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*** June 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, June 17, 2020: Council Board of Directors Meeting

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday, June 19, 2020: Last Day of School

Tuesday, June 30, 2020: Important "Best Practice" Date for PTAs

Each PTA should have the following action items completed by this date:

- 1) Approve budget for next fiscal year.
- 2) Hold PTA Officer elections.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
General PTA Reminders

Hello PTA leaders,

It's now been two months since teaching has moved to remote learning, and we have the revised calendar of dates which confirms the last day of school is June 19, and for seniors, June 12. If you want to make sure you are not missing any of the news from the district, make sure to visit their webpage [here](#) that includes all of the communications that have been sent home to families. Thank you for sharing out these and other messages to help keep your families informed and connected during this time. It is a true value that PTAs bring to school communities.

With the end of the year approaching, we just want to remind all PTAs that there are two important business items that need to be completed by June 30:

- 1) Approve a budget for the next fiscal year
- 2) Hold officer elections

Many of you are successfully holding your PTA meetings via Zoom or other virtual format to get these done, which is an accomplishment in itself! If you are having any difficulties in doing this, please reach out to us at Council. We want all of you to feel that despite the challenge of this current time, that you are finishing the year in the best possible way that you can.

Keep up the great work and above all, stay safe and healthy!

~Jen

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
2020-2021 Elected Officers

Join us in welcoming the incoming Elected Officers for Everett PTSA Council 7.3 for the 2020-2021 Term:

President: Jen Hirman

Co-VPs of Membership: Amanda Cabana, Craig Willis

Treasurer: Jonelle Radford

Secretary: Stephanie Cherry*

* *Stephanie Cherry is new to our Council. Welcome to the team, Stephanie!*

2020-2021 Open Council Positions

Would you like to join our PTSA Council team for the 2020-2021 school year? If you have enjoyed working on PTA at the local level and would like to become part of our Council team, let us know! We are looking for the following positions as either a chair or co-chair:

- Programs
- Shoe Fund
- Board Member-at-Large position - Central Region of Everett School District

Position descriptions can be found on our PTSA Council Handbook on our website.

As a Council leader, you would be invited to attend the WSPTA Leadership Conference held in early August which further develops your PTA knowledge base and leadership skills. This helps connect you in working with other experienced PTA leaders in the mission of improving the lives of all children.

Questions? Contact Jen at jhirman@gmail.com for more information

2020 Everett PTSA Council Awards

Congratulations to our newest Council award winners!

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD: Dr. Sally Lancaster

OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE AWARD: Valerie Cunningham

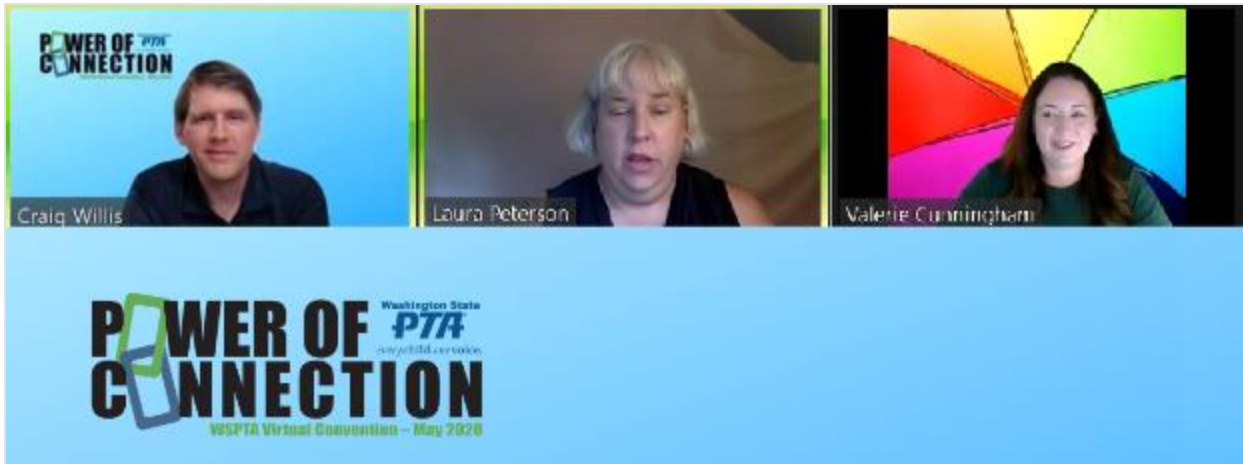
GOLDEN ACORN AWARD: Amanda Cabana

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD: Jen Hirman

WSPTA VIRTUAL CONVENTION RECAP

Council Represented at Convention!

Everett PTSA Council was well-represented at the recent WSPTA Virtual Convention. A "Social Media Guidelines" webinar class was hosted by our Council Communications Chair, Craig Willis, and an "Adapting Programs for Special Needs" webinar class was hosted by our Council Region 7 Representative, Laura Peterson, and moderated by our Council Special Education Liaison, Valerie Cunningham. In addition, Council members Jen Hirman and Amanda Cabana were mentioned during several classes for their achievements, and our Council in general was mentioned several times during the convention for great efforts in broadening community help opportunities, Facebook usage, membership assistance, and our Council Contacts program.



2020 WSPTA Awards

Everett PTSA Council and several local PTAs were given recognition during the recent WSPTA Convention. Please congratulate the award winners:

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE:

PLATINUM LEVEL: Henry M. Jackson High School PTSA 7.3.95, Everett PTSA Council 7.3

GOLD LEVEL: Cedar Wood PTA 7.3.3

OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:

GOLD LEVEL: Tambark Creek PTSA 7.3.12, Everett PTSA Council 7.3

SILVER LEVEL: Mill Creek PTA 7.3.37

OUTSTANDING WEBSITE:

GOLD LEVEL: Gateway Middle School PTSA 7.3.72, Henry M. Jackson High School PTSA 7.3.95, Tambark Creek PTSA 7.3.12, Everett PTSA Council 7.3

OUTSTANDING NEWSLETTER:

GOLD LEVEL: Henry M. Jackson High School PTSA 7.3.95

SILVER LEVEL: Gateway Middle School PTSA 7.3.72

BRONZE LEVEL: Tambark Creek PTSA 7.3.12, Everett PTSA Council 7.3

IMPORTANT: *WSPTA Awards specific to Membership are shown in the next section.*



MEMBERSHIP

2020 WSPTA Membership Awards

Congratulations to our local PTAs (and Council) who were recognized for WSPTA Membership Awards this year! You did awesome!

COUNCIL GROWTH AWARD:

BRONZE LEVEL: Everett PTSA Council 7.3 - *One of only two Councils in Washington to experience membership growth during the 2019-2020 school year! Thank you, local PTAs!*

PTAs WITH THREE YEARS OF CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP GROWTH:

Everett Special Education PTSA 7.3.110
Monroe Elementary PTA 7.3.40

PTAs WITH FOUR YEARS OF CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP GROWTH:

Madison PTA 7.3.35

REACHED PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Everett Special Education PTSA 7.3.110
Evergreen Middle PTA 7.3.70
Hawthorne PTA 7.3.15
Whittier PTA 7.3.55

REACHED GOLD MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Gateway Middle PTSA 7.3.72
Heatherwood Middle PTA 7.3.71
Jefferson PTA 7.3.25
Monroe Elementary PTA 7.3.40

REACHED SILVER MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Eisenhower Middle PTSA 7.3.65

100% STAFF MEMBERSHIP:

Cedar Wood PTA 7.3.3
Evergreen Middle PTA 7.3.70
Gateway Middle School PTSA 7.3.72
Hawthorne PTA 7.3.15
Heatherwood Middle School PTA 7.3.71
Henry M. Jackson High School PTSA 7.3.95
Mill Creek PTA 7.3.37
Monroe Elementary PTA 7.3.40
Silver Lake PTA 7.3.45
Tambark Creek PTSA 7.3.12
View Ridge PTA 7.3.50

WASHINGTON STATE PTA NEWS

Reminder to Review SOA Checklist

As we near the end of the year, it is a great time for local leaders to review their PTA's 2019-2020 [Standards of Affiliation \(SOA\) Checklist Agreement](#). Your board of directors should review what your PTA has accomplished and what still needs to be done, report it to your membership and record it in your meeting minutes. Keep your completed SOA checklist and all relevant documentation with your legal documents or treasurer binder. Be aware that for many PTAs there may be a few key items that still need to be completed before the end of the fiscal year, including:

- Charitable solicitations filing (due to Secretary of State by May 31 each year).
IMPORTANT: *The Secretary of State Charities Division has announced an extension of this due date to July 31 for PTAs.*
- Corporate renewal filing (month it is due is dependent on when your PTA was incorporated, due to Secretary of State by the last day of that month);
- Membership invoices need to be paid in full; and
- Start planning for your PTA's year-end financial review.

As your PTA elects new officers and begins planning for 2020-21, be sure to include the SOA as a part of the transition process! Every elected board member is responsible for helping to ensure that their PTA is in compliance with all IRS, state, insurance, and PTA requirements—and it can be overwhelming. The SOA is a great tool that can be used to help orient and educate board members about what they need to do and when to do it.

Need help with your SOA? Reach out to your council leaders (if applicable) or region director for assistance. You can find contact information for your area leaders on the [WSPTA website](#).

NATIONAL PTA NEWS

Virtual Convention Coming Soon!

The 2020 National PTA Convention will now be a virtual event held between July 20 - August 7. Registration will open during mid-June. Here is the general itinerary:

- **July 20-21:** Convention opens with a message from National PTA President, Leslie Boggs, and the Convention Keynote Speaker, astronaut Jose Hernandez, as well as the annual Reflections celebration.
- **July 27-31:** Week-long virtual education/leadership development "Summer School" series.
- **August 6-7:** Official business meeting and elections.

For up-to-date information regarding the National PTA Convention, visit the [official website](#).

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.everettsacouncil.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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