

Mountain News for Region 5



Hello Region 5:

Just a quick hey, how's it going, from your Region 5 Director, Tricia Woods. We are underway in 2012, half way through the PTA year and we have lots of things going on. We have more trainings for local units to help get officers trained and keep local units "In Good Standing" for next year. If you are not sure what that means, call me or email me.

Reminder: Membership dues were due January 25th. Please make sure you get your money sent in. If you have problems or concerns, call the state office.



There is a contest out for membership, 12 in 2012. Between February 1st and April 12th, 1 lucky local unit who signs up 12 new members, will receive a certificate and a "buy 1 get 1 free" registration to the 2012 Convention in May. This covers the 3 days entry to the Convention (\$150 value), NOT lodging or meals. Any new members before February 1st DO NOT count.

I wanted to let everyone know that I am ending my Region Directorship at the end of May this year. Due to family circumstances, I am not able to do the 2 year commitment. DeMarco Best has been put forth from the region nominating committee to step in for my 2nd year. He is the current president of the Bethel Council, and the council rep. on the region service delivery team. He is very dedicated to PTA and will do a great job next year. So, please when you receive the voting ballot in the mail, send it in even if there is ONLY one name on it.

Coming up trainings, we have 2 winter trainings next month February. On **Thursday February 2nd** @ Hedden Elementary School, Fife School District, Edgewood, WA, we have registration at 5:30pm and classes start at 6, end at

8pm. We will be providing child care and food/beverages available. On **Saturday February 4th** @ Thompson Elementary School, Bethel School District, Tacoma, WA, we have registration at 9:30am and classes start at 10, end at noon. We will have child care and food/beverages available.



Spring Transition night is in April. It is important you have your nominating committees together now so they are looking for your officers for next year. It would be great for those incoming officers to attend this April evening @ Ballou Jr. High in Puyallup. It is open to every member of every local unit/council in Region 5. We will be hosting fundraising vendors for you to speak with. We are presenting a Convention and Leadership Conference 101, for those who have never attended. This might also help those who have attended, get the bigger picture.



Due to the current officer training by-law, all Executive Committee officers who attend Convention this coming May 2012, will have their training requirement done for the next PTA year that starts July 1, 2012. Remember, it is mandatory that EVERY local unit attend a PTA & The Law training. Each local unit MUST send 1 Executive Committee officer to that training. That training will also count as their officer training for the year. If your local unit has NOT attended a PTA & The Law, please get in touch with your contact person on the Region Service Delivery Team. If you are not sure, contact me.

Please, if you can, take a few minutes to read through the state by-laws and be familiar with those for the local unit/council.

At Convention, I will be picking up your Reflections materials that were sent on to state and getting them back to you. Remember, now is the time to start

looking at getting your awards ordered for any programs you have participated in. PTA has great programs like; the Men's Essay, Leadership Academy, etc. For more information you can look online at www.wastatepta.org under programs. If you have any questions email Jack Markley – Region Programs Chair @ RPC5@wastatepta.org.

Don't forget **FOCUS DAY** on February 20th in Olympia at the Urban Onion. Start planning now



Upcoming also is the Emerging Minority Leaders conference on March 10th @ ESD in Renton. For more information look on the state website under Training on the tool bar.

As Region Director, I have been working very hard to get to attend meetings at all the local units in Region 5. I would love to attend yours, please let me know when your local unit meetings are so I can attend and get to know your PTA.

Keep in mind your local units dues to the Secretary of State for your incorporation, know when your date is. Don't forget to pay the IRS for your charitable solicitations. As a financial officer, look these dates up so you are aware of when payments are due. If you have any questions, call the state office and speak with Tatia or email her at tvasbinder@wastatepta.org

Make sure you receive the Leadership News from Executive Director Bill Williams. There is lots of great information from the state office that is provided. You can be on many of the listservs that the state provides to get great information. Membership, Legislative, Programs, etc. Check out the website or call the state office to sign up.

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Thanks,

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