

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

As I sit and write this article I only have a few more weeks as Region 9 Director. I want to say "THANK YOU" to all of you it has been a learning experience that I have enjoyed as I served on the WSPTA Board as Region 9 Director. I have especially enjoyed getting to know many of you as I have talked to you either in person, on the phone, or via e-mail. You are all doing amazing things in your local units! Thank you for all you do. I want to also say THANK YOU to the Region 9 Service Delivery Team that has served with me this year. They have been a great group of dedicated leaders and I have appreciated their knowledge, time and service this year! Also a big THANK YOU to my family who has supported me during the last two years as I have missed family dinners, soccer games, track meets, THANK YOU for understanding!



Convention was great! It was nice to see so many delegates from Region 9 in attendance. I hope you all attended classes, had time to network with other PTA members around the state and are excited for the coming year! THANK YOU to those that stopped me at convention and said "hi" and what a great time they were having, and for those that participated in the Region 9 Scavenger Hunt!

On June 1st Maureen Monson will be taking over as Region 9 Director she can be reached at ptareg9@wastatepta.org . Maureen will be a wonderful Region Director.

Smile,
Allyson

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Reflections

Together we can....

Thank you to all of the students in Region 9 who participated in the 2010 – 2011 Washington State PTA Reflections Program. There were several State winners from Region 9 and one Outstanding Interpretation-Senior that will go on to National. Congratulations to all of our winners. Please be sure to attend the Reflections Ceremony at Convention on Sunday May 1, 2011 to celebrate our talented students.

Region 9

Literature

Together we can...

Jasmine Han, Lakota Middle School PTA 9.4.90

Together we can do impossible things!

Victoria Red'ko, Rainer PTA 9.2.60

Self Worth (Outstanding Interpretation-Senior)

Christine Nahn, Kentridge PTSA 9.7.118

Visual Arts

Growing Flower

Kira Braun, Lake Wilderness PTSA 9.14.7

"Together we can save polar bears"

Michelle Jin, Lakeland Elementary PTA 9.4.27

Together we can build our own world

Madison McKeough, Lakeland Hills Elementary PTA 9.2.19

Music Composition

Finding Harmony

Jeremy Garvida, Sunrise PTA 9.7.78

Photography

Together we can make a change by voting

Karol Jezek, Cascade Middle School PTSA 9.2.45

The Reflections theme for 2011 – 2012 is "Diversity means..." The theme is a very pertinent and important in our world today and through art our students will be able to express what diversity means to them and how they perceive it. It will be very exciting to see how they express those ideas.

You will want to start advertising the theme now for next year so students can start work on their projects over the summer and you can start planning your program for next year. Remember there are several sources of information regarding Reflections on the National PTA Website, Washington State Website, Washington State Program Director and through your Council.

Thank you to all of the Reflections Chairs in Region 9 for all of your hard work in running your programs and honoring our talented students.

Sharon Pfeiffer

Region Reflections Specialist



Calendar of Events

Region 9 Service Delivery Team & WSPTA Dates

Apr 29-May1, 2011 WSPTA Convention

Kent PTSA Council

At Kent Area Council we just held our 53rd Annual Founders Day Dinner and Basket Raffle to honor our local unit and council award winners and to raise scholarship funds for graduating seniors in the Kent School District. Thank you to Sharon, Dana, Lisa, Patty, Michelle and our other volunteers for a great event! We had approximately 200 attendees, awesome baskets donated by our local units, and we raised almost \$6,000.00. We will be giving out six \$1,000.00 scholarships to deserving seniors at our May 23rd general membership meeting. Kudos to Kim Peltz for chairing scholarships so fabulously again this year!

Speaking of chairing committees, we're still looking for chairs and members for a few of our committees for next year. If you're interested in getting involved at the Council level, email me at president@kacpta.org. I want to thank all of our 2010-2011 officers and committee chairs! We did a lot this year to support the education and well-being of every child in the Kent School District!

At the May 23rd general membership meeting, we'll be acknowledging outgoing and installing the incoming executive committee. 2011-2012 executive committee members are

President Agda Burchard
 Senior Vice President Sharon Pfeiffer
 Secondary Vice President Ken Moynihan
 Kentridge Area Vice President Cynthia Tanis
 Kentwood Area Vice President Dana Tate
 Kentlake Area Vice President Lisa Thiel-Sloan
 Kent Meridian Area Vice President Kris Kaeding
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We look forward to working with you in 2011-2012!

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Federal Way PTSA Council

Your Federal Way PTSA Council board of director's attended the WSPTA Convention, we had a great time visiting with our local units, attending classes and the general sessions. Plus it was very exciting to have our own Federal Way Council Secretary, Novella Fraser won the election for WSPTA President.

In April, our membership voted in the Federal Way Council's Officers for 2011-2012. The officers are:

- President: Charlotte Kemble cykemble@q.com
- Senior VP: Dawn Mota dawn.mota@yahoo.com
- 2nd VP: Robin Garcia giqar27@yahoo.com
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- Treasurer: Grace Rawsthorne gracepta@hotmail.com
- Leg. Chair: Richard Melton richmltn@yahoo.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at cykemble@q.com, please note this is a new email address for me.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Kemble
FWPTSA Council President.



The need:

- Over 50% of Washington’s children are not ready to succeed when they enter kindergarten
- Washington State’s 46th rank in the nation for odds of going to college by the age of 19
- 67% of Washington jobs will require postsecondary degree by 2018



The Road Map for Education Results is a new civic initiative aimed at driving major improvements in education results — cradle to college and career — in the low-income communities of South Seattle and South King County.

The initial work involved developing goals and performance metrics as well as targets and strategies for improvement. The focus now turns to supporting implementation of action plans carried out by players, both inside and outside education, at the regional and neighborhood levels. Results will be measured using a common set of metrics. Progress will hinge on strong community outreach and on our ability to foster innovation and effective collaboration across the education continuum.

The Road Map for Education Results is not intended to be a new program nor an attempt to compete with any of our region’s noteworthy education initiatives. It’s our hope that the project will add value by building strong public awareness of the urgent need to improve education results and by creating a strong strategic framework for improved collective impact.

The focus communities are:

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| Auburn | Burien | Des Moines |
| Federal Way | Kent | Renton |
| SeaTac | South Seattle | Tukwila |

Portions of unincorporated King County



Why do you need to focus on K12 School and Community Support

- Family support and out-of-school-learning time boosts learning, positive feelings about school, and access to needed services.
- We need to support students at every grade level — a decision to drop out is rarely spontaneous and often starts long before high school.
- A meaningful high school diploma opens doors to better employment, higher wages, and a college and career track.
- A high school graduate earns an average of \$36,000 per year; a high school drop-out earns an average of less than \$26,000 per year.

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Membership Dues

Friends,

The year is flying fast now. It is time to do begin wrapping up this year, and to prepare for next. There are a few recommendations I have to make the process easy.

- 1) Enter in your 2011-2012 Executive Officers right away. This small step will ensure both State and your Council can contact the correct people in charge!
 - 2) DO NOT ENTER NEW MEMBERS YET! Every June 30, the state purges the database to make room for the new year. If you receive memberships for 2011-2012, go ahead and process the payments according to your unit's money handling procedures, but hold off entering names into the database until July 15th.
 - 3) Print a copy of your 2010-2011 Membership Roster before June 30. With this list, you can get a head start with a personal touch. Use it to send individual letters, emails, or phone calls asking them to return to your PTA and support your program again.
 - 4) Your final Membership Fee is due on Wednesday, May 25. Please send your remittance form and final balance to your Council (or directly to the State Office if you are a non-council unit) by that date.
- One more important bit of news: as you know, unit membership fees reflect four levels of leadership: National PTA, Washington State PTA, your PTA Council, and your own unit PTA. Each level requires a portion of your membership fee in order to provide the unique and helpful training tools and supplies. It is very important that you standing rules are changed to reflect the increase.

WSPTA fees will be \$5.75 per member beginning July 1, 2011

NPTA fees could be increased 50 cents to \$2.25 per member beginning July 1st, 2011. There will be a vote at the June 9th National Convention. Stay tuned for details.

If you belong to a council, please check with your leadership to get up to date information on their Council Fee.

Your members will need to pay at least \$9.50 to cover the cost of these fees. If you want to raise your unit fees, that is your choice. A motion must be made and approved in order to raise your unit fees, and should be done prior to July 1st.

Thank you all for a great year. I have enjoyed serving as Regional Membership Chair, and am excited to continue in this role. Please feel free to contact me this summer with any questions, concerns, or ideas that you may have regarding membership. I am, as always, eager to help!

Michelle Baker