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What's Happening in the PTSA?

Jan. 9, 2017

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You are invited to attend the Issaquah PTSA Council District Reflections Reception on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30pm in the Issaquah High School Commons

Come see the 12 finalists from Maywood along with the finalists from all the other schools in the Issaquah School District.



We've almost reached our PTSA Membership goal! One of the goals our Members agreed upon at our September membership meeting was a 2% increase in our membership number from last year. That means we need **706** members this year. We currently have **676** members! That means there are **30** members out there just waiting to join. Now is your chance! For only \$20 for an individual membership or \$30 for a family membership you provide a voice and vote to speak up for students. You also receive a free Student Directory.



Join now at www.maywoodptsa.org

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Members Needed: your PTSA needs you to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. This committee of PTSA members seeks out persons interested in serving as an elected officer on the PTSA Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year. Nominating Committee members serve from the date of their election (Jan. 19) until early April. If you are interested in serving on this committee or have questions about serving, please contact PTSA President, Kimberly Montague, at president@maywoodpsta.org or 425-277-1093.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Join other Maywood PTSA members on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6:30-8:00pm in the school Library at our 2nd membership meeting of the school year. Hear updates on PTSA programs and elect the Nominating Committee.

WSPTA FOCUS DAY 2017

January 16 | State Capitol | [Registration](#)

Have you [registered](#) for 2017 Focus Day? In order to receive your [**free Top Five Platform t-shirt**](#), you will need to register! Learn more about Focus Day [here](#).

Following the release of [Governor Inslee's proposed budget](#), which includes \$3.9B in education funding, **WSPTA advocates will hear from the Governor himself.**



Ready to Rally? WSPTA advocates will be rallying on the capitol steps to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday by celebrating Education as a Civil Right, alongside many other Washington State advocacy groups.

Meet Your Legislators. The main reason for Focus Day is learning about Washington State PTA (WSPTA), our advocacy an legislative platform, and meeting with your legislators to talk about the importance of our Whole Child advocacy! Don't miss this opportunity for an exclusive audience with your elected officials.

In addition to the Governor, **new Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) Chris Reykdal** will also spend time with us in the rotunda. Chris will talk about his vision for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, **and his top priorities during the first 100 days of office.**

Kids are welcome! There will be kids activities available in the Columbia Room.

Focus Day Agenda

8:00am (Columbia Room) - [Registration](#) opens. Be sure to register by January 9 to receive your *free t-shirt*

9:00am (Columbia Room) - Overview of the day

10:20am - Join the [rally](#) on the capitol steps

11:15am - Return from the rally and hear about advocacy at the local level and WSPTA legislative discussions, with lunch ([register](#) by January 9 to reserve and pay for your lunch)

12:00pm (Rotunda) - Listen to Governor Inslee, SPI Reykdal, & WSPTA President Barbara Martin

12:45pm (Columbia Room) – Discussions on how to communicate with legislators in Olympia and in your home district

1:30pm - Meet with your legislators; if you don't know who to call, visit www.leg.wa.gov and click *Find your District* on the left-hand side.

3:30pm - Adjourn



[PTSA Calendar of Events](#) – dates and times subject to change

Jan. 16 No School

Jan. 19 6:30-8:00pm Membership Meeting in School Library

Jan. 21 Focus Day in Olympia

Jan. 30 No School



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Presented by Maywood ASB together with other ISD Middle Schools

Do you want your teen to be kind? Helpful? Generous? Empathetic? Houston has worked with nearly 500 schools or events across the country and nearly a half a million young people talking about how to make their school and their lives more selfless and compassionate. Through his candid conversations and thousands of interactions, he has learned a few things about what students today need to be more thoughtful, successful, KIND people. In a short hour, he will help you think about character in a new way, make you laugh, and give you some practical tools to engage your teen in meaningful and powerful conversations.

The summit is Tuesday, January 17th from 6:30pm until 7:30pm at IMS



From Issaquah School District



2017 Applications Now Being Accepted for Gibson Ek High School

Gibson Ek will be accepting incoming 9th grade students for the 2017-2018 School Year. Current 8th grade students and their parents are invited to our information sessions to learn more about Gibson Ek and our innovative real world learning program.

- Find out more about Gibson Ek from students, staff and parents on January 13 at 6:15pm at Gibson Ek.
- January 3-31: Applications accepted through our online application found [here](#)

Special Education Parent Night

Families are invited to attend our Special Education Parent Night. Executive Director of Special Services Melissa Madsen, Director of Special Services for Secondary Education Lashae Lee, and Director of Special Services for ECE/Elementary Education Tara Slinn, will provide overviews of the department and services and answer questions.

- The event will take place from 6:30pm to 8:00pm January 19 at Liberty High School's Library "Participating in your Child's IEP Process"

Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Support Family Nights

Families are invited to join the ISD for its second annual PBSES (Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Support) workshop. Topics covered will include engagement vs. compliance, demonstrations of strategies that enhances engagement with your students, and how to use PBSES at home. The workshop will focus on motivation, organization, positive relationships, and social and emotional learning strategies. Student Support Coaches for elementary and middle schools will host the sessions.

- January 26 at 6:30pm in the Maywood Middle School Library.

Annual Community Report

The Issaquah School District's [Annual Community Report](#) reviewing the 2015-2016 school year is now available online. In our report, you will find an easily accessible [scorecard](#) and information about [student achievement](#), our [programs and services](#), and [finances](#). For those who wish to dig deeper, many links are provided to guide you to the data you need.



From Issaquah PTSA Council

Outreach Opportunities: The Family and Community Engagement Program (FACE/Outreach) fosters communication and awareness of both the needs and the resources occurring in the greater Issaquah community. By sharing information from organizations like Issaquah Nourishing Network, the PTSA network can easily bring together those who are seeking assistance with those organizations and individuals contributing resources. For a list of Outreach opportunities click [here](#).



Issaquah School District students with financial hardship may be eligible for a free computer. Contact your school office for more details.



Study Zone at our libraries! Issaquah, Newcastle, Renton Highlands, and Sammamish libraries offer **drop-in for free homework help from trained volunteer** tutors during the week. The Study Zone schedule is updated frequently and occasionally the volunteer tutors may be unavailable for a scheduled session. Please check for updates at <http://kcls.org/study-zone/> or contact your KCLS library before planning to attend a Study Zone session.

Parent Education Opportunities: The Issaquah PTSA Council has several outstanding opportunities for parents coming up. Find more information about these and other Parent Education events at: <http://parentwiser.org/>

Find out more about Issaquah PTSA Council [here](#).



From Issaquah Schools Foundation

1 Mentor – 1 Child – 1 Hour

Voice Mentors Needed: Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education (VOICE) is an in-school volunteer mentoring program that pairs caring community members with Issaquah School District students. Voice Mentors support ISD students with one hour of their time, once a week throughout the school year. Some students need academic, emotional or social support; others may need a friend and role model. All students benefit from your commitment.

College Corps Mentors: these volunteers are seasonal mentors who work with student on editing the all-important college essay. College Corps mentors work with high school seniors from mid-September through January.

College Bound Mentors: these volunteers offer guidance and encouragement to freshman in high school who qualify for free college tuition through the Washington College Bound Scholarship program. The goal is for mentors to support students throughout their high school career.

English Language Learner (ELL) Mentors: these volunteers are matched with students at all grade levels. The mentors work to specifically support students in need of navigating a new school culture. The mentors may also be bilingual but it is not required.

Summer School Mentors: these volunteers support elementary summer school teachers as aides during the four-week academic session.

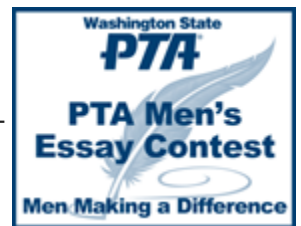
Find out more about ISF [here](#).



PTA MEN'S ESSAY CONTEST

March 1

This statewide essay contest explores the important contributions that men make in the lives and education of children - from our children's perspective. All men involved in a child's life - fathers, uncles, grandpas, brothers, step-fathers, mentors, neighbors, pastors, coaches, and friends - impact the children they care about. Learn more [here](#).



WSPTA Applauds Governor Inslee's Education Budget

After the release of Governor Jay Inslee's education budget spending plan, WSPTA President Barbara Martin issued the following statement:

"Governor Inslee's investments in K-12 education to support a high-quality teacher and para-educator in every classroom and a skilled principal in every school are a great step forward in resolving the McCleary lawsuit. Funding to support beginning teachers, training and collaboration time, and market-rate salaries will help Washington attract and retain the professionals our students need to learn and succeed in our schools." [Read more](#).

Voter Voice - WSPTA Advocacy Action Tool

Sign up for [Voter Voice](#), WSPTA's advocacy action tool, to learn more about legislative issues affecting families, schools, and communities and to take action when applicable. Taking action can include sending an email to your representative or a making a phone call to a legislative official.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LAUNCHES VIDEO CONTEST

The slogan for the *Listen2YourSelfie* youth marijuana prevention campaign is "Remember what's important. Forget marijuana." This video contest gives teens 13-18 the chance to shape the campaign, win a GoPro and appear in future campaign ads. We want to make this campaign more youth-led by learning, "What's important to you?"

For more information, visit www.Listen2YourSelfie.org/contest or follow #Listen2YourSelfie.

Source: [Washington State Department of Health](#)

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) DRAFT PLAN OUTREACH

February 13 - Deadline Extended

Shape your public education system for years to come by providing feedback on Washington's ESSA draft Consolidated Plan, through the [Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction](#) (OSPI). WSPTA was involved in the draft process, and OSPI was one of hundreds of groups to contribute to the ESSA draft Consolidated Plan,

alongside districts, legislators, education organizations, tribal leaders, and higher education institutions. Provide feedback [here](#).

Find out more about Washington State PTA [here](#).

See all your membership benefits with WSPTA [here](#).

WSPTA provides information on parent involvement, suicide prevention, childcare, healthy and safe schools, academic standards, internet safety, and much more. Find it all [here](#).



Our Children

The latest issue of National PTA's *OUR CHILDREN* magazine covers topics such as [closing the homework gap](#), [flu shots](#) for this flu season, and [kids' home experiments](#) (rockets!). Read [here](#).

Tips You Need to Keep Kids Safe Online: <http://onevoice.pta.org/?p=7343>

Find out more about National PTA [here](#).

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