More (7/2019)." and "PTA Endorsement Vote (7/2018)." You'll have to sign in to view these documents. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me.

Happy 2020!

Lizzy Sebring

Advocacy Chair

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## EPS NEWS

### Transitional Kindergarten Program

Have you heard about the Everett School District "Transitional Kindergarten" program? The program accommodates children who are not currently in an early learning program and are scheduled to begin kindergarten in Autumn 2020. This program will focus on basic academic, social, and self-help skills to jumpstart qualifying students toward success in school. Students will be screened in early January and may qualify based on need.

"Transitional Kindergarten" classrooms will be located at several of the elementary schools in our district. Sites will be determined based on enrollment. The anticipated start date is January 28, 2020. "Transitional Kindergarten" will run through the last day of school, which is currently June 15, 2020.

If you or someone you know is interested in having an eligible child participate in this program and/or would like to submit an Interest Form, please visit [this link](#).

For questions or assistance, please contact:

Helen Cooley, Early Learning Administrative Assistant: 425-385-4088

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## 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.

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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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