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Serving local PTA units of Snohomish / Island Counties

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Region 7 News

Cathy's Comments

The time of year for transition is upon us all in PTA. We are either looking at handing over everything we did this year or receiving all the information from someone else. This opportunity for everyone to grow, to accept change and to pass everything on can be either scary or one of the most rewarding feelings. There is always someone who can follow you and bring different and unique thinking to the table. We need to trust that the new folks are here for the kids (just like we are) and only want to continue to have growth in a positive manner.

If you are the one receiving the information, take the time to thank the person before you for everything she or he has done and for taking the time to sit with you and give you all the tools that they used. Make sure you ask questions and don't be afraid to think outside of the box. Take the time to have a retreat (meeting) with all the incoming officers to set goals and learn the strengths and weaknesses of each other. Everyone has something different to offer and this is a good time to find out about each other.

As I say good-bye I would like to thank all the leaders of the local units and councils I have had the pleasure to work with. You have allowed me to grow as a person and a leader for kids and I appreciate this more than you can imagine. Your team and the people in the region behind the scenes have been amazing—they have helped mold me and made me think outside the box. You are fortunate to have such a large group of leaders who want only good things for kids and give their all to give everyone the tools to grow and enhance our leadership skills.

When I look back at my two years I am thankful that I took the time to fill this position. I know I have made a difference in kids' lives and I thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

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Back by popular demand: PTA Movie Night Live 2!

Last November, over **3,700** PTA schools and an estimated **1 million** family members attended our first movie night event with *Kung Fu Panda*, making PTA Movie Night Live the largest school movie event of its kind.

PTA, in partnership with HP, is pleased to announce the films for the second movie night event this Spring:

Walt Disney Picture's family film *Bolt*
and
Summit Entertainment's high school hit *Twilight*.

Participating schools will receive a movie night kit with everything they need for their event, including a screening DVD of the movie, the required public performance license, and more!

Admission is only \$5 per student (parents are FREE for *Bolt*), which includes a gift from PTAdigital.com valued at \$5. In addition, students and parents have the option to add a special Domino's® Pizza deal for \$2 each.

It's easy to get started. Here's how:

- Designate an Event Coordinator for your school's movie night.
- Pick a date for your school's movie night between April 27 and May 21.
- Go to PTAMovieNightLive.com to select your preferred film
- While you're there, print the available order forms and distribute to students and parents.
- Get a final headcount for your attendees and come back to PTAMovieNightLive.com to register your school between March 27 and April 27
- Receive your movie night kit and enjoy your event!

Please note: To participate, schools must complete registration by April 27 and have a 25 attendee minimum.

PTA Movie Night Live is proudly sponsored by
PTAdigital.com.

Congratulations to our Region 7 Reflections Award winners

Visual Arts

Outstanding Interpretation, Middle/Junior

Disturbing the Peace
Gabriel Handson, Sequoia Campus /
Homeschool Alternative
Everett 7.3.90

Award of Excellence

My Beautiful Angel
Kateryna Chesnokova, Eisenhower MS PTSA
Everett 7.3.65

Literature

Award of Excellence

Butterflies
Mariah Travis, Seaview Heights PTA
Edmonds 7.2.105

Film

Award of Excellence

Team Rocket's Wow Show
Declan Harp, Endeavour Elementary PTA
Mukilteo 7.5.8

Music

Award of Excellence

Wings of Wonder
Sydney Cho, James Monroe PTA
Everett 7.3.40

Dance

Award of Excellence

WOW! The Magic of Santa Clause and the
First Christmas Lights
Ashley Pace, Horizon Elementary PTA
Mukilteo 7.5.11

Platinum Membership Awards

Great work has been taking place all across our region on membership this year! The following units have achieved Platinum Membership status, which means that they have increased the number of enrolled members over last year by ____ as of the January enrollment date.

Alderwood Middle PTA 7.2.120
 Brier Terrace Middle PTSA 7.2.123
 Mountlake Terrace High PTSA 7.2.170
 Hawthorne PTA 7.3.15
 Lowell PTA 7.3.30
 Penny Creek PTA 7.3.42
 Silver Lake PTA 7.3.45
 Whittier PTA 7.3.55
 Eisenhower Middle PTSA 7.3.65
 Henry M. Jackson Hi PTSA 7.3.95
 Grove PTSA 7.4.7
 Marysville Special Ed PTSA 7.4.70
 Challenger PTA 7.5.5
 Discovery PTA 7.5.7
 Fairmount PTSA 7.5.10
 Chain Lake PTA 7.6.2
 Cedarhome PTA 7.6.4
 Cougar Creek PTA 7.6.8
 Mount Pilchuck PTA 7.6.26
 Monroe Middle PTA 7.6.60
 Park Place Middle PTSA 7.6.63
 Port Susan Middle School PTA 7.6.64
 Post Middle PTSA 7.6.65

AND

The following Councils in our region are being recognized for having attained 100% membership

Edmonds PTSA Council 7.2
 Everett PTA Council 7.3
 Marysville PTA Council 7.4
 Mukilteo PTSA Council 7.5

Gold Membership Awards

More good membership news! The following units have achieved Gold Membership status, which means that they have increased the number of enrolled members over last year by 10% as of the January enrollment date.

Congratulations to:

Alderwood Middle PTA 7.2.120
 Brier Terrace Middle PTSA 7.2.123
 Mountlake Terrace High PTSA 7.2.170
 Hawthorne PTA 7.3.15
 Lowell PTA 7.3.30
 Penny Creek PTA 7.3.42
 Silver Lake PTA 7.3.45
 Whittier PTA 7.3.55
 Eisenhower Mdlle PTSA 7.3.65
 North Middle PTA 7.3.73
 Henry M Jackson Hi PTSA 7.3.95
 Grove PTSA 7.4.7
 Challenger PTA 7.5.5
 Discovery PTA 7.5.7
 Fairmount PTSA 7.5.10
 Chain Lake PTA 7.6.2
 Cedarhome PTA 7.6.4
 Eagle Creek PTA 7.6.5
 Cougar Creek PTA 7.6.8
 Mount Pilchuck PTA 7.6.26
 Twin City PTA 7.6.46
 Monroe Middle PTA 7.6.60
 Park Place Middle PTSA 7.6.63
 Port Susan Middle School PTA 7.6.64
 Post Middle PTSA 7.6.65
 South Whidbey High PTSA 7.7.60

Applegate Grants support great work all across our region!

The following units have received an Applegate Grant in the amount of \$500:

Lynndale PTA 7.2.60 - Program "After School academic Support & Enrichment Program"

Terrace Park PTA 7.2.117 - Program "After School enrichment Education Program"

Marysville Special Ed. PTA 7.4.70 - Program "After Health and Welfare materials for special education students & families"

Tip from AIM, the PTA's insurance company:

Have someone who does not have check signing authority review the bank monthly statement before giving it to the treasurer. This person is looking for red flags including: checks showing up in non-sequential order, checks made out to cash, cash withdrawals, checks written out to non-approved vendors or for non-approved expenses or to individuals.

AIM's website is www.aim-companies.com. Click on Insurance Programs then click on PTA and scroll down to **Top Ten Ways To Protect Your PTA Against Embezzlement**.

New Electronics Recycling Opportunity

Thanks to a new "product stewardship" recycling system provided by electronics manufacturers, schools and school districts now have free recycling for our computers, laptops, monitors and televisions that are outdated or no longer work. This will help us conserve our precious technology funds for investing in new equipment. The free recycling program is also available to residents, charities and small businesses. If you have electronic equipment to recycle, you can learn more at www.ecyclewashington.org or find recycling locations by calling 1-800-RECYCLE. Thank you electronic manufacturers!

IRS Note

The IRS has changed its requirements for reporting income:

- For the tax year 7/1/08 to 6/30/09 if your gross receipts are under one million dollars then the PTA will complete the 990EZ.
- For 7/1/09 to 6/30/10 if you gross less than \$500,000 you complete the 990EZ.
- For 7/1/10 to 6/30/11 if you gross less than \$200,000 you complete the 990EZ.

Winners of PTA Men's Essay Contest Announced (Two are from Region 7!)

Recognizing that men make a difference in the lives of the children they care about, each year WSPTA sponsors a statewide essay contest that explores this vital relationship – from our children's perspective. We're pleased to announce that the following students have been selected as this year's winning authors:

K-2 grade: **Risha Goel**

Kindergartner from Canyon Creek Elementary in Bothell

3-5 grade: **Robbie Sandbeck**,

4th grader from Little Cedars Elementary in Snohomish

6-8 grade: **Kaitlin Costello**

7th grader at Gateway Middle School in Everett

9-12 grade: **Derek Martin**

Junior at the International Community School in Kirkland

Thanks to the generosity of the **Seattle Mariners**, each winning student will receive four tickets to an upcoming Mariners' home game. All four of these young authors have been invited to be recognized and read their essays at the WSPTA Convention, and we are still waiting for confirmation about whether they'll be able to join us. Their prize-winning essays will be available on the WSPTA website in the near future.

Congratulations!

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Congratulations to Cathy Phipps who was awarded the WSPTA Outstanding Service Award

The award was presented at the recent Region 7 Winter Conference on Monday, March 16th. Linda Hanson and Karen Madsen presented it on behalf of the entire Region 7 Service Delivery Team as a small token of our gratitude for her leadership and dedication to children throughout the state of Washington.

We want to thank her for her two years of dedicated service to Region 7 and Washington State PTA. She has been incredibly generous with her time and knowledge and has mentored many future leaders. Cathy has served on numerous WSPTA committees in addition to her responsibilities as Region 7 Director, benefiting more than just her region. She has truly made a difference!

Thank you Cathy!

And...

This is the time of year of transitions including your Region 7 Director. It brings me great pleasure to let you know that Charles Miller will be your incoming Region 7 Director as of June 1st. He has been your Region Membership Chair for the past two years while supporting a group of non-council local units at the same time. He brings excitement and insight into membership and technology. He is willing to listen and answer questions so feel free to ask away!

Cathy Phipps, Region 7 Director

WSPTA Convention 2009

Creating Tomorrow Today: Volunteer, Vision, Voice

May 1-3, 2009

Doubletree/SeaTac Hotel

Sharing	Exhibit Hall	Friendship	National PTA representative	<i>Inspiration</i>
Bylaw Amendments	Fun	Financial Grants Basket Raffle	Learning	Election of WSPTA officers
Networking	Reflections ceremony	TRAINING	WASL forum	<i>Teaming</i>
Newcomer Orientations	Planning	General Session Speakers	Energizing	SPI candidate forum
RECOGNITION	Awards Banquet	<i>Innovation</i>	Award ceremonies	Chocolate
Awards display	<i>Playing</i>	Door prizes at general sessions	<i>Ideas</i>	PTA and the Law

Information and registration for events available at
www.wastatepta.org/meetings/meetings.htm

Don't miss it!!

Everett Council News

Please join us April 21st for our general meeting at 11:30 at Alfy's in Silver Lake. We will provide a pizza lunch and drinks. Come to hear district information as well as learn about community organizations that benefit kids. We hope to see you there!

Everett Council is proud to announce this year's Golden Acorn Banquet will be held May 20th at the Everett Golf and Country Club. Email christapederson@comcast.net for more information.

At our meeting in March we elected our 2009/2010 officers. We are pleased to announce the council officers for next year are:

President - Christa Pederson	Treasurer - Gina Moore-Daniels
Vice President - Michele Lopez	Membership - Jenny Forbes
Secretary - Jennifer Harbo	

Usually, this time of year PTAs start getting busy with carnivals, family nights and fun events. We love to hear what your PTAs are up to, so please let us know. As always if you need help or have any questions please feel free to contact anyone on our Council Board.

Thanks for all that you do for our kids!

Co Presidents Sam Lamoureux lameroux@hotmail.com and Michele Lopez michelelopez1@comcast.net

Mukilteo Council News

April 15, 2009 at Fairmont Elementary from 6:30-8, the Mukilteo Council will have Mary Wiggins as a guest presenter. We will be learning about the Art Docent program, "Art of The Masters", which is currently at Picnic Point Elementary.

May 20, 2009 at Challenger Elementary, the Council will host "PTA and the Principle"

Mukilteo Council is fortunate to have many active participants from our local units. Teachers, liaisons, parents, Council board members and local unit board members give Mukilteo PTSA a balanced perspective. Teachers and principals from the district have actively contributed at monthly meetings. Together the group shares ideas and interests on behalf of the children throughout our school district.

Membership News

As the PTA year enters its final quarter it is hard to think about next year. I have served you as the Region 7 Membership Chair for two years and my service is ending. I have learned a great deal and have had many good times serving you. Here are some tips to make it easier to hit the ground running in the fall:

- Hold officer elections and submit the incoming officers' names to WSPTA prior to April 30th. <http://www.wastateptambrs.org/customer/source/security/member-logon.cfm>
- Attend State PTA Convention in May to get training and to vote for incoming State PTA Officers. http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/convention09/convention_2009.htm
- Visit the State PTA membership page for more ideas and great resources: <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/membership.htm>
- Attend one or all three membership classes offered at State Convention.
- Visit the membership booth located in the grand ballroom while at Convention.
- Submit your final membership dues payment to state by May 25th.
- Print a copy of this years' roster by July so you can contact past members this summer.
- Consider becoming the membership chair for your PTA or serving on the team next year.

See you at convention!

Charles Miller, Region 7 Membership Chair

Upcoming Events—Mark your calendars now for these important dates:

May 1-3—WSPTA Convention at the Doubletree/SeaTac Hotel

May 25—Final Payment of Membership Service Fees

May 31—Charitable Solicitations Renewal form due

Convention information/registration available at www.wastatepta.org/meetings/meetings.htm

Leadership Reminders:

Please call your Region Service Delivery Team/Director for help with trainings.

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