

NEWS FROM NINE

REGION 9 SERVICE DELIVERY TEAM

Serving PTAs in the Auburn, Federal Way, Highline, Kent, Renton, Tahoma, and Tukwila School Districts

REGION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy summer to all the PTA Leaders and Members in Region 9. My name is Allyson Johnson and I am the Region 9 Director. I have been involved in PTA for 16 years since my oldest son started kindergarten. My husband Carl and I are in our 24th year of marriage and we have 3 children, 2 sons who are attending college and a daughter who will be a freshman at Kentridge High School. I am proud to be involved in an organization that advocates for children and has over 140,000 members.



For those that may not know Region 9 includes the following: Auburn, Federal Way, Highline, Kent, Renton, Tahoma and Tukwila. There are approximately 143 local units within Region 9. I have recruited 11 amazing volunteers to be on the Region 9 Service Delivery Team. A Service Delivery Team consists of volunteers who work together to provide leadership training, mentoring, answering questions and helping local units and councils as needed. We are available to you throughout the year. The Service Delivery Team is listed within this newsletter.

Our first Region training of the year is the Fall Leadership Conference on Thursday, August 27th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Tyee Complex in Seattle in the Highline School District. We are also providing a free 990/990EZ training on October 14th at the Auburn School District Board Room. Another important training for all local units and councils is PTA and the Law to be held on October 29th at Kennydale Elementary School in Renton. Registration forms for these conferences can be found in this newsletter and also online at www.wastatepta.org under Region 9.

Washington State PTA Leadership packets will be available for pick up at the Region 9 Fall Leadership Conference on August 27th. If your local unit is unable to attend the conference, the leadership packet will be available for pick up after the conference by contacting the council president for your area.

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Special points of interest:

- * Council News through out the newsletter
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- * Service Delivery Team Directory
- * Class description and registration form for the Fall Leadership Conference.

Editor: Ray Kusumi

Tahoma and Tukwila units need to contact Charlotte Kemble the SDT Non-Council Representative if they are unable to attend the Fall Leadership conference. Once you receive your leadership packet please distribute the books or share the books with the rest of your board. If your local unit would like to purchase extra leadership packets please add \$15.00 for each packet to your Fall Leadership Conference Registration Form.

If you have any questions, concerns or good news to share please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the Service Delivery Team. We are here to help you and want to know what is happening in your local units and councils! Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to see you at the Fall Leadership Conference on August 27th.

Smile,
Allyson Johnson
Region 9 Director

Focus Day

It's just around the corner. Well, maybe just around the New Year. WSPTA Focus Day will be early this time in light of the short legislative session.

Save the date: January 18, 2010.

Given that this is Martin Luther King Day, school will be out and what a grand outing with your

kids and a great way to honor Dr. King by exercising your right to a voice in your government.

We will have the Columbia Room in the Capitol again, and great festivities and direct contacts with your legislators on tap. So stay tuned for more details on Focus Day as the new PTA year unfolds in September. Be there!

*John Stokes and Corrine Patten,
WSPTA Focus Day 2010 Co-Chairs.*



Reflections Program

The 2009-2010 Reflections theme is: "Beauty is...".

Young artists get involved in Reflections through their local PTA or PTSA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video and Choreography/Dance. If you need more information about Reflections attend the Reflections class that will be held at the Region 9 Fall Leadership Conference or contact your local unit or Council President or a member of the Region 9 SDT.



Highline PTA Council

Look for Highline Council in the News this up and coming school year! We plan to be the movement of a new beginning for PTSA in the Highline District.

Karen Boshear

[Highline Council PTSA/Be a Volunteer!](#)

206.242.2429



Calendar of Events

Region 9 Service Delivery Team & WSPTA Dates

Aug 7-8	WSPTA Leadership Conference Olympia Red Lion
Aug 27	Region 9 Fall Leadership Conference
Oct 2-3	WSPTA Legislative Assembly at SeaTac Marriott
Oct 14	Region 9 990/990 EZ Class
Oct 29	Region 9: PTA and the Law at Kennedy Elementary
Jan 18, 2010	WSPTA Focus Day (Martin Luther King Day)
Apr 30-May2, 2010	WSPTA Convention

Non-Council

Hello everyone, my name is Charlotte Kemble, I will be the Non-Councils Rep for the 2009-10 PTA year. I have been involved in PTA for over 15 years.

What is a Non-Council; these are PTA units that do not have a Council representing them at the WSPTA level or at their local level. So, as you're Non-Council Rep, I will be representing your units at the Region 9 level. As we move thru out the year, if there is something your unit feels strongly about, you may email me and tell me your concerns and I will bring it to the Region 9 Director attention

Plus if you unit has any questions or concerns regarding any PTA issues you may also call or email me. My PTA business hours are 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Here is a list of the Non-Council units:

Glacier Park 9.14.5
 Lake Wilderness 9.14.7
 Rock Creek 9.14.10
 Shadow Lake 9.14.13
 Tahoma MS 9.14.40
 Tahoma HS 9.14.50
 Thorndyke 9.14.16
 Tukwila 9.14.17
 Cascade View 9.14.3

Sincerely,
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Kent Area PTA Council

Well, here we are again, the start of another exciting school year and Kent Area Council is looking forward to all of the great things that will be happening in Kent.

We are welcoming a new Kent School District Superintendent Dr. Edward Lee Vargas who comes to the Kent School District very qualified to lead us. For more information regarding Dr. Vargas please visit the Kent School District Website <http://www.kent.k12.wa.us/KSD/AC/vargas/>. We welcome Dr. Vargas and look forward to our continued great relationship with the District.

The Kent Area Council PTA Officers for 2009/2010 are:

President – Sharon Pfeiffer
Senior VP – Hallie Knudson
Secondary Area VP – Mark Ryan
KentrIDGE Area VP – Carol Lui
Kentwood Area VP – Pam Rumer
Kent Meridian Area VP – Margaret Pfeifle
KENTlake Area VP – Dana Tate
Secretary – Toni Troutner
Treasurer – Anita Kallish
Legislation Chair – Agda Burchard

Please feel free to contact any of the above via the Kent Area Council Website www.kacpta.org should you need anything or feel free to call me at 206-244-3389.

Our first General Membership Meeting will be August 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Kent School District Administration Building in the board room. There will be a Reflections Pull Out for those Reflections Chairs to get information and questions answered so that they can get their programs started at the local units as soon as school starts. Soon we will be updating our website with dates and information for the year to come so check in frequently to see what is new and look for emails from me and your Area VP with updates and other pertinent information throughout the year.

There are going to be several training opportunities coming up in the next few weeks so be sure to check the Washington PTA Website for additional information www.wastatepta.org for forms etc. We will also get this information on the KAC website shortly.

I hope that you are all enjoying your summer and staying cool. Thanks for all you do for the children in Kent and I look forward to working with all of you to make this a successful year for the PTA's in Kent.

Sharon Pfeiffer
Kent Area Council PTA President
206-244-3389



Renton PTSA Council

Welcome new and returning Renton officers!

We are pleased to welcome you to a new year of fun and exciting opportunities to our kids, families, and schools. Your PTA Council is already hard at work and getting organized so we can support you in the work that you do for all of our children. We have all been involved in PTAs for many years and we know how vital your contribution is to our community and we want to help you achieve your goals.

Your Renton Council of PTAs consists of:

Ray Kusumi and Annie Hetzel - Co-Presidents
Karen Carpenter - Vice-President
Paul Sjöholm - Treasurer, webmaster
Maureen Monson - Secretary



We have a website you can use as a resource, with contact information for council officers, links to other PTA and community sites, and translations of common PTA flyers for your use. Check it out and bookmark it for easy reference:
<http://www.rentonptsa.org/>

Our goal for this year is to assist and support you. We hope to see you at our meetings and we want you to call us if you have any questions, concerns, or input on how we might best serve your needs. Attending council meetings gives you opportunities to network with other local unit officers and get renewed inspiration and ideas for greater success.

We encourage you to attend as many trainings as you can. It really does make the job easier when you have the support and knowledge that PTA leadership can offer. Fall Leadership Conference and PTA & the Law are some that are coming soon.

Our first meeting of the year is on Monday, August 31st @ 7 PM at the KEC administration building in the Board room. The address is 300 Sw 7th Street, Renton 98057.

Our October meeting is the yearly Principals and Presidents potluck dinner which is an opportunity for your executive committees to meet and network with your Principal. This is always a fun and informative meeting. This year, it will take place on Oct. 26. Mark the date!

We plan on making contact with each of the local unit Presidents to personally welcome you and start building the cooperative relationships that make the Renton School District such a great place to volunteer.

Sincerely

Ray Kusumi, Annie Hetzel, and the council team.

Check out our website: www.rentonptsa.org



Fall Leadership Class Session 1 (6:35 – 7:40 PM)

101. Leading the Team – Novella Fraser, Washington State PTA Secretary and Charlotte Kemble, Region 9 SDT

Learn the key elements of leading and being a member of a responsible and professional board of directors. Topics include team dynamics, responsibilities, legal requirements, and best practices for running board meetings. Focuses on roles of president/vice president and all board members. Recommended for President's and interested board members.

102. Money Matters, Part 1 – Sherry Marlin, Washington State PTA Finance Officer

Financial management of the PTA is not just the responsibility of the treasurer. Legal and fiduciary requirements and responsibilities are covered in this workshop. All elected officers and other interested board members are encouraged to attend.

103. For the Record – Lisa Wilkinson, Region 9 Service Delivery Team

Introduction of elements of minutes and record keeping of a PTA association. Recommended for secretaries and other interested board members.

104. Magic of Conflict – Sharon Pfeiffer, Kent Area Council President, WSPTA Convention Chair

Think together about how to resolve and keep conflict out of your organization. This class is a must for all boards with conflict

105. Programs – Maureen Monson, Washington State PTA Programs Director

Learn all about programs that Washington State PTA offers. Recommended for all PTA members, especially Presidents, Reflection Chairs and interested board members.

106. Energizing your Secondary PTA –Ray Kusumi , Region 9 SDT

Secondary parent involvement is crucial and certainly different than primary school PTA. Give your secondary PTA a jump-start with this interactive consideration of what is unique and powerful about secondary PTA's.

Class Session 2 (7:50 – 9:00 PM)

201. Welcome to PTA – Charlotte Kemble, Region 9 SDT and Novella Fraser, Washington State PTA Secretary

This workshop covers WSPTA structure, basic regulations governing all PTAs, responsibilities of board members, and tips for maintaining a healthy PTA. Highly recommended class for all PTA officers and board members to attend.

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203. Membership Basics – Michelle Baker, Region 9 Membership Chair

As a membership organization WSPTA members are vital to our success. Learn the components of a membership campaign, how to encourage participation, and ideas to recognize the members who work tirelessly for children. Recommended for membership chairs and interested board members.

204. Engaging Volunteers – Lisa Wilkinson , Region 9 SDT

This class discusses engaging volunteers so that they will be effective leaders. Learn strategies for recruiting and retaining volunteers and the qualities of an effective volunteer program. Recommended for all PTA officers and board members to attend.

205. Reflections –Maureen Monson, WSPTA Program Director

Learn how to conduct and promote a successful Reflections Program in your PTA community. Gain ideas on how to start or re-energize your program from promotion to judging. Recommended for Reflections chairs and interested board members.

206 Recognizing the Difference: PTA, ASB & Booster Clubs –Ray Kusumi, Region 9 SDT

This workshop is designed to familiarize all PTA leaders about the differences between PTA and ASB, how to work together effectively, and the regulations around that work.

Region 9 – Fall Leadership Conference

August 27, 2009 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Tyee Complex (4424 South 188th Street, Seattle 98188)

Schedule

Registration and Dinner	5:00 – 5:45 PM
Welcome	5:45 – 6:00 PM
Legislation – Brooke Valentine	6:00 – 6:15 PM
Awards- Maureen Monson	6:15 – 6:30 PM
Class Session 1	6:35 – 7:40 PM
Class Session 2	7:50 – 9:00 PM



Registration Form – **Please Print**

Local Unit Name & Number _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Name – Please Print	Session 1 Class #	Session 2 Class #	Dinner? Yes or No

Class Materials: For planning purposes and materials, please indicate the approximate number of attendees. Register early to ensure there are enough handouts for all your participants

Conference Fees: \$40.00 per local unit (unlimited attendees), postmarked on or before **August 21, 2009**.
 \$65.00 per local unit (unlimited attendees), postmarked after August 21, 2009.
 Make checks payable to WSPTA. Please include your local unit name & number on the check. **Remember, PTA checks must have two signatures.**

Dinner - \$3.00 per person

Pizza, Caesar Salad, Cookie and Bottled Water

Dinner must be **preordered on or before August 21, 2009** – no food orders will be accepted at the door. Please add payment for dinner to your check made out to WSPTA.

NEW!!!! Extra Leadership Packet \$15.00 per packet please preorder (Every local unit will receive one complimentary packet)

Mail this registration form and a check - made payable to WSPTA to:

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STAY CONNECTED

The Washington State PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the State. To keep connected to the advocacy topics, subscribing to the listservs is a great way. Some listservs are informational, some ask you to take action and others are used as communication tools.

Grassroots Connection Listserv (weekly when the Legislature is in session) This is an electronic update of legislative matters, including hearing schedule and bill updates.

Action Alert Listserv (periodic) These emails alert you to fast-breaking happenings in Olympia and request you to contact your legislator on specific issues that

relate to the WSPTA legislative platform.

Legislation listserv (real time) Two way communication between members on topics impacting Children and Youth. This listserv can be very busy at times.

Legislation listserv Digest (daily) The digested version of the Leg listserv delivered with all posts once daily.

Participation is a valuable tool for all members in your PTA. Be sure to share this information in your newsletters. To subscribe go to the Advocacy page on the WSPTA website and under Legislative Basics click the Online listserv signup form or use the link below.

