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WSPTA REGION 4 E-NEWSLETTER

SERVING GRAYS HARBOR, LEWIS, MASON, PACIFIC, & THURSTON COUNTIES



APRIL 2010

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Cathy Christensen

Wow! It's April already. By now each unit should have elected a nominating committee and set a date for the elections of your PTA Board for 2010-2011. If you haven't done this yet you **MUST** do it immediately! Remember that the Washington State PTA By-laws require that all local unit elections be held by April 30th. There are some very good reasons why this date has been established for the LU's.

First, it enables local units to have ample time to complete a smooth transition with the incoming board. A smooth transition should include a complete financial review, training of every elected officer by their predecessor, and a complete exchange of all books, documents and other information pertaining to PTA and the role of each elected officer. Please, please take the time to ensure that your PTA has a sound and smooth transition with the incoming board. Not doing so only jeopardizes the potential good that could be done by an incoming board which directly affects all PTA benefits to your children.

Second, if you are unable to have candidates come forward to fill all of the elected offices by the April deadline this timeline still gives you ample time to have future elections and find people to fill those positions.

Third, by staying within guidelines set by Washington State PTA, it enables the Region and State teams to best serve your local unit. If you have your elections and provide incoming officer information to the state in early May then the state will have the means to contact your Board for future training and information dissemination. By not providing this information to the state the region team spends months, and I mean months, tracking it down. The efforts of everyone could be better spent on moving the work of the PTA forward for our children rather than tracking newly elected officers down.

As you move forward with your elections keep in mind a few things. First, remember that the region team is here to support you. Please call or email me with any and all questions no matter how ridiculous or small. Second, remember that the report from the nominating committee is a recommendation of candidates not your complete ballot of candidates. Third, remember that an individual must have been a member of a PTA for 30 days prior to the elections in order to run for an elected position. Fourth, all members of your PTA are entitled to a vote no matter how long or short their membership time has been. Fifth, as the currently elected officers of your PTA your term does not end until you have a replacement so if someone is not elected to replace you then you are to complete the work of that position until someone else is elected. And finally please do make every effort to have your incoming board members attend state PTA convention in SeaTac at the end of April. Here they can receive valuable training and become motivated and prepared to serve the children of your school.

Good luck with your elections. I will be seeing many of you at your upcoming general meetings for elections and look forward to meeting your incoming board members.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Chandalyn Reed from Onalaska PTA will serve as our next Region 4 Director from June 1, 2010, to May 31, 2012.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| APRIL 5 | DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR WSPTA'S ANNUAL CONVENTION AT EARLY BIRD RATE |
| APRIL 9 | DEADLINE TO ORDER GOLDEN ACORN AND OTHER LOCAL UNIT AWARDS AND BE GUARANTEED DELIVERY BEFORE CONVENTION (AWARDS CAN BE PURCHASED AT CONVENTION THIS YEAR!) |
| APRIL 13 | LAST DATE TO OBTAIN DISCOUNTED ROOM RATE FOR WSPTA ANNUAL CONVENTION |
| APRIL 30-MAY 2 | WSPTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DOUBLETREE HOTEL, SEATAC, WA |
| MAY 13 | PRESIDENT'S MEETING, 6:30 PM, LOCATION TBA |
| MAY 25 | FINAL PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICE FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE. |

PARENT PLEDGE PROGRAM

Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking

WSPTA is pleased to announce that one of the means by which it is implementing National PTA's Alcohol and Drug Resolution is the new "Parent Pledge" program. The program includes information for parents on the dangers of underage drinking and substance abuse. This awareness campaign is designed to educate parents about the legal ramifications as well as the health and safety risks associated with serving alcohol to teens other than their own children.

In addition, local PTAs should encourage parents to sign a pledge committing that underage drinking or drug use will not be allowed in their homes. More information and sample forms are available at http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/parent_pledge/index.html

More information about preventing drug and alcohol abuse by teens is available from the Reduce Underage Drinking Coalition at <http://www.starttalkingnow.org/>

WASHINGTON STATE PTA 2010 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The convention dates are April 30 - May 2, 2010 & the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac is our convention location. April 5 is the early bird registration deadline & April 13 is the deadline for a discounted room rate. If you have not received your Registration Guide in the mail Visit <http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/con10/index.html> to register, download a registration guide, reserve a room, shop the PTA store, sign up to volunteer and more.

A great line-up of guest speakers are scheduled including

- National PTA President Chuck Saylor;
- Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn;
- REI's Chief Executive Officer Sally Jewell;
- Washington State Teacher of the Year Jamie Yoos; and
- Comedian and inspirational speaker Debbie Wooten.

WSPTA would love to include photos of your local unit or council events in our annual report to be presented at the WSPTA Convention. Please share them with us by emailing them to Karen Fisker-Andersen at kfandersen@wastatepta.org right away. Thanks in advance for your contributions.

OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP

Karen Albers, Membership Director

On behalf of the hard working region outreach chairs, I'd like to share some information regarding another piece to increasing membership: Outreach!

Outreach is first a commitment to create an inviting climate. It is further about forming respectful, trusting relationships throughout the school community and recognizing that everyone has value. Outreach is sharing and distributing important information about PTA and topics of concern that inform and invite action.

Outreach must be a priority for all of us. The greater the ability of PTA members and leaders to form positive one-on-one relationships with all community members, the greater their ability to generate positive impacts for all children, the school community, and the organization.

Outreach efforts are successful when PTA leaders can develop community support with meaningful two-way discussions focusing on student success.

Outreach includes efforts that focus on enlisting the participation of parents, students, and community members in the educational process.

- Invite and encourage everyone to be a part, and assure everyone may play a role, because your community is your greatest asset.
- Empower others with information, support, and resources focused on students' needs.
- See the uniqueness of each individual.
- Work to build representative leadership and voice – support the democratic process. Is the PTA reflective of the greater community?
- Assess practices to assure inclusiveness and speak out for change.

Steps to Take:

- Be bold – Envision communitywide involvement in seeking educational excellence.
- Understand that everyone has value – See the assets each person brings because everyone counts.
- Speak to everyone – Build a volunteer base that is representative of the diversity of the community, encompassing all languages and customs.
- Build personal relationships – Invite involvement through one-on-one relationships focused on what can be achieved for children.
- Show school spirit and pride – Display logos and accomplishments, student work, and share expressions of affirmation because, "This school is the best!"
- Readily share Information – Share PTA's goals and values, programs, PTA contact information, resources, and published literature on important topics.
- Check your success – Regularly measure your efforts, share your results, and modify your goals.

Now is your turn: Please share your stories, successes, lessons learned how your PTA is reaching out in your school and community!

We volunteer not so we can build our resumes but so we can build ourselves.

LOCAL UNITS OF REGION 4

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*“Only as high as I reach can I grow, only as far as I seek can I go,
only as deep as I look can I see, only as much as I dream can I be.” ~ Karen Ravn*