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President's Message

The Value of One Member!

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Howdy! I want to start this month's President's Message by saying thank you to our Nominating Committee for their hard work in putting a slate of officers together. Thank you to Dennis Higgins, Linda Novak, Lisa Tingstad, Jennifer Hanscom and Martha Mackinnon. KAC elections will be held at our KAC General Meeting on March 24.

At council we look forward to seeing all the local units and their award winners, principals, presidents and guests at our annual Founders Day to be held on Friday, April 18th at Kentridge High School. This year's theme is western. It promises to be a fun event for all who attend! If you haven't had the chance to attend Founders Day in the past, the basket raffle is great. It is always amazing to see what the local units come up with to fill their baskets.

Below is a poem that I received from Novella Fraser that I thought you would enjoy:

The Value of One Member

Ten little members standing in a line.
 One disliked the president, then there were nine.
 Nine ambitious members offered to work late.
 One forgot her promise, then there were eight.
 Eight creative members had ideas as good as heaven.
 One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.
 Seven loyal members got into a fix.
 They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.
 Six dynamic members worked with spirit and drive.
 One moved away, and then there were five.
 Five steadfast members wished there were more.
 One became indifferent, and then there four.
 Four cheerful members who never disagree-
 'til one complained of meetings, and then there were three.
 Three eager members! What do they do?
 One got discouraged, and then there were two.
 Two lonely members; our rhyme is nearly done.
 One joined a bridge club, then there was one.
 One faithful member was feeling rather blue—
 Met with a neighbor, then there were two.
 Two earnest members each enrolled one more-
 Doubling their number, and then there were four.
 Four determined members just couldn't wait
 'til each won another, and then there were eight!
 Eight excited members signed up sixteen more.
 In another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four!

(Author unknown)

Next Council Meeting
 March 24 at 7 PM
 KSD Board Room

2008 Founders Day Cowboy Hoedown

RSVPs Due on March 24th

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Founders Day will be held April 18th at Kentridge High School. Invitations were delivered to all local units. RSVPs are due back to Toni Troutner on March 24th. If you have questions or concerns, call or email Toni.

Raffle tickets will be for sale at the event. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or you can purchase 22 tickets for \$20. Cash or checks only. No debit or credit cards will be accepted. There will be lots of baskets to choose from, several valued at over \$200. Also the event will feature a dessert auction following dinner, so don't forget your cash and checks!

Founders Day Baskets

Turn Yours in by April 16th

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Hopefully all local units are working on their Founders Day baskets. Remember the value of each basket is to be \$100 or more. If you've forgotten your school's theme, check with Dana Tate or Pam Rumer at the numbers above. 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 24th KAC meeting. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact either Dana or Pam for help.

2008-2009 KAC PTA Board Nominations

Slate to be Voted on at Next General Membership Meeting

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The following Board slate will be presented at the March 24th Membership Meeting.

President:	Sharon Pfeiffer
Senior Vice President:	Hallie Knudsen
Secretary:	Allyson Johnson
Treasurer:	Joseph Nawar
Legislative Chair:	Dennis Higgins (co) and Agda Burchard (co)
Secondary VP:	Mark Ryan
Area VP for KM Strand:	Margaret Pfeifle
Area VP for KW Strand:	Toni Troutner
Area VP for KL Strand:	<i>Open</i>
Area VP for KR Strand:	Carol Liu

Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the election for any position. To be eligible for election to an office, a person must be a member of a local PTA/PTSA unit for the Council and must have been a member of the Board of Directors of a local unit or council for at least one term. Anyone interested in filling the open position for Area VP for Kentlake Strand should contact Dennis Higgins at nominatingcommittee@kacpta.org.

Martin Sortun PTA

April Auction

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Martin Sortun Elementary will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner/Auction on April 25th. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Karyn Vitalis, Martin Sortun PTA Co-President and Auction Chair, at the email above.

Millennium Elementary PTSA

March Auction

Debbie Lindsey
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Millennium Elementary PTSA is planning an auction on March 21st. All are invited to attend. Please contact Debbie Lindsey, Millennium Elementary Co-VP, at the email above.

Sunrise Elementary PTA

Multicultural Night

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Under the direction of Sunrise Elementary PTA member Cynthia Okawara, Sunrise Elementary held a Multicultural Night on Thursday, March 13th at 6:30pm. The theme: *Around the World in 90 Minutes*.

Various families from Sunrise hosted booths that included:

- Pictures, postcards, maps, flag from the country;
- Cultural objects like toys, jewelry, dishes, clothing, cloth, baskets, dishes, etc;
- A traditional game for students to play;
- Easy craft for students;
- “Sweet” snack or dessert;
- Display board highlighting information about the country.

Children moved from booth to booth with a Passport that was stamped when they “visited a country.”

The PE teacher also taught kids and their parents an ethnic dance and the music teacher led the entire group in a closing song. Performances during the evening included a Ugandan Choir, and several Sunrise students performed songs & dances from their countries of origin. There was also a dress-up booth with traditional dress of various countries and photographs taken for the students.

Prior to the event students made flags reflecting their cultural heritage that were hung throughout the multi-purpose room.

What is Your PTA Up to?

As the Newsletter Editor, I am always looking for local PTA unit news. Email me about events and activities that your PTA is hosting. Email me at newsletter@kacpta.org. The deadline for the April KAC Newsletter is April 10.

KSD Superintendent's Message

Bottom Line: Make Sure KSD Students are Prepared

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During the months of March and April, Kent School District students and their peers statewide are taking the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) tests.

Since the first test in 1996, a great deal of attention has been focused on students taking the tests each spring and the results released in the fall. Sometimes I think what are overlooked are the skills being assessed and how vital it is that students understand them.

Starting in the third grade and continuing through high school, students statewide are tested in reading, writing, mathematics, and science. Staff and parents work diligently with students to help them understand the important concepts being assessed.

For example, third grade students are asked to demonstrate that they grasp the meaning of plots, genres, and other literary elements by evaluating the stories. On the science test, high school students must describe the sum of all forces acting on an object and identify how energy is transferred and transformed within physical systems.

How well students understand the concepts presented in their classes is not solely to satisfy the WASL. Yes, we want our students to perform well. But that isn't the only reason we want them to thoroughly understand math, science, reading and writing. We want them successfully prepared for their future. We have entered a time when not only are more people worldwide competing for jobs, but more information and knowledge is flowing around the world. We want our students ready to work in that environment and be thoughtful contributors to the community. How well they come to understand the concepts presented in their classes will determine that future.

WSPTA News

WSPTA Convention May 2-4

The 2008 Washington State PTA Convention is just around the corner! The registration deadline for early bird prices is April 4th.

This year's theme is *PTA-Making a Difference*, and you won't want to miss this exciting opportunity. Special events will include a powerful presentation from Darrell Scott, a night of fun and awards at the Convention Banquet, and the Reflections Awards Program where we will showcase this year's student achievement in the arts.

The convention will be held May 2-4 at the DoubleTree Hotel in SeaTac. More information about the conference can be found at www.wastatepta.org

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Calendar

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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