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## President's Message

### *How Time Flies*

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Well, here we are coming to the end of another school year, and I cannot believe how fast it has gone by. It has been a great year, and I can say that I have truly enjoyed getting know all of you. We have had training sessions, small break outs and guest speakers this year at our meetings. I hope you have learned something from each of these events. We would like to hear any input you might have for classes, speakers, etc., that you think would benefit the local units of Kent for next year. Feel free to email me at anytime.

At our last meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> we gave out 6 KAC PTA Scholarships to deserving seniors from our KSD High Schools. The students who were awarded the scholarships are all hard working students with great goals and ideas for their future and all very grateful for this opportunity. We wish them well on their college and life journey. The award recipients are:

- Ashley Skinner-Kentlake**
- Logan Ellis-Kent Meridian**
- Heather Pinnow-Kentwood**
- Andrea Lamprecht - Kentridge**
- Taiapisi Logotala -Kent Phoenix Academy**
- Michelle Lane-Kentridge**

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We are saying good bye to KSD Superintendent Barbara Grohe as she retires in June. She will be greatly missed by all. Please join us in saying good bye at the farewell celebration on 6/11/09 at the KM Performing Arts Center 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

We will welcome our new Superintendent Dr. Edward Vargas in June and we are excited to work with him and continue the great relationship we have enjoyed with the Kent School District.

Next year our goals at KAC are to continue to increase communication to the local units, explore ways we can expand our community outreach, continue to advocate for children and explore other possibilities. I look forward to an exciting year next year as we continue to grow as a council and hope that you will join us in that journey.

Have a safe and fun summer. If you need to contact the board for any reason please go to the web site and email us and we will respond.

See you next year.

Agda Burchard & Dennis Higgins  
KAC Legislative Chairs  
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## **KAC Legislative Update**

### *Using Your Levy Support Dollars*

Many PTA units have a line item that flies under the radar: "levy support" or "political action" (or even unspent "legislation" money). These funds are intended to support the citizens committee that works on the very important levy/bond campaigns ... providing over 20% of the funding for our teachers and schools.

Now, at the end of the fiscal year, is the time to expend these funds; this will allow next year's committee to also make a donation (from next year's budget) to support a probable 2010 levy/bond campaign. Please mail your contributions to:

**Citizens for Kent Schools**  
**10842 SE 208th St., Box #263**  
**Kent, WA 98031-2091**

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## **KAC Board News**

### *Cookbooks Still for Sale*

Toni Troutner  
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*KAC Cooks* cookbooks are still for sale. The cookbooks include a multitude of wonderful recipes. All the recipes were submitted by KAC local units, the KAC Board, our KSD Superintendent and oth KSD employees, Region 9 board members, Washington State PTA and many others. The books make a great gift!

The books are \$10.00 and can be purchased by contacting Toni Troutner at btkktrout@yahoo.com.

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## **KAC Clothing Bank**

### *Keep Those Undies Coming*

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Hello Friends of the KAC Clothing Bank;

As we near the end of the school year, we want to send a big thank you out to all the board members, committee members and volunteers who have helped make our clothing bank a great success. Without our community, there would be no bank.

The clothing bank runs completely on donations of cash, clothing and school supplies. It could only be accomplished with the donation of volunteer hours. As you prepare your budgets for next year, please keep the clothing bank in mind for a line item of at least \$100 to keep us afloat with socks and underwear. Also, please remind your unit to sponsor a sock, underwear and pajama drive. These are the items we get very few of with the regular clothing donations, so we must purchase them or have them donated via a school drive.

We, as co-chairs, have truly appreciated the opportunity you have given us to run our Kent School District community's clothing bank. We have gained a fresh perspective on the need for this service that the Kent Area Council provides, at no cost to the eligible families we help. We will surely miss you all next year, and who knows, we may see you around.

**KEEP THOSE UNDIES COMING!**

## Region 9 News

Novella Fraser  
WSPTA Region 9 Director

### *Outgoing Region 9 Director Message*

Thank you everyone for a great two years. My term as the Region 9 Director comes to an end on May 31, 2009. I have enjoyed being a part of this wonderful region.

I would like to thank all the local units that have attended conferences, PTA and the Law, convention and invited me to their local unit events. I would like to thank the councils for assisting the local units and providing trainings to them. I encourage each local unit and council to continue attending trainings.

I would like to thank everyone on my Service Delivery Team for all their hard work and supporting local units: Niki Nelson, Charlotte Kemble, Grace Rawsthorne, Allyson Johnson, Meg Van Wyk, Lisa Wilkinson, Leah Gillis, Sharon Pfeiffer, Hallie Knudson, Ray Kusumi, and Michelle Baker.

I look forward to a new adventure, and I am leaving the region in capable hands. The next Region 9 Director is Allyson Johnson. She has been on the Service Delivery team and she has been a council president & a local unit president. She has a lot of experience and she will do a great job representing Region 9 on the WSPTA Board of Directors. Please welcome Allyson when you see her at convention.

Thank you again and thank you for making every child's potential a reality.

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### *Incoming Region 9 Director Message*

Allyson Johnson  
Incoming Director

Hello, my name is Allyson Johnson and I am the incoming Region 9 Director. I joined PTA when my oldest child entered kindergarten 16 years ago because it was the thing to do. I've been a member of PTA since then.

My husband Carl and I have three children—Andrew (21) is taking a semester or two off from college. Dustin (18) is attending Green River Community College and our youngest, Kaitlyn (14), is an 8th grader at Meeker Middle School.

In addition to PTA, I work part time and am involved with my church's young women's group, which I love.

I look forward to a great year and working with the Region 9 Service Delivery team, which is still being formed.

I am excited to serve as your Region 9 Director. My goal as Region 9 Director is to ensure that all PTA/PTSA leaders in our region are trained and mentored.

The Fall Leadership Conference will be held on Thursday, August 27. The location and time are to be determined. Details will be sent out as soon as they are finalized.

Have a wonderful summer!

Bill Williams  
Executive Director  
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## WSPTA Update

### **VOTE FOR PTA ON FACEBOOK TO HELP CHILDREN SUCCEED**

Recently, Target and Facebook created the “Bullseye Gives” campaign that will allow Facebook users and guests to vote for their top non-profit to receive the most funds. PTA will be listed along with nine other national non-profits to earn a share of \$3 million. The level of funding awarded to each charity is based on the number of votes garnered during the two-week campaign. Individuals can vote once each day. So it’s important you vote, and vote often!

You can participate in three easy steps: (1) Visit Target’s Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/target](http://www.facebook.com/target); (2) Find the “Vote” tab at the top of the page; and (3) Vote for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

### **CLARIFICATION REGARDING 2009-10 MEMBERSHIP SERVICE FEES**

Earlier this month I reported on the Bylaws amendment adopted by delegates at the WSPTA Annual Convention to increase the WSPTA membership service fees by 50 cents next year, from the current \$4.75 to \$5.25. I should have included a reminder that local units are also required to submit the National PTA dues of \$1.75 per member, for a total of \$7.00 per member, plus any applicable council fee. I apologize for any confusion resulting from not including this information as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WSPTA office.

### **WORLDWIDE EDUCATION TO MAKE REFLECTIONS NOTE CARDS AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

Also the Leadership News also misidentified the company that had provided note cards featuring some of award winning art work from this year’s Washington State PTA Reflections Program. In addition to providing 400 sets of the cards that were distributed at the Receptions ceremony, **Worldwise Education**, has agreed to make the sets of Washington cards available for purchase online. There will be information on our website as soon as the arrangements are finalized and in an upcoming issue of Leadership News.

### **PLAN NOW FOR FALL FLU VACCINATION CLINICS**

National PTA is again offering local units and councils the opportunity to participate in the Let’s Fight the Flu Together campaign, and FluBusters, the company contracted to manage the campaign is already scheduling clinics for the fall of 2009. For more information, check the campaign’s website at [www.pta.org/flushotclinics](http://www.pta.org/flushotclinics).

### **OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON BROADBAND INTERNET EXPANSION**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently looking for public comment on the expansion of Internet access in the United States. Some advocates see this as an opportunity to lobby for providing at least one Internet port (channel) that is filtered to be family-friendly and appropriate for a general audience. If this is an issue that is of interest to you, you can comment at the following link:

[http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/Upload?hot\\_docket=1012001350/09-51/National+Broadband+Plan+Notice+of+Inquiry&Send=Continue](http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/Upload?hot_docket=1012001350/09-51/National+Broadband+Plan+Notice+of+Inquiry&Send=Continue)

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