

Mountain News

A NOTE FROM YOUR NEW REGION DIRECTOR

My name is Moneika Rupert and I am our new Region 5 Director. I am excited to get to know as many of you as I can over the next two years. I have been an active PTA member since 1995 when my oldest was in first grade and we got our first computer. Naturally having a new computer, I began my PTA career as the newsletter chairperson. I have had many PTA jobs, including being on our Region 5 Service Delivery Team for 3 years.

You will learn that my main goal as our new region director is to make sure that all of our PTA's in Region 5 participate in the many conferences and trainings that are offered by our WA State PTA. We need to change our thinking from training being "optional." Trainings from the state are the valuable key to keeping our PTA's in alignment with the rules & guidelines established by our State PTA. At many of the trainings and conferences we learn what is expected of all non-profit organizations from the Secretary of the State of Washington. I have attended some of our classes 4 times and I still hear something new at each one. Different presenters touch a point that I missed at a previous class.

Each of us, as new local unit board of directors, needs to take a look at our budgets and make sure that we have allotted enough money to attend our region conferences, and to send as many people that can attend to the Legislative Assembly and to the Annual WA State PTA Convention the end of April -beginning of May.

Remember that if you have any questions, please call myself or someone from your area that is represented on our Region Service Delivery Team. We are all listed to the left of this note. There are a couple of positions that are still open and need someone to help us out. If you are interested in being on our team, please call me and we can talk about the expectations.

I look forward to meeting all of you on August 20th. It will be my first region conference, so please be patient. Send in the registration attached to this newsletter now, so you can be sure to be included in our dinner. The PTA that sends the most people, will receive a special gift. In the event of a tie, the Local Unit's that are tied will be put into a drawing for the gift.

Thank you for your support in advance. I know that together we will make our Region 5 the strongest region in WA State PTA. I really am excited to be here.

Moneika Rupert

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- August 7-8 **WSPTSA Leadership Retreat - Red Lion Inn ~ Olympia**
- August 20 **Region 5 Fall Conference - Carson Elem. 4pm - 9pm ~ Puyallup**
- October 2 - 3 **WSPTA Legislative Assembly - Marriot Hotel ~ SeaTac**
- October 17 **Region 5 PTA & the LAW - 9am -12pm ~ Location to Be Announced (TBA)**
- October 25 **First Membership Payments Due to State Office**
- October 30 **Region 5 "Hosted" PTA Halloween Party ~ Location & Time TBA**
- January 18 **WSPTA Focus Day - Rally on the Steps of Capitol ~ Olympia**
- March 25 **Region 5 Spring Board Transition Conf. - Location & Time TBA**
- Apr 30 - May 2 **WSPTA Annual Convention - Doubletree Inn ~ SeaTac**
- June 25 - 28 **National Annual Convention ~ Memphis, TN**

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