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*** November 15, 2019 ***

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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Friday, November 15 (TODAY): Membership Drive Deadline

Your Membership Drive Form and payment must be postmarked by this date.

Wednesday, November 20: 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. Before the Council meeting, we will host a *memberplanet* question-and-answer session in our Council office. After the Council meeting, we will host a free WSPTA-approved training for all leaders in attendance: ***PTA Boards & Administrators - Building Strong Relationships***. This training is appropriate for any and all PTA Board members to attend.

PRE-MEETING MEMBERPLANET QUESTIONNAIRE: 5:30 - 6:30 PM (in the Council office)

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, "***PTA Boards & Administrators - Building Strong Relationships***"

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

Friday, November 22: Reflections Entry Submission Day

Submit your Reflections entries at the CRC on this date.

Monday, November 25: Coffee Chat

Our Everett PTSA Council Membership Chair (Amanda Cabana) and Communications Chair (Craig Willis) will be hosting a free "Coffee Chat" session. All local PTA leaders are welcome to attend and participate or listen to discussions related to Membership, Communications, and other PTA topics.

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Starbucks Coffee - 8407 Evergreen Way, 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

MEMBERSHIP

Important Membership Invoice Information

This year, membership invoices are a bit different than in the past. WSPTA is still sending out invoices, however you will receive 2 invoices per month. One for State/National Dues and one for Council Dues. Your invoice for State and National Dues is payable to WSPTA, and your invoice for Council Dues is payable to your local Council. To pay invoices, click on the link in the invoice. You will be able to set up an auto-payment, or pay each time. Remember you will need to do this twice, as each invoice is payable to a different entity. Even if you had automatic payments set up in previous years you will need to complete these steps again due to our new system. Invoices will be emailed to the President and Treasurer listed in *Memberplanet*.

Our Membership Drive is Underway!

We are pleased to offer our 2019-2020 Membership Drive. If you are interested in joining and supporting a PTA other than your home school, please take a look and feel free to join as many as you would like! Download our [Membership Drive Form](#) for more info.

IMPORTANT: Form and payment must be postmarked by TODAY (November 15, 2019)

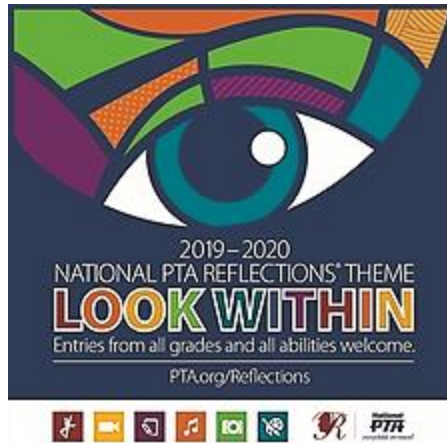


REFLECTIONS

Submission Day is Next Friday!

Local PTAs must submit their Reflections nominations
on **Friday, November 22, 2019, between 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM** at the
Everett PTSA Council Office in the CRC (Community Resource Center)

[Click Here for Our Reflections
Webpage!](#)



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

SPECIAL EDUCATION PTSA

Message From Your Council Special Ed Liaison

Hi everyone,

As the Special Ed Liaison for Council as well as the Co-President of the Everett Special Education PTSA, I have been reaching out to PTAs to ask to attend one of their meetings. The goal is to introduce our Special Ed PTSA, talk about the resources we have available for the special needs students within our District, and offer any other support. If you have not been reached by me yet, and are interested in having a 5-7 minute presentation, please feel free to contact me directly at valcunningham25@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Valerie Cunningham

Special Ed Liaison, Everett Council PTSA 2019-2020

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 36 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 75 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

Focus Day Reminder

So now that we have a platform and updated principles and resolutions, it's time to be thinking about taking our platform to Olympia to share with our representatives on Focus Day on January 20 (MLK Day)! I encourage anyone who wants to, to please consider taking your kids since it's a non-school day and it is a great experience for our kids to see where the seat of our state government resides and to (hopefully) meet the people who make the decisions about laws that govern our state. It's a great opportunity to see our state capital and there are plenty of wonderful things to do in Olympia so you can make a day out of it. If you are considering going, please let me know (rungal20@msn.com). I want to make sure that we can try to get appointments for you to meet with your representatives on that day, but we need to get it on their calendars soon since they will be filling up quickly especially as we get closer to the start of the beginning of the legislative session in January.

Thank you,

Lizzy Sebring

Advocacy Chair

PROGRAMS

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.



WSPTA NEWS

WSPTA Address Change

Contributed by Andrew Estep, WSPTA Executive Director

Dear WSPTA Leaders,

The Washington State PTA office is moving to a new home! After almost six years in our current building, we have secured a more favorable lease in a new location. This location will better fit

our needs while remaining centrally located within Tacoma with easy access and parking availability.

Our new address as of December 1, 2019, will be:

15 Oregon Avenue, Suite 202

Tacoma, WA 98409-7463

This affects all local PTAs and councils in two immediate ways:

1) Reflections – all of the materials, resources, and website have been directing local PTAs and councils to submit the pieces for state judging to our current location. **Whether you are mailing, shipping, or dropping off your submissions by the due date of January 24, 2020, they must come to 15 Oregon Avenue, Suite 202.**

2) Registered Agent – WSPTA serves as the registered agent for many PTAs.

- **Secretary of State** – If the WSPTA office is your registered agent for the Secretary of State Charities Program or Secretary of State Corporation Division, the address change will be taken care of for you. No action is required.
- **IRS** – If the WSPTA office address is listed as your mailing address, it is your responsibility to notify the IRS of the change to the WSPTA office address. To make this change you will need to file [Form 8822-B](#).

We will continue to update you through Leadership News as additional information becomes available. We anticipate a smooth transition but appreciate your patience as we get settled into the new location.

Thank you,

Andrew L. Estep

WSPTA Executive Director

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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