

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.



Jan 17 Tambark Creek Elementary PTA Planning Meeting, **7pm** JHS Library

Jan 22 Everett School Board Appreciation, **4pm** in Board Room A & B of the CRC. PTA Leaders are invited to join Everett PTSA Council Leaders in thanking our School Board Directors for their efforts. If you'd like to join us, please arrive at the CRC before the 4pm Board Meeting begins and look for us or other PTA leaders – thanks so much!

Jan 24 Coffee Chat-Join PTSA Council members and fellow PTA leaders for a cup of coffee at Starbucks. This is a drop-in time to get questions answered or just to visit with fellow area PTA representatives. This Starbucks location is at the corner of 10th and Broadway, near Everett Community College and Whittier Elementary. We hope to see you there! **10-12pm. No Council office hours at the CRC today.**

Jan 30 Council Membership Meeting **6:30pm** at CRC in Port Gardner A & B. All PTA leaders are invited to attend. We will have a **Leadership Roundtable** featuring Elections 101 and Advocacy at **7:30pm**. Each local PTA is encouraged to have representation at these meetings (location: 3900 Broadway, Everett)

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



Webinars

January 19 - [PTA and the Law](#)

February 2 - [Volunteer Appreciation](#)

PTA Leader Trainings

Training opportunities can be found on our Council website's Training page <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>



January Checklist for Running Your PTA

Are you on track this month?

Monthly Tasks for January Checklist:

- Conduct a mid-year financial review as a best practice.
- Review goals and objectives set at the beginning of the year (Are you on track? Do you need to make adjustments? Have you been sharing progress with your members?)
- Have you elected 3 members to serve on your **Nominating Committee?**

For a complete list of the January Checklist for Running Your PTA: <https://www.wastatepta.org/january-checklist-running-pta-2/>

TO: Parents, Teachers, and Community Members
FROM: Mary Levesque, Kim Kuhne, and Angela Steck
RE: Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting

We are pleased to announce that a meeting will be held on January 17, 2019 7pm, at HM Jackson High School Library, for the purpose of discussing the organization of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Tambark Creek Elementary.

Representatives from the Washington State PTA will be present to explain the objectives, basic policies, and procedures of the association, allowing time for questions and discussion.

Through the PTA, you can help strengthen the quality of life and education in the community. The PTA is a valuable link between home, school, and the community, providing everyone with important information benefiting your child/children. In this association, you join with parents, teachers, administrators, school board members, and other citizens to enhance opportunities for the education, health, safety, and welfare of all children.

If we decide to become a PTA, we will be seeking individuals to serve on the steering committee to build a budget, draft standing rules, and accept charter memberships.

We invite you to attend and take part in this special and important occasion.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Kuhne at PTAKim.Kuhne@outlook.com



Advocacy

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a restful winter break and are feeling rejuvenated. With that said, we are hitting the ground running. The start of the new legislative session began yesterday January 14th. Governor Inslee has proposed a [budget](#) that includes such things as increasing the number of counselors, nurses, and social workers in schools, creating a statewide referral system to connect families to early learning services, returning back to a more traditional levy structure that was in place prior to the 2017 reforms, closing the opportunity gap, and guaranteeing access to the Washington College Promise Scholarship (formerly State Need Grant) to those that qualify. Many of his proposals align with our legislative platform passed at Legislative Assembly. Please make sure to sign up for the [WSPTA Action Network](#) to keep informed of what's going on.

Another thing that is coming up is Focus Week February 11-15 and [Focus Day](#) is on February 11th. Please join us in Olympia to advocate and let our legislators know what's important to us. We will be meeting at the United Churches of Olympia. This will be the area you can meet up with others and then can go to the Capitol and Senate and House buildings to meet with legislators. Make your appointments now if you plan to meet with legislators. You can [click here](#) to find out who your representatives are and their contact information. It has been suggested by our legislative consultant that we aim to get afternoon appointments since the mornings fill up quickly and there will be other groups there that day trying to meet legislators as well. You can also take a tour of the Capitol (check their website) if you haven't been. We encourage members to bring their kids too. It's a great learning experience. Please check the WSPTA website under advocacy for details.

Even if you can't make it to Olympia, I encourage you to write to your legislator. We have a [postcard](#) version or if you are planning to hand deliver a note we have that version too posted on the website. It's easy to fill out and you can do it from the comfort of your home. All you need is a stamp or hand it to someone who is going to Olympia. It's a simple way for you to advocate.

Please come to our Council Meeting on 1/30 and I will have postcards available for those of you who want to fill out your postcard there. Looking forward to seeing you.

Lizzy Sebring
Advocacy Chair

Membership

2018-19 Members: 5040 **Goal: 5150** **2017-18 total: 5121**

As of 1/13/19, Everett PTSA Council has 5040 members, bringing us 81 members away from last year's final number and to 98% of our goal for this year. Region 7 as a whole is leading the State in % to goal! As of 1/7, the Region was at 98% to last year and only 222 members away. As of 1/13/19, we are only 15 members away from matching last year's total!

Thanks to all the schools that participated in the POWER Surge Membership contest! The 3 winning PTAs will each receive \$292 at the end of January. The 3 consolation prize winners, including **HM Jackson PTSA**, will get snacks and door prizes at an upcoming membership meeting! We'll be sure to take pictures!

Kim will be at the Council Coffee Chat on January 24th if you want to "talk membership"!



WSPTA Awards of Excellence

Awards Workshop, Friday, Jan. 18 10am-noon at the CRC Building

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-progr.../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? Stop by the CRC Building this Friday, January 18 from 10am-noon to view sample applications and pick up some ideas and supplies to get started.

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](#).

Reflections Thank You

Judges: Barbara Phillips, Debbie Wiens, Denise Constantineau, Hajera Ahmed, Jackie Parker, Jeanene Mackas, Jenny Salazar, Joe Riley, Katie Tuft, Lu Norton, Mira Yamamoto, Nira Barlow, and Penny Hotchkiss.

Volunteers for Art Reflections hanging: Jen Hirman, Kelley Phan and Ami Maggio.

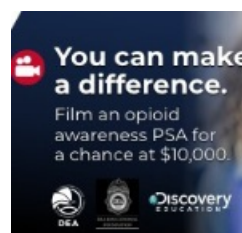
Volunteers for Celebration: Kelley Phan and Council BOD

A big thank you to Emily Hotchkiss for chairing the program this year.

Operation Prevention Video Challenge

Do you know any budding teen filmmakers? They could win \$10,000 and other great prizes for filming an [original public service announcement](#) about the dangers of prescription opioid misuse and heroin use for the DEA. [Get the official rules and other useful info.](#)

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