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**Next Council Meeting**  
**March 23**  
**KSD Board Room**

**Agenda:**  
Election of KAC Board  
Convention Prep

## President's Message

*Hola!*

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At council we look forward to seeing all the local units and their award winners, principals, presidents and guests at our annual Founders Day Dinner to be held on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> at Kentridge High School. This year's theme is FIESTA and the food is being catered by Azteca of Kent, which we know will be wonderful. It promises to be a fun event for all who attend! So be sure to wear your sombreros and serapes and join the fun. Entertainment will be provided by the Kent Meridian Jazz Band.

If you haven't been to Founders Day before we will be having a basket raffle to raise money for scholarships for our seniors at the four high schools. The baskets are always amazing and the funds go to a very worthwhile cause. So be sure to be ready to buy those raffle tickets.

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I want to say thank you to our Nominating Committee for their hard work in putting a slate of officers together for next year. Thank you to Toni Troutner, Margaret Pfeifle and Pat Fredell. KAC elections will be held at our KAC General Meeting on March 23, 2009.

The WSPTA Convention Materials will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. Please be sure to review all of the classes and presentations and get signed up right away. This is a valuable experience for training and networking and gives participants an opportunity to be actively involved in WSPTA. You have a voice in what happens. We will have a Convention Prep training session at our meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Kent School District Board of Directors has announced the choice for the new superintendent. He is Dr. Edward Lee Vargas and while we hate to see Dr. Grohe leave us at the end of the year, we are happy to welcome Dr. Vargas to the Kent School District and we look forward to working with him next year. If you would like to know more about Dr. Vargas you can go the KSD website at [www.kent.k12.wa.us](http://www.kent.k12.wa.us).

I appreciate all you do for the students in Kent. This is a wonderful community that we live in. With all that could happen next year, we all need to continue to work together to keep our children on task and keep working toward a better education for all.

Have a wonderful month and remember council is always here to help you. Please contact us at anytime.

## **KAC Founders Day**

*Save the Date—March 27*

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Hola! We hope you can join us for the Kent Area Council Founders Day Dinner, Friday, March 27, 6:00 - 9:00pm at Kentridge High School. After March 2 the cost of the dinner is \$28 per person and is being provided by Azteca of Kent.

Come help us celebrate the founding of PTA, honor our local unit award winners, and most importantly raise money for our scholarship program.

There will be tables of 8 available. We will also host a dessert auction to raise additional funds for scholarships. Please bring cash or your checkbook for the dessert auction. Credit or debit cards will not be accepted.

The KAC PTA Council is made up of all Kent school PTAs. Our mission is to provide training, support and leadership to our school PTAs so that they can better serve their school's staff and families. The Scholarship program awards scholarships to students pursuing post-secondary education of any kind. Scholarships are first given to one student from each high school and then to those receiving the highest scores by the scholarship committee. Each scholarship is \$750.

You can help support the scholarship program by purchasing basket raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1 each and sold individually or in bundles of 20. Most baskets are valued at over \$150, with several baskets valued at over \$300.

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### *More on Baskets*

Below are important dates and information pertaining to the scholarship baskets.

- **March 23rd** - list of contents, retail value of basket and the name of your school due to Pam or Dana.
- **March 25th** - baskets are due to Dana or Pam. Baskets may also be brought to the General Membership meeting on March 23rd.

Value of the basket is to be at least \$100 but the sky's the limit!

On the following pages is a complete list of schools, basket themes and ideas just in case you haven't had a chance to start and can't remember what your theme is. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have regarding your theme. Don't forget to talk to your membership about donations for your basket. Many people are just looking for an easy way to help out your PTA and what easier way than to donate something to your basket.

Thank you all for your continued support of our students through this valuable program.

Dana Tate and Pam Rumer

2008-09 Scholarship Basket Raffle Co-Chairs

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## **KAC Fundraiser**

*Cookbooks are In!*

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Thank you to all the individuals that contributed to the cookbook! We have over 300 great recipes! We have recipes from almost all the schools in Kent, as well as WSPTA Board Members, KSD Administrative Staff, KSD Board of Directors, and KAC Council Members! The "KAC Cooks!" book will be available at the March General Membership Meeting. The cost is \$10 per book.

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Northwood Middle School	Music Lovers	It's All Rock and Roll to Me	Boom Box, mp3 player, i-tunes cards, blank cds
Meeker Middle School	Movie Night	Let's Go to the Movies	Popcorn/snacks, tickets, Blockbuster, asst. videos
Ridgewood Elementary School	Seahawks	Ultimate Seahawks Fan	Chair, hat, jersey, football, cooler, calendar, snacks
Cedar Valley Elementary School	Beach/Water Sports	Fun in the Sun	Kickboard, goggles, beach mat, pail, shovel, sunscreen
Mill Creek Middle School	BBQ	Master of the Grill	BBQ tools, rubs, apron, wood chips, smoker
Carriage Crest Elementary School	Reading	Curl up with a Good Book	Barnes & Noble, reading light, throw, asst. books
Scenic Hill Elementary School	Bath	Spa Indulgence	Scrubs, slippers/robe, candles, bubbles/lotions
Glenridge Elementary School	Italian	A Bit of Italy	Pizza stone, bread dipping, pasta, herbs, pasta set
Springbrook Elementary School	Coffee	Coffee Break	Starbucks, grinder, mugs, coffee, espresso beans
Park Orchard Elementary	Chocolate Lover	Chocolate Dream	Choc Fountain, sauces, chocolates, cocoas, cookbook
Cedar Heights Middle School	Health and Fitness	It's Hip to be Fit	Handweights, ex. Ball, dvds, books, soccer/football cones
Neely O'Brien Elementary School	Picnic	Picnic in the Park	Blanket, basket, dishes, bug spray, cookbook
Meridian Elementary School	Golf	Tee it Up	Towels, tees, driving range card, head covers
Fairwood Elementary School	Wine Lovers	Vineyard Gourmet	Glasses, bottle stoppers, corkscrew, charms, chiller
Jenkins Creek Elementary School	Scrapbooking	Treasured Memories	Papers, punches, books, embellishments, gift card
Grass Lake Elementary	Gardening	Birds and Blooms	Wheelbarrow, gloves, seeds, tools, birdhouses, hose, lotions
Sunrise Elementary School	Car Care	Clean my Ride	Bucket/mitt, cleaners, brown bear, hose, air fresheners
Kentwood High School	Birthday	Party in a box	Paper, invitations, thank you cards, banners, balloons
Meridian Middle School	Candles	Scent-sational	Candles, holders, snuffers, lighter, votives, warmers
Mattson Middle School	Game Night	Game On	Classic games, puzzles, popcorn

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Kentlake High School	Winter Fun	Hit the Slopes	Sled, hat, gloves, warmers, ski passes, lip balm
Crestwood Elementary School	Cats and Dogs	The Truth about Cats & Dogs	Collar/leash, dish, toys, throw, scratching post, movie
Martin Sortun Elementary	Camping	Escape to the Great Outdoors	Cooler, sleeping bag, tent, lantern, bug spray, stove
Soos Creek Elementary School	Baby	Special Delivery	Announcement, album, footprint kit, camera
Millennium Elementary School	Travel	Are We There Yet?	Atlas, travel, games, ipod adapter, dvd player, sudoko
East Hill Elementary School	Office	The Well Organized Professional	Calendar, desk access, calculator, opener, envelopes
Panther Lake Elementary School	Staying in Touch	Across the miles	Stationary, cards, stamps, envelopes, wax seal
Kentridge High School	College Survival	The Ultimate College Survival Kit	Laundry stuff, mail stuff, snacks, soaps/toiletries, printer paper, pens, i-tunes cards
Emerald Park Elementary School	Arts and Crafts	Artists' Delight	Membership to museum, paints, pastels, craft kits, canvas
Horizon Elementary School	Nails and Feet	Footsie Tootsie	Foot bath, polish, file, soaks, nail separators, slippers, creams
Sawyer Woods Elementary	Photography	Smile... You're on Candid Camera	Albums, disposable camera, photo paper, frames/mats
Kent Elementary School	Handyman	Mister Fix-It	Tool bucket, tools, how to guides, handyman mag, HD card
Kent Meridian High School	Mariners	My-Oh-My	Team jersey, pendant, tickets, hat, calendar, cooler,
Meadow Ridge Elementary School	Gourmet	Simply Indulgent	Pasta, sauces, dark chocolate, gourmet serving dishes
Covington Elementary School	Breakfast in Bed	Rise and Shine	Tea, coffee, tray, throw, book, breakfast mixes/jams
Lake Youngs Elementary School	Patio/Yard	Extreme Patio Makeover	Tiki Torches, patio umbrella, chair/table, dinnerware, plants

## **KAC Clothing Bank**

### *Volunteer and Work Party Schedules*

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The KAC Clothing Bank is open every other Tuesday, from 6:00—8:00pm. Below is the volunteer schedule. Please note each PTA is asked to send a minimum of 4 or more volunteers to help the night they are assigned. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 5:45pm for a quick orientation prior to opening.

March 17—Millenium Elementary and Neely O'Brien Elementary  
March 31—Northwood Middle School and Panther Lake Elementary  
April 21—Park Orchard Elementary and Pine Tree Elementary  
May 5—Ridgewood Elementary and Sawyer Woods Elementary  
May 19—Scenic Hill Elementary and Soos Creek Elementary  
June 2—Springbrook Elementary and Sunrise Elementary  
June 16—Kent Area Council Board Members

The Clothing Bank is located at Kent Phoenix Academy, 11000 SE 264th Ave, Room 612, Kent, WA.

The Clothing Bank is also hosting scheduled work parties. The “parties” are held on Sundays, beginning at 10am at Kent Phoenix Academy, Room 612. Remaining dates are March 15, March 29, April 19, May 3, May 17, May 31 and June 14.

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## **KAC Scholarships**

### *Applications Now Online*

The Kent Area PTA Council Scholarship demonstrates community appreciation for scholastic achievement and encourages further education. Graduating seniors are recognized for their individual contributions and accomplishments. The scholarship is designed to pay a portion of the costs for the first academic year at a post secondary institution.

The scholarship award will be determined by the Kent Area PTA Council Scholarship Committee based on the student application and the demonstrated commitment to a post high school education or training goal.

Applicants must be graduating seniors from one of the Kent High Schools with plans to attend a post secondary institution. You can obtain an application from your school counseling office or at [www.kacpta.org](http://www.kacpta.org). **All sections of the application must be completed for consideration.**

**The deadline for completed application is Friday, April 17.** Applications should be turned into the high school counseling office or mailed to the KAC Scholarship Committee, 10405 SE 166th Street, Renton, WA 98055. **No late applications will be accepted.**

It is the intent of the Kent Area PTA Council Scholarship Committee to select one or more recipient(s). Each award amount will be up to \$1,000 made payable to the post secondary institution upon confirmation of registration.

The Scholarship Committee will notify all recipients on or before **May 9, 2009**. Recipients will be asked to attend the Kent Area PTA Council General Membership Meeting on Monday, **May 18** to receive their award and say a few words about their goals and which institution they plan to attend.

## Region 9 News

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I am pleased to announce that we have a new local unit in Region 9. I would like to welcome SeaTac Community PTSA 9.5.243 to Region 9, Highline Council and Washington State PTA. We are excited to have another local unit in Region 9. Two of the board members were able to attend the Region 9 Mid-Winter conference on February 5, 2009.

Thank you to all the local units that attended the Region 9 Mid-Winter Conference on February 5, 2009 at Meeker Middle School. Thank you to our special guests: Laura Bay, Bill Williams and Sherry Marlin for presenting. Thank you to Charlotte Kemble and David Kemble for organizing and setting up the conference. Thank you to the service delivery team for presenting and helping at the conference. The service delivery team members are: Niki Nelson, Charlotte Kemble, Grace Rawsthorne, Allyson Johnson, Lisa Wilkinson, Leah Gillis, Meg Van Wyk, Sharon Pfeiffer, Hallie Knudson, Ray Kusumi, and Michelle Baker. The conference was a huge success.

Its time to start planning for convention. The convention registration forms should be arriving at the President's home mailbox soon. Please take time to fill out the registration form and mail it back so that your local unit or council can attend convention. (*Details are also included below with direct links to the WSPTA website.*) The president of the local unit or council will receive your voting delegate card(s). In order for you to vote at convention the card(s) must be signed by the President of the local unit or council.

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## WSPTA News

### *2009 WSPTA 95th Annual Convention*

**May 1-3, 2009**

**Doubletree Hotel-Seattle Airport,  
SeaTac, WA**



[Click to Download the 2009 Advance Registration Guide](#)

### **Register Today!**

Take advantage of early registration fees and reserve a seat in the classes of your choice. [Click Here to Register](#)

### **Hotel Reservations**

The Washington State PTA has made arrangements with the Doubletree Hotel for a special, discounted rate for our delegates during the Washington State PTA Convention. [More Information Here](#)

### **2009 WSPTA Board Elections**

State-wide elections will take place at Convention for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Legislative Director, Membership Director and two (2) Nominating Committee At-Large members.

[Click Here for more information on the elections & candidates](#)

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**KSD Superintendent's Message**

*Math Nights—March 10 & 11*

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**You Are Invited - KSD presents Community Math Nights – March 10 and 11**

KSD will partner with the Math Education Collaborative to present Community Math Nights on:

**March 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Kent-Meridian High School**  
**March 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Cedar Heights Middle School**

Keynote speaker, Dr. Ruth Parker, will provide an engaging evening for parents, students, educators, and other community members entitled - *Mathematics and Your Child's Future: The Basics and Beyond*

Join us on one of the evenings to find out

- How to help your child reason with numbers
- Why numerical reasoning is so important
- How to better prepare children for algebra
- What mathematics skills are essential to the workplace of today and tomorrow

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## Calendar

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March 23	KAC Membership Meeting 7PM KSD Board Room
March 27	KAC Founder's Day Dinner—6PM Kentridge High
April 2	Newsletter Deadline
April 27	KAC Membership Meeting 7PM KSD Board Room
May 1-3	WSPTA Convention, Red Lion, SeaTac
May 7	Newsletter Deadline
May 18	KAC Membership Meeting 7PM KSD Board Room
May 25	Membership Fees Due

*If you have an item for the KAC PTA Newsletter, please send your submission by the dates listed above to [hanscom\\_home@hotmail.com](mailto:hanscom_home@hotmail.com)*