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Next Council Meeting  
March 22 at 7pm  
KSD Board Room

## President's Message

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Ciao –

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 April 16<sup>th</sup> at Kentridge High School**. This year's theme is Italian Night and the food is being catered by Mama Stortini's Restaurant and their food is fabulous. So be sure to wear your favorite Italian designer clothes, bring along your gondolier and join in 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 our six high schools. The baskets are always amazing and the money raised goes to a very worthwhile cause. So be sure to have your cash or checks ready to buy those raffle tickets. We will also have our dessert auction and the desserts are scrumptious.

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I want to say thank you to our Nominating Committee for their hard work in putting together a slate of officers for next year. Thank you to Mark Ryan, Lisa Thiel-Sloan and Emily Hamden. KAC elections will be held at our KAC General Membership Meeting on March 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Kent School District Building.

By now you should have received the WSPTA Convention Materials. Please be sure to review all of the classes and presentations and get signed up right away. This is a valuable experience for training, networking and gives participants an opportunity to be actively involved in doing WSPTA business. There are also many opportunities to volunteer to attend convention for free so please be sure to review the volunteer procedures in the WSPTA Convention Booklet.

The Kent School District Board of Directors has announced their choice for Director, District #2 as Karen DeBruler who is filling the vacant seat. She has vast experience and will bring much to the Board of Directors table. If you would like to know more about Karen please go to <http://www.kent.k12.wa.us/ksd/bd/debruler.html>.

I hope that you are all working on your nominations and elections for officers for next year. It is a challenge but there are great people in our community who are willing serve and want to contribute to the success of our children. If you would like someone from Kent Area Council to do you Installation of Officers, please contact us and we will be there.

I appreciate all you do for the students in Kent. This is a wonderful community that we live in. 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 Kent Area Council is always here to help you so please feel free to contact us at any time.

## KAC Legislative Update

*Making a Difference for Children!*

Agda Burchard  
KAC Legislative Chair  
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Who could be your local unit's **legislation chair** next year? The role of the local legislation chair is to **educate, motivate and activate** PTA members about advocacy and legislation. Anyone who joined PTA to make a difference for children has what it takes to be a Legislation Chair! No experience is necessary; resources and support will be provided.

To get started, the legislation chair should:

- Get a copy of "**Advocacy and Legislation**" from the WSPTA Leadership Packet from his/her local president or the WSPTA website "members only" section.
- Sign up to receive the **Grassroots Connection** and/or **Legislative Action Alerts** and/or be on **Legislative Listserv** at <http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html>.
- Learn who her/his **elected officials** are. Find the Kent School District board members at [www.kent.k12.wa.us](http://www.kent.k12.wa.us) and state legislators at [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov).

### Suggested Timeline

Legislation chairs should **regularly provide information and calls to action** to members at meetings and in newsletters. In addition, legislation chairs can in

- August: attend Region 9 Fall Leadership Conference
- September: distribute, collect and tally WSPTA Issues Survey
- October: attend Legislative Assembly and local candidates' forums
- January or February: attend Focus Day
- May: ensure that PTA budget has line item and funds to send delegate(s) to Legislative Assembly, print advocacy materials, send Legislation Chair for training, and make a contribution to Citizens for Kent Schools (bond and levy campaign)

In years when there are Kent School District bond and/or levy proposal(s) on the ballot, the legislation chair can participate in bond/levy campaign activities too.

### Resources

- Kent Area Council: [www.kacpta.org](http://www.kacpta.org) or Legislation Chair Agda Burchard [legislation@kacpta.org](mailto:legislation@kacpta.org)
- Region 9: <http://r9leg.home.comcast.net> or Legislation Chair Brooke Valentine [RLC9@wastatepta.org](mailto:RLC9@wastatepta.org)
- WSPTA: <http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html> or Legislation Director Jeanette Muck [ptalegdir@wastatepta.org](mailto:ptalegdir@wastatepta.org) or Government Relations Kim Howard [khoward@wastatepta.org](mailto:khoward@wastatepta.org)

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## KAC Nominating Committee

*Seeking VPs*

Despite all of the suggestions submitted by the Board and General Membership, we still have three open VP positions on the Kent Area Council (Secondary, Kentridge Strand & K-M Strand). The Nominating Committee will continue to contact and recruit candidates until election day (3/22). If you are interested in an area VP position for the upcoming school year, please send us a note.

### Nominating Committee:

Mark Ryan ([markryan@studiobistro.com](mailto:markryan@studiobistro.com))

Lisa Thiel-Sloan ([thielsloan@yahoo.com](mailto:thielsloan@yahoo.com))

Emily Hamdan ([v-emhamd@microsoft.com](mailto:v-emhamd@microsoft.com))

## KAC Scholarships

Kent Area Council PTA scholarship applications are available in your high school counseling office. You can also download the application from the website at [kacpta.org](http://kacpta.org). All applications are due by April 8, 2010.

If you have any questions you can email them to KAC PTA scholarship committee at [klclp@comcast.net](mailto:klclp@comcast.net).

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## KAC Founders Day

*Save the Date—April 16*

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Ciao! We hope you can join us for the **Kent Area Council Founders Day Dinner, Friday, April 16, 6:00 - 9:00pm at Kentridge High School**. The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person and is being provided by Mamma Sortini's 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.

**Dessert Auction** - We will also host a dessert auction to raise additional funds for scholarships. For those of you who have not attended the dinner in the past two years, the dessert auction works like this - Each table gets an envelope to donate money toward a dessert. The top 5 tables with the highest dollar amount get to choose dessert first. All money goes toward the KAC scholarship fund.

To donate a dessert, please contact Patty Pedrini at 253.854.7446 or [JPJJJPED3@comcast.net](mailto:JPJJJPED3@comcast.net) before April 12<sup>th</sup>. All desserts should be delivered to Kentridge HS by 5:00 April 16<sup>th</sup>. **Please bring cash or your checkbook for the basket raffle and 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 \$1000.00

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.

*\*The cost of dinner is \$25/person. After April 1 the tickets will cost \$28/person.*

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## KAC Board Fundraising

*Cookbooks for Sale!*

Toni Troutner  
[btkktrout@yahoo.com](mailto:btkktrout@yahoo.com)  
(253) 854-1268

Just in time for the holidays....The KAC Cookbooks are available for \$10! They make great gifts and are full of yummy recipes. The recipes come from staff and families throughout the Kent School District! It's a treasure keepsake, so be sure you get yours today! To purchase contact Toni Troutner at 253-854-1268

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## **KAC PTA Clothing Bank**

### *Fundraising Update*

Deb Fairclough & Kris Kaeding  
KAC Clothing Bank Chairs  
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Thank you to the volunteers and donors who supported us during our fundraising efforts at the Les Schwab Kent Shoot-out on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Although we did not collect a lot of money that night, we appreciate your willingness to lend a hand! In the end, the Kentwood ASB came through for us with a very generous donation. With this donation, we will be able to buy enough socks and underwear to keep our bins full for at least a month. Thanks to all!

Our partnership with the Transition OutReach Program (TOP) continues to be a win-win relationship. The students are able to gain experience in a setting much like a retail environment while we benefit from having a trained staff with a regular schedule.

In January, we served **66** families. The support of our local units is critical to our success. Since the start of the new year, we have seen a decline in new donations. Now would be a good time to get started on your Spring cleaning!

The clothing bank schedule and forms may be found and downloaded on our website: [www.kacpta.org](http://www.kacpta.org) under the Committees tab.

### **Local Unit Volunteer Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Scheduled</b>
March 30	Northwood Middle School Panther Lake Elementary
April 13	Park Orchard Elementary Pine Tree Elementary
April 27	Ridgewood Elementary Sawyer Woods Elementary

**Thanks for your support!**  
Deb & Kris

## **News from Park Orchard PTA**

PARK ORCHARD'S 1st McTEACHERS NIGHT — Come and let our teachers serve you at McDonald's!

When: March 24, 2010

Where: McDonald's at SE 240th Ave and 108th Ave SE

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Students must be attended by an adult at all time. You may use the drive thru or come in and dine.

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## **News from Sunrise PTA**

This is another busy month at Sunrise. A new board was elected, Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator Awards given, and the financial review is complete. We are also celebrating our 4th annual Multicultural Night! There are cultural booths, games, and crafts as well as Sunrise student cultural performers and a performance by the Sunrise Choir. Our Book Fair starts next week with conferences and we finish up the month with Kindergarten Round-up. We also recently revived our 6th grade Steel Drum Band. This is now a PTA funded band which practices Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays. Lastly, we are getting excited for our Wild, Wild West Auction on April 17th! We have gotten some amazing procurement and are hoping to support our budget for at least a year. If you would like to donate something or join us, check out the details on our website: <http://sunrise-pta.weebly.com>

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## **News from Northwood PTSA**

At Northwood we are winding down a bit...The last dance is April 1st, student of the quarter at the end of the month, and we are planning the 8th grade party. The biggest focus right now is finding an executive board and committee chairs for the 2010-2011 school year. If you will be new to Northwood next year, please let us know if you are interested. More information can be found on our website: <http://northwood-ptsa.weebly.com>

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## **News from Jenkins Creek PTA**

It is with great pleasure that the Jenkins Creek PTA announces the arrival of our NEW ELECTRONIC READER BOARD SIGN!! It has taken 10 years, many different Executive Boards, numerous fundraisers, miles of red tape and countless volunteers to make this sign a reality. On March 2nd together with Kent School Board members, Kent School District Employees, PTA alumni, students and community members, we celebrated the hard work, dedication and PERSEVERANCE that it took to make it possible. Please come swing by to take a look, and remember anything is possible!

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## **News from Martin Sortun PTA**

Martin Sortun Elementary PTA invites you to our Spaghetti Dinner/Auction/raffle on April 23! Dinner at 5:30/6:15. Auction/raffle starts at 7! Many great items to bid on including a Yamaha stand up piano! Questions contact Karyn Vitalis at [vkaryn@comcast.net](mailto:vkaryn@comcast.net).

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## **News from East Hill PTA**

East Hill Elementary PTA will be holding its annual Talent Show on Friday, April 30. This promises to be an entertaining event. The show begins at 6:30pm in the East Hill Gym and the community is welcome to attend.

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**KENT FAMILIES AND FRIENDS:  
FREE Shredding Service available  
Provided by:**



**On Friday April 23, 2010, Iron Mountain will be providing shredding service at Dark Orchard Elementary School located at 11010 SE 232<sup>nd</sup> Street in Kent.**

**If you have any paper items you would like shredded please feel free to stop by and put them in the secure shred bins. These bins will then be collected on Monday and shredded offsite.**

**The items you can shred must be paper. Here are some examples:**

- TAX documents**
- Bills**
- Personal Information**
- Credit card Information**
- Documents**
- Statements**
- Bank information/statements**

**Please check in at the main office for a visitor badge. You will then be directed to where the bins are located. This is a FREE service, but donations are gladly accepted as this is a fundraising activity. Checks can be made out to Dark Orchard PTSA and placed in the collection envelope located in the main office. Tell your friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers about this event!**

Thank you Iron Mountain for partnering with us to provide this service to the community.



**See you there!**

## Region 9 News Update

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Thank you to the following units for attending Region 9's PTA and the Law on February 24th: Fairwood, Lake Youngs and Soos Creek. Training is so important and I appreciate these units taking the time to attend this important class. If you did not receive a handout via e-mail please contact me at [ptareg9@wastatepta.org](mailto:ptareg9@wastatepta.org).

At the Region 9 Spring Conference on March 11th at Meeker Middle School we recognized those units that received the gold level membership award:

- Millennium
- Park Orchard
- Ridgewood
- Soos Creek
- Sunrise

Don't forget to start planning for WSPTA's Annual Convention - April 30-May 2. Clear your schedule and plan on being there. In addition to myriad leadership classes, there will be informative and entertaining speakers, including National PTA President Chuck Saylor—you won't want to miss a chance to meet him, so start planning now so you can be with us as well.

Convention materials should be arriving in local unit president's mailboxes soon. The convention booklet is great and is filled with lots of wonderful classes and information- please share the information with your boards and incoming officers.

## Basket Donations Needed

Every year the Washington State PTA donates a basket for the National PTA Convention that is held in June. The theme for this year's basket is "Washington State." As in years past donations are needed to fill the basket from PTA members. It would be great if members could donate items that reflect your area of Washington State.

Please send donations to me at the following address:

Allyson Johnson  
19306-135th Avenue SE  
Renton, Washington 98058

Donations need to be received by April 16, 2010. Please e-mail me if you have any questions or need ideas on what to donate. Thanks in advance for making this year's basket the best!

## WSPTA Update

Bill Williams  
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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Last date to register for WSPTA’s Annual Convention at Early Bird rate

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**—Last date to order Golden Acorn and other local unit awards and be GUARANTEED delivery before Convention (awards can be purchased at Convention this year!)

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**—Last date to obtain discounted room rate for WSPTA Annual Convention

**April 26-May 5<sup>th</sup>** – WSPTA Office to be closed for Convention

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** – WSPTA Board of Directors Pre-Convention meeting

**April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – WSPTA Annual Convention

### ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR WASHINGTON STATE PTA’S ANNUAL CONVENTION NOW OPEN, AS IS THE PTA STORE

This week the online registration for Washington State PTA’s Annual Convention went “live” at this link: <http://www.wastateptambrs.org/customer/scriptcontent/Events/CONV10.cfm>. We’ve mailed a Registration Guide to the President of each local unit and council, although because we mailed them using the non-profit bulk mailing rate, we can’t predict when you might receive them. When you do receive the booklet, I think you’ll be impressed with the wide range of interesting and informative classes and general session speakers available to you. In addition, you can show your PTA pride by pre-ordering a variety of useful items with the WSPTA logo from the PTA Store. You can either pick up your goods at the Convention or for a small shipping and handling fee have them sent directly to you.

### WINNERS OF MEN’S ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Each year Washington State PTA conducts an essay contest for students to express the importance of a particular male role model in their lives. This week the winners of this year’s contest were announced, and you can learn the winners and read their essays [here](#). All four essay winners have been invited to read their essays at Washington State PTA’s Annual Convention during the third general session on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Each winner also receives four field level tickets to a Seattle Mariners game during the 2010 season. Thanks to the Mariners for their support of this program.

## Calendar

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### March 2010

22 - General Membership Meeting (Board Room - KSD Admin Building), 7pm

### April 2010

6 - Founders' Day Dinner

12 - Board Meeting (Rainer Room - KSD Admin Building)

26 - General Membership Meeting (Board Room - KSD Admin Building), 7pm

30 - Washington State PTA 2010 Annual Convention (DoubleTree Hotel - Seattle Airport - SeaTac, WA)

### May 2010

1 - Washington State PTA Annual Convention

2 - Washington State PTA Annual Convention

10 - Board Meeting (Rainer Room - KSD Admin Building)

24 - General Membership Meeting (Board Room - KSD Admin Building), 7pm

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