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President’s Message

Contact your Legislators!

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We are heading into the busy time of the year for PTAs as nominating committees are working on getting a slate of officers for next year. Elections will be taking place soon, and awards will be given out to those that have made a difference this year. WSPTA Convention materials will be arriving in our mailboxes soon, and Founders Day will be here before we know it. I look forward to these events and appreciate all of the volunteers who spend their time making things happen for our benefit and learning experience.

Last week was the Region 9 Spring Conference. Thank you to all the Kent units that took time to attend the conference. I had a great time talking to most of you and learning more about your local unit and what is happening.

I also had the opportunity to attend this year's Focus Day on February 13th in Olympia. Thank you to Julie Horton and Hallie Knudson for allowing me to go with them. It was great to see Pat Fredell from East Hill also at Focus Day. We had the opportunity to listen to Governor Gregoire and heard her thoughts on Basic Education Funding (B.E.F.). I encourage you to take a moment and contact your legislators asking them to approve B.E.F. If you have any questions on how to do this contact Dennis Higgins, our legislation chair. He will be happy to tell you how to do it. He can be reached via e-mail at legislation@kacpta.org

I appreciate all you do for the students in Kent! This is a wonderful community we live in. I hope you will be able to attend the community open house that Robin Blake and Dianna Madison will be hosting at the KAC Clothing Bank on February 26th from 6-8 p.m. If you have volunteered in years past at the Clothing Bank, you need to see the changes that these two have made. What a difference in atmosphere and organization.

Have a wonderful month, and remember at council we are here to help you. Please contact us if you need advice or a question answered.

Allyson
KAC President

Next Council Meeting
March 24 at 7 PM
KSD Board Room

Volunteers Needed

WSPTA Honor Notebook Committee

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Volunteers are needed to sit on WSPTA Honor Notebook Committee. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Allyson Johnson at 253.630.4727 or via email at president@kacpta.org. This committee will meet for an evening in early March to go over notebooks.

Thank you in advance!

Save the Date

Mark Your Calendar for Founder's Day

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Please mark your calendars for our Founder's Day Dinner - April 18, 2007.

2008 Founders' Day Cowboy Hoedown

Time to Work on Your Baskets

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Happy New Year and welcome back! It's time to start working on your basket for this year's Founders Day basket raffle. The value of each basket is to be \$100 or more. Check the list below for your unit's theme and suggested items. We have tried to include ideas for each theme to help get you "kick started." Please don't be afraid to expand on the theme or think outside the box. Completed baskets are to be wrapped, tagged, and given to one of us by April 16th. Baskets may be brought to the March KAC meeting. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact either one of us for help.

Kentlake High School	Music Lovers	"It's All Rock and Roll to Me"	Boom box, mp3 player, i-tunes card, blank cd's
Soos Creek Elementary	Movie Night	"Let's Go to the Movies"	Popcorn/snacks, tickets, Blockbuster, asst. videos
Mattson Middle School	Seahawks	"Ultimate Seahawks Fan"	Chair, hat, jersey, football, cooler, calendar, snacks
Glenridge Elementary	Beach/Water Sports	"Fun in the Sun"	Kickboard, goggles, beach mat, pail/shovel, sunscreen
Kentridge High School	BBQ	"Master of the Grill"	BBQ tools, rubs, apron, wood chips, smoker
Meeker Middle School	Reading	"Curl up with a Good Book"	Barnes & Noble, reading light, throw,
Ridgewood Elementary	Bath	"Spa Indulgence"	Scrubs, slippers/robe, candles, bubbles/lotions
Lake Youngs Elementary	Italian	"A Taste of Italy"	Pizza stone, bread dipping, pasta, herbs, pasta set
Grass Lake Elementary	Coffee	"Coffee Break"	Starbucks, grinder, mugs, coffee, espresso beans

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Cedar Heights Middle School	Chocolate Lover	"Chocolate Dream"	Choc. Fountain, sauces, chocolates, cocoas, cookbook
Martin Sortun Elementary	Health and Fitness	"It's Hip to be Fit"	Handweights, ex. Ball, dvds, books,
Meadow Ridge Elementary	Picnic	"Picnic in the Park"	Blanket, basket, dishes, bug spray, cookbook
Fairwood Elementary	Golf	"Tee it Up"	Towels, tees, driving range card, head covers
Northwood Middle School	Wine Lovers	"Vineyard Gourmet"	Glasses, bottle stoppers, corkscrew, charms, chiller
Carriage Crest Elementary	Scrapbooking	"Treasured Memories"	Papers, punches, books, embellishments, gift card
Sunrise Elementary	Gardening	"Spring Fever"	Wheelbarrow, gloves, seeds, tools, birdhouses, hose, lotion
George T. Daniel Elementary	Car Care	"Clean my Ride"	Bucket/mitt, cleaners, Brwn. Bear, air freshener,
East Hill Elementary	Birthday	"Birthday in a Box"	Paper, invitations/thank you, banners, balloons,
Neely O'Brien Elementary	Candles	"Scent-sational"	Candles, holders, snuffers, lighter, votives
Cedar Valley Elementary	Game Night	"Game On"	Classic games, puzzles, popcorn/etc.
Meridian Elementary	Winter Fun	"Hit the Slopes"	Sled, hats, gloves, warmers, ski passes, lip balm,
Mill Creek Middle School	Tea	"Tea for Two...or More"	Teapot/cup, tea, cookies, Starbucks cards
Kent Elementary	Cats and Dogs	"The Truth about Cats & Dogs"	Collar/leash, dish, toys, throw, scratching post, movie
Kent Phoenix Academy	Fishing	"Gone Fishing"	Cooler, lures, creel, GI Joes card
Scenic Hill Elementary	Camping	"Escape to the Great Outdoors"	Cooler, sleeping bag, tent, lantern, bug spray, stove
Covington Elementary	Baby	"Special Delivery"	Announcement, album, footprint kit, camera,
Emerald Park Elementary	Travel	"Are We There Yet????"	Atlas, travel games, ipod adapter, dvd player, sudoko
Horizon Elementary	Office	"The Well Organized Professional"	Calendar, desk access., calculator, opener, envelopes
Park Orchard Elementary	Staying in Touch	"Across the Miles"	Stationary, cards, stamps, envelopes, wax seal,
Kentwood High School	College Survival	"The Ultimate College Survival Kit"	Laundry stuff, mail stuff, snacks, soap/toiletries, printer paper, pens, i-tunes
Sawyer Woods Elementary	New Home	"Welcome Home"	Handyman mag, HD card, doormat, flashlight, tools

Jenkins Creek Elementary	Nails and Feet	"Footsie Tootsie"	Foot bath, polish, file, soaks, nail separators, slippers, creams
Meridian Middle School	Photography	"Smile...You're on Candid Camera"	Albums, disposable camera, photo paper, frames/mats
Crestwood Elementary	Handyman	"Mister Fix-It"	Tool bucket, tools, How to guides
Springbrook Elementary	Wedding	"Here Comes the Bride"	Invites, champ. Glass, Bride mag.,
Kent Meridian High School	Gourmet	"Simply Indulgent"	Pastas, sauces, dark chocolate,
Millennium Elementary	Breakfast in Bed	"Rise and Shine"	Tea, coffee, tray, throw, book, breakfast mixes/jams
Panther Lake Elementary	Sports	"Fan-tastic Sports"	Balls, team memorabilia, tennis, etc.

KAC Newsletter

What is Your PTA Up To? Let Us Know!

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Take a moment to let me know what great activities and events your PTA is involved in. Email your PTA update to newsletter@kacpta.org. Deadline for the KACPTA newsletter is the 1st of the month. Help others stay updated by including a monthly update on what's happening at your local unit in each issue of the KACPTA newsletter.

KAC Reflections

On To State Reflections

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Congratulations to all Kent area Reflection winners! All first and second place winners moved on to the Washington State Reflections program. For a complete listing our winners from Kent go to www.kacpta.org.

Those who go on to win at the state will receive an invitation to the state awards ceremony at the Washington State PTA Convention on May 4th.

Open Positions at Kent Area PTA Council

Get Involved Today

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There are many opportunities to become involved with KAC. We welcome new faces and fresh ideas! For more information, contact any current KAC Board member at allboard@kacpta.org. Open positions include:

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| Kentlake Area VP | Fundraiser | Scholarships |
| Kent Meridian VP | Advocacy Topics | Parent Involvement |
| Kentwood Area VP | Directory | Fun Days |

KAC Clothing Bank Update

Come and Volunteer!

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We have had a busy month at the Clothing Bank! Many of the schools and local charities still continue to bring in their donations of used clothing. This is great, as we are able to go through most of it as fast as it comes in.

Though we are only open to the public twice a month, it takes a lot more time and energy to keep the clothing bank running smoothly. At our last open night, we were very lucky to have Key Club members from Kentridge and Kentlake High Schools come and help. With our regularly scheduled volunteers and a few repeat volunteers, we were able to keep things moving.

Our focus right now is to continue to keep the Clothing Bank running efficiently. This includes recruiting volunteers, as well as reaching out to our older students who have no access to a family advocate at their school. We have plenty of clothing for the middle school and high school students, which isn't being taken as quickly, and we know there is a need. Robin and I continue to brainstorm to work through this obstacle.

We hope you have all marked your calendars and planned to attend our **Open House on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. We will not be open to service families, but we are opening the doors to the **community to see this wonderful resource and to do some networking**.

Also we need help on February 27. If you can volunteer, please come and help out!

The Clothing Bank Location is:

Kent Phoenix Academy
11000 SE 264th Ave, Room 612

Hours:
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Remember:

- ◆ Each PTA is asked to send **3** volunteers to help the night they are assigned.
- ◆ Some dates may not be the first and third Wednesdays due to holidays or school closures.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>SCHOOL</i>
February 27– Sock Drive	Meridian, Open
March 5– PJ/ Jean Drive	Northwood, Meadowridge
March 19– PJ/Jean Drive	Cedar Valley, Covington
April 2– PJ/ Jean Drive	Crestwood, East Hill,
April 16– PJ/Jean Drive	Mill Creek, Emerald Park
May 7– Sock Drive	Fairwood, Glenridge
May 21– Sock Drive	Kentridge, Kent Meridian

KAC Awards Committee

Nominate Someone Today!

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It is that time of year where we recognize those volunteers who make a difference in our schools, PTA and our community. We give out those awards at the Founders Day Dinner on April 18, so get those recommendations in at our next KAC General meeting on Monday February 28th or e-mail them to me at awards@kacpta.org.

We are looking for recommendations in the following categories:

- Golden Acorn (1-2 recipients)
- Outstanding Service (1-2 recipients)
- Outstanding Advocate (1 recipient)
- Outstanding Educator (1 recipient)
- Spirit of the Community (optional)
- National PTA Honorary Life (optional)
- WSPTA Honorary Life (optional)

Please take a look at the Kent Area Council website for a description and the recommendation form <http://www.kacpta.org/awardrecomend.asp> and recognize those folks that you think stand out in our community.

If you have any questions please email me or give me a call (253)856-0228.

WSPTA Leadership Academy

Deadline March 1

Debbie Straus
WSPTA Leadership Director

Are you familiar with WSPTA's Leadership Academy program? I'd love to encourage each and every one of you to apply.

I know many of you don't need yet another piece of paperwork to fill out. But you deserve recognition for the work you've done. You deserve a tangible symbol of the training you've attended, your leadership experience, and your expertise. Let our state PTA give you the recognition you deserve!

Many members believe Leadership Academy is just for state board members. Not true! Many PTA leaders in Washington have earned Leadership Academy recognition.

The first time you apply, you can turn in points for all prior years. In later years, you just need to report the points earned that year. And if you remember activities you forgot to report, you can turn those in as well. The state PTA office will track your points from year to year. They really help make it easy for you!

Visit www.wastatepta.org/programs/LeadershipAcademy/ldrshpacad.htm to download the form. Entries are due by March 1, 2008, and we'll honor the recipients who have reached the Crystal level at the State Convention in May and the Bronze, Silver and Gold Recipients will be honored at the Leadership Conference in August.

If you have question, please contact the state PTA office at 1.800.562.3804.

KSD Job Fair

March 5 at KM High School



Kent School District is hosting a Job Fair on Wednesday, March 5, at Kent-Meridian High School Cafeteria—10020 SE 256th Street, Kent, WA. The Fair will be held from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

Current and Future Positions:

Regular Positions

- Administrative Assistants
- Information Technology positions
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Paraeducators

Substitute Positions

- Substitute Administrative Assistants
- Substitute Bus Drivers
- Substitute Custodians
- Substitute Food Service Helpers
- Substitute Paraeducators

Teaching Positions

- Teachers—Math and Science
- Teachers—Special Education
- Teachers—General Ed (for next school year)
- Substitute Teachers—All

Specialist Positions

- After-School Specialists
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- School Nurses (RN)
- School Psychologists
- Speech Language Pathologists

Classified—253-373-7206

Certificated—253-373-7534

Resumes accepted
For More Information:

www.kent.k12.wa.us

Equal Opportunity Employer: We are committed to equal opportunities in employment and to full compliance with federal and state laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, military status, age, or disability.

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Calendar

Feb 25 KAC Membership Meeting 7pm KSD Board Room
Mar 10 KAC Board Meeting KSD Admin Bldg
Mar 24 KAC Membership Meeting 7pm KSD Board Room
April 14 KAC Board Meeting KSD Admin Bldg
April 18 Founders Day

April 28 KAC Membership Meeting 7pm KSD Board Room
May 5 KAC Board Meeting KSD Admin Bldg
May 19 KAC Membership Meeting 7pm KSD Board Room

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