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President’s Message

Happy New Year!

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Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing winter break with your families. I know I did. It was nice to have my son home from college for the holidays and to spend time as a family watching movies, staying up late and playing games! As I write this message I know my time home with them is coming to an end as school begins in a couple of days and my son will be flying back to college for his last semester before graduating and transferring to another college.

It’s time for me to switch gears and think about the next five months of PTA! There are several things to look forward to in the coming months. January is school board recognition month. Kent Area PTA Council Elections are coming up in February. Our Nominating Committee is busy working on finding a slate of officers for the 2008-09 school year. Region 9 is holding their Spring Conference on February 7—more information will be given out at our General Meeting on January 28th, you should also receive information in the Region 9 newsletter. April 18th is our Annual Founders Day and Scholarship Basket Raffle, which is always a great way to celebrate our local unit award winners along with our council award winners. Of course who isn’t looking forward to the WSPTA convention that will be held May 2-4. Then we finish the year with our Kent Area Council Scholarship winners being recognized at our last General Meeting.

On behalf of the KAC PTA we appreciate your support of these programs and activities. Thank you for all you do in your local units. I am amazed at all the programs and activities that take place in our local units. Thank you for sharing your local unit news with us.

Have a wonderful 2008!

Allyson

**Next Council Meeting
February 25 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 Clothing Bank Update

Thank You For a Great Start to a New Year!

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We're beginning a new year and off to a great start at the KACPTA Clothing Bank. We have been blessed with some wonderful clothing donations from so many of our schools and cash donations from fourteen of our PTA/PTSA units so far, as well as two community contributions from Kent Sunrise Rotary and the Kent Police Employees Benevolent Association.

Thank you for making it possible to keep the clothing bank up and running. It would be impossible to serve the community without this support.

We had a fabulous surprise from Tina Marie Tyler, a parent at East Hill Elementary, who contacted Reebok and was able to connect me with a couple of representatives who arranged to ship 111 pair of children's shoes!

Between the 42 new coats that April Dinius of Emerald Park secured for us last month and the new shoes that Tina Marie Tyler of East Hill Elementary secured for us this month, it has been very fun to be able to open the doors and see the smiles on the families' faces.

We would also like to thank all who have brought underwear—this is the hardest item to keep stocked.

Thank you to all of our great volunteers that have helped us serve the families who visit. We have found that a minimum of ten volunteers is what it takes to run smoothly. You are all so cooperative, helpful and a true network of support to the clothing bank and our community. Remember, you don't need to be assigned to come out on open nights to help...just show up! We haven't turned down one volunteer yet. We are also a great source of community service hours for students and have enjoyed the students who have come out to help.

We have made some changes to improve the efficiency and the look of the clothing bank. With new signs and sizers supplied by Dianna Madison, installation of seven new clothing rods by Jim and Vicky Wilson, great

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Bags supplied by Joe Dinius and horseshoe sizers supplied to us by April Dinius, the place is looking more inviting than ever. Stop by and take a look!

We have enjoyed meeting all who have come by and look forward to meeting those of you who are on your way to donate, volunteer or just take a peak.

Our clothing bank schedule, forms we use and cash donation mailing address may be found and downloaded at our site, www.kacpta.org.

Remember, the clothing bank is located at The Kent Phoenix Academy in room #612.

Thanks for your support!

CURRENT VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE	
January 9th	Sunrise Elementary
	Cedar Heights Middle School
January 23rd	Kent Elementary
	Meridian Elementary
February 6th	Mattson Middle School
	Meeker Middle School
	Kentwood High School
February 27th	Meridian Middle School
	Martin Sortun Elementary

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.

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:

Kentlake Area VP	Fundraiser	Scholarships
Kent Meridian VP	Advocacy Topics	Parent Involvement
Kentwood Area VP	Directory	Fun Days
Spirit	Historian	Scholarship Fundraiser

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KAC PTA Legislation

Washington State Legislative Session Begins!

The Washington State Legislature opened the 2008 session on January 14. Washington State PTA members approved our short-term platform at Legislative Assembly in October. Our top five issues for this session are: K-12 funding, math and science education, quality teaching, student support services, and special education funding.

We will have a chance to lobby our officials at WSPTA Legislative Focus Day in Olympia on Wednesday, February 13. More information next month.

Now it's up to PTA members to contact their representatives. Writing/phoning your representative is fast and easy! Following is contact information for state representatives in our area:

Much of the Kent School District, including East Hill and Covington, is in the 47th Legislative District. The contacts for the 47th district are:

Sen. Claudia Kauffman (D)
414 Legislative Building
PO Box 40447
Olympia, WA 98504-0447
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<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/senate/kauffman>

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122G Legislative Building
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For Fairwood area residents, contact your 5th District representatives:

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417 John L. O'Brien Building
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For Downtown Kent and west Kent residents, contact the 33rd District representatives:

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KAC Reflections

Congratulations to All of Our Winners!

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We appreciate all of the local units that participated in this year's Reflections Program. We had a total of 260 entries and out of that 40 of them will be going on to Washington State PTA for judging. We have several very talented and creative children in our district.

Thank you for promoting Reflections at your local schools.

News from Region 9

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Nominating Committee

If your local unit has not elected their nominating committee, now is a good time to have the election. You want to give the nominating committee as much time as they need to find the most qualified people for each position.

Do you have to elect a nominating committee? Yes, the nominating committee must be elected and not appointed.

Can the President serve on the nominating committee? No, this is one of the few committees that the president can not serve on.

If you have questions about the nominating committee who should you contact? Your council leaders, region service delivery team or the regional director.

Remember to Mark Your Calendars

Region 9 Spring Conference—February 7, 2008 from 5:15pm—9:00pm at Federal Way Public Academy (34620 9 Ave S, Federal Way). Cost \$35.00 per local unit, which includes dinner. Classes being offered: Magic of Conflict, Smooth Transitions, Engaging Volunteers, PTA & the School Administrator, Budgets, Financial Reviews, Nominating Committee, Legislative Basics and Focus Day/Legislative Platform. The 1st unit that pre-registers will receive a door prize. The registration form is available online at www.wastatepta.org—Region 9 web page.

WSPTA News

Apply Now for State PTA Awards

The purpose of the Washington State PTA Awards and Recognition Program is to build pride and participation in, and an awareness of Washington State PTA's mission and focus; to give recognition for outstanding effectiveness; and inspire units, councils, school districts and communities to recognize the service and involvement of their members. Award forms can be found in the AWARDS envelope in your PTA's Leadership Packet and on the WSPTA website: www.wastatepta.org/programs/Awards/awards.htm.

Standards of Excellence

The purpose of the Local Units Standards of Excellence program is to: (a) provide PTA local units with a set of standards that define qualities of excellence; (b) provide training to local units on attainment of the standards; (c) identify, recognize, and honor those units that achieve these standards. Units achieving the standards will receive a Certificate of Excellence and be recognized at the Washington State PTA Convention. www.wastatepta.org/pdf07/07_award_pdfs/StandarofExcellence2007FINAL.pdf

Honor Units

The purpose of the Honor Unit award is to recognize those PTA units who have, in their service to children, gone significantly beyond the attainment of Standards of Excellence and have demonstrated the kind of

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exceptional qualities that merit replication by others. A local unit must apply to be a Honor Unit. Honor Units are recognized at the Washington State PTA Convention and automatically considered for Outstanding Local Unit of the Year.

www.wastatepta.org/pdf07/07_award_pdfs/HonorUnit2007FINAL.pdf

Outstanding Local Unit of the Year

The Outstanding Local Unit of the Year is judged the most representative example of a local unit which exemplifies the purposes and mission of PTA. This unit is sent to the National PTA convention as the representative of all Washington State PTA local units.

www.wastatepta.org/pdf07/07_award_pdfs/OutstandingLU2007FINAL.pdf

Communication Awards

Communication awards identify and recognize all forms of effective communication from PTAs to PTA members and the community about programs, projects, activities and issues affecting children. These awards are not limited to any specific medium and may include websites, email, voice mail, public access television, communication through/with partners, and more. Communication Awards will be announced and recognized at the State PTA Convention.

www.wastatepta.org/pdf07/07_award_pdfs/Communication2007FINAL.pdf

Outstanding Newsletter Awards

PTA local unit and council newsletters are judged and presented awards in five (5) categories for units and one for councils. Outstanding Newsletter Awards will be announced and recognized at the WSPTA Convention.

www.wastatepta.org/pdf07/07_award_pdfs/Newsletter2007FINAL.pdf

PTAs Taking Significant Action

The purpose of the "PTSA" program is to recognize the accomplishments of units and councils across the state that present programs, projects, and activities that show significant originality, involvement, potential, usefulness, and results. Selected programs will reflect how projects and activities are implemented by small and large, affluent and poor, city and rural PTAs. Recipients will be recognized at the State PTA Convention and asked to display their projects.

www.wastatepta.org/pdf07/07_award_pdfs/PTSAForm2007FINAL.pdf

100% Membership Award

This award recognizes local units that have PTA membership equal to or above school enrollment. The award form can be found on Page 19 of the Membership Handbook.

www.wastatepta.org/pdf07/07_membership.pdf

If you have any questions about these awards, please contact the State PTA office at 1.800.562.3804.

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Calendar

Feb 7 Region 9 Spring Leadership Conference Federal Way
Feb 11 KAC Board Meeting KSD Admin Bldg
Feb 13 Focus Day
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

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