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Everett PTSA Council

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*** April 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, April 1, 2020: Roundtable Discussion (Virtual/Online Meeting)

We invite our local PTA leaders to join us for an online discussion with fellow PTA peers about how PTAs are adapting to the school closure. Details for this online event are in the "Message From The President" section below.

TIME: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, April 2, 2020: International Children's Book Day

Unofficial holiday to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.

Friday, April 10, 2020: National Encourage a Young Writer Day

Unofficial holiday to encourage children to write a story, poem, or other form of writing.

Wednesday, April 15, 2020: Membership Meeting (Virtual/Online Meeting)

We invite our local PTA leaders to join us for our April Membership Meeting. During the meeting, we will cover regular PTA business, provide updates and announcements, and vote in our Board of Directors for next school year. This is a very important meeting. We hope to see you all there.

TIME: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Online meeting. Details will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as our website, within the next few days.

Monday, April 27, 2020: School Starts Again (Tentative)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Join us for an online discussion with fellow PTA peers about how your PTA is adapting to the school closure. Topics will include:

- Keeping your PTA Board and members engaged.
- Trying to recruit leaders for next year, especially considering that regular events are not happening.
- Trying to make end-of-year plans with everything still uncertain.
- PTA leaders and volunteers still wanting ways to help.

Sally Lancaster, Regional Superintendent of Teaching and Learning for Everett School District, is going to join us at the beginning of the meeting to provide a quick update on what is happening with the District's response to the school closure (i.e. devices distributed, how teachers are being supported, anything she'd like to share).

Another meeting participant will be Jenny Kuehn, North Middle School PTA President, who will be leading a virtual Membership Meeting via Zoom prior to our Roundtable Discussion. Jenny will provide her insight, tips, and lessons learned from her experience holding a PTA Membership

Meeting and conducting PTA business virtually. This will be valuable information for all of our local PTA leaders.

It is important to stay connected during this time, sharing successes and challenges. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

When joining into Zoom, please sign in with your name and PTA name. For example: "Kathy - Heatherwood PTA"

To join this Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/3923109315?pwd=dWRxaWw4ZTV3V0xUelpsdTN2WjFZQT09>

Meeting ID: 392 310 9315

Password: 7.3

One-Tap Mobile:

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As always, *thank you for all that you do!*

Stay well,

Jen

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Help Opportunities

As part of our ongoing commitment to our local PTAs and community, Everett PTSA Council 7.3 tries to provide support, guidance, and resources at all times but especially during times of crisis and district-wide school closures. Our team is pleased to announce that during this emergency district-wide school closure (and beyond), we have created a dedicated webpage on our website for donation and volunteer opportunities to help children and families in our community. <http://www.everettptsacouncil.org/community-help-opportunities.html>

We will continue to update the webpage in the coming days and weeks, as well as post updates on social media. Thank you to everyone for doing what you can to help kids and families.

YOUR support can make all of the difference!

Council Election on April 15

Thank you to everyone who submitted nomination recommendations for Council. The 2020-2021 Nominating Committee has posted their [official report](#) on our Council website as well as links on our Council Facebook and Twitter pages. Our Council election will be during our (Virtual) Membership Meeting on Wednesday, April 15.

Any qualified person who is not on the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates but would like to run for an office has the right to be nominated; if interested, please notify us at everettsacouncil@gmail.com by April 10.

We look forward to seeing our local PTAs sending representatives to the meeting to vote for our 2020-2021 Executive Team! Each local PTA may send up to three voting representatives, but we encourage EVERYONE to attend who is able to do so.

PROGRAMS

Council Individual Award Nominations

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.

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.

Click [HERE](#) for the printed Nomination Form

NOMINATION DEADLINE: April 10, 2020

If you have any questions, please email: denise.constantineau@comcast.net

REFLECTIONS

Local Artists Became WSPTA Finalists

Congratulations to the following *10* local Reflections artists who became WSPTA Finalists, including two students whose entries are moving on to National PTA for the final round of the program!

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY:

Intermediate (Grades 3-5):

Award of Excellence: Trisha Shrestha Nepali-Newar, *Caste Girl-Looks Within to Find Inner Beauty*, Forest View PTA, 7.3.7

LITERATURE:

Intermediate (Grades 3-5):

Award of Merit: Harini Sathishkumar, *Artistic*, Tambark Creek PTSA, 7.3.12

Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2):

Outstanding Interpretation: Hailey Evans, *Look Within a Book*, Tambark Creek PTSA, 7.3.12
(MOVING ON TO NATIONAL PTA FINAL ROUND!)

MUSIC COMPOSITION:

Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2):

Award of Merit: Jonas R. Abazari, *Heavenly*, Tambark Creek PTSA, 7.3.12

PHOTOGRAPHY:

High School (Grades 9-12):

Award of Excellence: Alice Le, *Within Every Story*, Henry M Jackson High PTSA, 7.3.95

Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2):

Award of Excellence: Adrian Serrano-Lopez, *Looking Within the Survival of Nature*, Cedar Wood PTA, 7.3.3

VISUAL ARTS:

Primary (Pre-K through Grade 2):

Award of Excellence: Siran Cao, *Narwhal*, Tambark Creek PTSA, 7.3.12

SPECIAL ARTIST (ALL GRADES) - MUSIC:

Outstanding Interpretation: Tanner Kim, *Grumbling Song the Old Troll*, Everett Special Education PTSA, 7.3.110 **(MOVING ON TO NATIONAL PTA FINAL ROUND!)**

SPECIAL ARTIST (ALL GRADES) - VISUAL ARTS:

Award of Excellence (6-12th): Landyn Zyskowski, *My Salmon*, Heatherwood Middle PTA, 7.3.71

Award of Excellence (Pre-K-5th): Kian Snider, *Looked Within: The Colors of My Soul*, Penny Creek PTA, 7.3.42



MEMBERSHIP

Local PTA Membership Making Gains

This school year, Everett PTSA Council 7.3 has a goal of 5200 total members. With 5249 members thus far this school year, **we have surpassed our goal!** Great job and thank you!

We are also excited to announce our district had eight local PTAs qualify for the 2020 WSPTA Membership Contest. Big shout-outs and congratulations to ESD Special Education PTSA, Evergreen Middle PTA, Henry M. Jackson PTSA, Jefferson Elementary PTA, Monroe Elementary PTA, Silver Firs PTA, Silver Lake PTA, and Whittier Elementary PTA.

In the WSPTA Membership Contest, Monroe Elementary PTA won a \$25 gift card to be used to help celebrate and continue to grow. The gift card can be used to purchase PTA supplies at ShopPTA or to buy other needed supplies or treats at your local grocery or office store.

Congratulations, Monroe Elementary PTA and all of our other PTAs!

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 121 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 116 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

Today is Census Day

The Census is used to determine how federal funds are distributed to communities like ours; how we are represented in Olympia and Washington, DC; and how organizations like ours serve the community. For the first time ever, the Census Bureau will be requesting that households respond to the Census online, especially as we practice social distancing due to COVID-19.

We use this day to determine who is counted and where in the 2020 Census. When you respond, you will tell the Census Bureau where you live as of today (April 1, 2020), and include everyone who usually lives and sleeps in your home. You can respond after this date but are encouraged to respond sooner than later.

You can complete the Census online at <https://my2020census.gov/> in 10 minutes or less, via phone by calling 844-330-2020, or by filling out the paper copy that should have arrived to homes via mail.

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

Music4Life Benefit Concert

A benefit concert for [Music4Life](#) Everett is scheduled for May 15. All proceeds go to support *Music4Life* Everett, whose mission is to provide ready-to-play musical instruments for students in music classes for Grades K-12 in the Everett School District through donations and repairs.

The benefit concert will feature the music of the Beatles from Seattle's premier tribute act The Lonely Hearts Club, a Seattle-based band that specializes in playing music of The Beatles. This group covers all phases of The Beatles' incredible career. Fantastic musicianship, amazing harmonies, and a great rapport with the audience ensures that you will have a great time at any Lonely Hearts Club show.

TICKET COST:

\$15 for Adults, \$10 for Students and Seniors (but kids under 10 and adults over 90 are free)

Tickets can be purchased at the door or [online](#).

DATE: Friday, May 15, 2020

START TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Everett Civic Auditorium - 2415 Colby Ave, Everett, WA 98201

Music4Life Everett is also on social media. Visit their [Facebook page](#) for latest updates.

WASHINGTON STATE PTA NEWS

Annual WSPTA Convention 2020 To Have Virtual Format

Dear PTA leaders and members,

Your Washington State PTA Board of Directors and staff have decided to preemptively move our 107th annual convention from an in-person, social gathering to a virtual landscape. Plans are underway to develop an event that will maintain all the best parts of our convention while providing the ability to maintain our social distancing. While we have no doubts that the landscape will improve, our greatest concern is for the well-being of our community. Moving to a virtual convention format gives us the ability to plan ahead while maintaining the opportunity to connect and learn from each other.

This decision was not made lightly. The WSPTA Board of Directors weighed many pros and cons before unanimously voting to move the convention to a virtual platform per the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 10, Section 4. As additional details become available, we will share them via various communication channels.

At its heart, PTA is about connection. We will not waver from our commitment to provide you the information and resources you need to be successful.

Sincerely,

Janice Kutzera
WSPTA President, 2019-2021

NATIONAL PTA NEWS

Participate in the 2020 U.S. Census

Per National PTA:

Did you know, responding to the [#2020Census](https://www.2020census.gov/) helps determine accurate funding? Your responses provide financial insight for clinics, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and other healthcare assistance programs. <http://www.2020census.gov/>

SPANISH VERSION:

¿Sabías que responder al [#2020Census](https://www.2020census.gov/) ayuda a determinar la financiación precisa? Sus respuestas proporcionan información financiera para clínicas, Medicaid, el Programa de Seguro Médico para Niños y otros programas de asistencia médica. <http://www.2020census.gov/>

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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