

Everett PTSA Council

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*** Feb 1, 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.



Feb 12 Coffee Chat 7-8:30pm -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 Lowe's on 132nd: 2130 132nd St SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012. We hope to see you there!

Feb 27 Tambark Creek Elementary PTA 2nd Planning Meeting, 7pm JHS Library

Mar 27 Council Membership Meeting 6:30pm at CRC in Port Gardner A & B
All PTA leaders are invited to attend. 7:30pm training will be a Local PTA Leaders Roundtable: Awards, Open Topic Q & A

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



Webinars

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>

Jan 30 Council Meeting Review

- Thank you to all the leaders that came to our meeting this week. We got a lot accomplished including electing our nominating committee, filling our mid-year financial review committee, and more. Council is on track for meeting some of our yearly goals and our SOA is completed. January Star Awards were announced (see blurb later in eblast).
- We also voted to add a line item for Tambark Creek PTA. This is the district's new elementary that will be opening in September and the PTA is well on it's way to getting formalized. It will not have any funds to start it's business so Council and several other PTAs will be donating funds to help get it started with it's beginning expenses. **If you would like to donate, make checks out to Everett PTSA Council and note it's for Tambark Creek in the memo line and send it to us.**
- After the meeting we had a Nominating Committee training and Advocacy Roundtable.



Feb. Checklist for Running Your PTA

Are you on track this month?

Monthly Tasks for February

Checklist:

-Apply for a WSPTA [Award of Excellence](#) this month
Due March 1.

-Apply for a WSPTA [Membership Achievement](#) award – 100% membership or 100% staff
Due March 1.

-PTA leaders apply for WSPTA's [Leadership Academy](#)
Due March 1.

-Launch the PTA [Men's Essay Contest](#) Deadline for submissions is March 1.

-High school PTAs should advertise the WSPTA [scholarship program](#)
Deadline for students: March 1

☐For a complete list of the Feb Checklist for Running Your PTA:

<https://www.wastatepta.org/february-checklist-running-pta-2/>



SCAM EMAIL WARNING

It has come to our attention that scammers are again sending emails out to PTA members asking them to buy gift cards, and telling them that they will be reimbursed. These emails look like they are from our Presidents. They are NOT!!
Please do not go buy any gift cards!!
We will NEVER send anyone an email asking this!!

Advocacy

Focus Day 2019 --HOW do members advocate on our priorities?

WSPTA members can send a strong message by showing up in Olympia on Focus

Day, February 11, 2019, for a day of talking to legislators. Members should consult with their local PTA, council or region legislative/advocacy chair for assistance in making legislator appointments for Focus Day.

The most important tip for those leaders is to **make appointments with the legislators as far in advance as possible!** Input addresses [here](#) to get the names of the Representatives and Senator(s) for your school district and their contact information.

WSPTA will be asking members to send prewritten emails each day during **Advocacy Week – February 11 – 15, 2019**. All the information on Focus Day and Advocacy Week logistics can be found here: <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/focus-day/> Subscribe to the [WSPTA Action Network](#) to stay informed.

We KNOW you care about kids – that's why you are a PTA member! Imagine if legislators heard from all 130,000+ members about how much we care about kids!
Every Child, One Voice!

By: Nancy Chamberlain, WSPTA Advocacy Director
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Note from Lizzy-

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: 5109 **Goal: 5150** **2017-18 total: 5121**

We are at 99.7% to last year's total, 99% to our goal of 5150 for the year.

We will share award winners on the Facebook page next week. Don't stop working on Membership! Do any of your members want to sponsor a Staff membership for new faculty or support staff at your school? Show how much you LOVE your teachers this Valentine's Day with the gift of PTA membership! If you have any questions on updating your membership campaign for the end of the year or looking toward next year, contact Kim at PTAKim.Kuhne@outlook.com

Thank You Community Shoe Fund Donors

- Schmidt Advanced Dentistry
- Linda and John Drake
- Mr. Dizzy Motorsports
- Bruin Community Parents



WSPTA Awards of Excellence

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-programs/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? We've got examples of previous award applications and would be happy to provide direction and guidance as needed.

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.

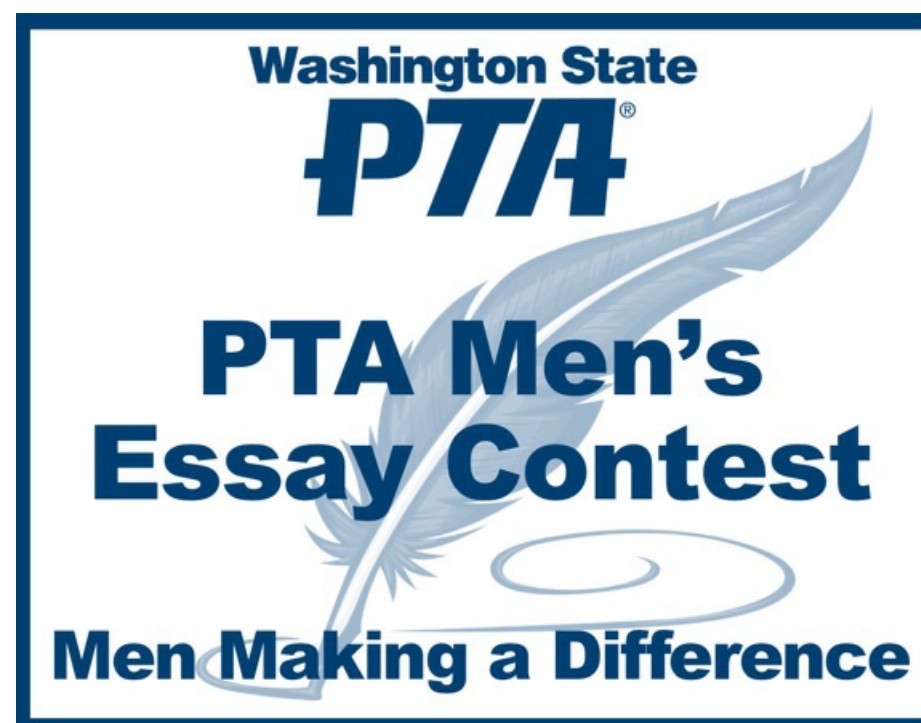
WSPTA Men's Essay Contest - Men Making a Difference

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](#).



January Star Awards:

At Wednesday's Council meeting we announced the January Star Awards recipients!

A Star Award went to **Jackson Elementary PTA** for their promotion and participation in the PTA Reflections Program. As you read about in the WSPTA Region 7 January Newsletter, Jackson Elementary PTA's Art Docent program held a Reflections workshop for students where they talked about the theme and the importance of the artist statement. After students created their pieces, entry forms were sent home to parents. From about 200 pieces, they collected about 100 entry forms for their local level contest. This year there were just entries in Visual Arts. However, the PTA is getting digital cameras for student use. Next year they hope to have entries in Photography as well as Visual Arts.

Jefferson PTA received a Star Award for their ongoing work with their food drive and backpack program to help students and their families in the school community. They collected food donations each morning throughout January and expanded their invitation to families affected by the government shutdown. They work with community partners in receiving donations and also distributing any additional perishable food so that it doesn't go to waste.



The 2019 Washington State PTA nominating committee hereby places the following names into nomination:

For the office of President	Janice Kutzera;
For the office of Vice President	Julie Haase;
For the office of Secretary	Tania Skinner;
For the office of Finance Officer	Nancy Chamberlain;
For the office of Advocacy Director	____(open)____
For the office of Family & Community Engagement Director	Kimberli Swenson;
For the office of Leadership Director	Shelby Reynolds;
For the office of Membership Director	Kim Kuhne;
For the office of Programs Director	Sharon Pfeiffer;
For the office of Area A Vice President	____(open)____
For the office of Area B Vice President	Sherry Rudolph;
For the office of Area C Vice President	Kandy Schendel;
For the office of Area D Vice President	Connie Andrews;
For the office of Area E Vice President	Angela Steck.



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/>

* Click [HERE](#) for Spanish Our Children online magazine *

National PTA Celebrates Family Engagement

Family Engagement. Powered by PTA.

For over 120 years, National PTA has been encouraging families to get more involved in their child's education. Help us celebrate PTA's long legacy of family engagement during National PTA's Take Your Family to School Week - Feb. 10-17, 2019 by hosting an event at your school.

The [website has a toolkit](#) to help you plan your event and create a theme for the week such as Health & Safety, Literacy, Digital Learning, or STEM.

Jan Harp Domene Grants Open

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National PTA is now accepting applications for the 2019 Jan Harp Domene Diversity & Inclusion Award through March 31, 2019. Your PTA could win \$1,000 cash award and national recognition at the National PTA Convention & Expo in Columbus, Ohio.

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Membership Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financials can be found on our website. [website](#)



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