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Next Council Meeting
September 22 at 7 PM
KSD Board Room

Large Group:
Best Practices: Training
Standards of Excellence

Pull Outs:
Reflections
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Legislation

President's Message

Back in the Swing of Things!

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September is a busy month – first day of school, open houses, school supply shopping, not to mention the Reflections Program Kick Off, membership drives and many other PTA activities going on, and finding volunteers to help with those activities. I hope you find this year a rewarding one as you begin the 2008-2009 school year.

Thank you to the 18 + local units that attended the Region 9 Fall Leadership Conference in Federal Way on August 21st, it was great seeing so many local units and members representing Kent. I hope you walked away feeling like you learned something new, energized, with new ideas and ready to start the upcoming year.

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Another thank you to those who attended our August 25th General Membership meeting. As a board, we appreciate you taking the time to attend our meetings. We know that we are all busy and attending one more meeting is tough, but we will strive to make the meetings meaningful, with beneficial information for all of you to share with your local units. If there are areas in which you feel you need additional information or training, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@kacpta.org with your suggestions or questions. We will be happy to provide training.

There are a few training opportunities being presented by the Region 9 Service Delivery Team in October. The first is 10/16/08 PTA and the Law class at Kenndale Elementary.

The early registration price of \$40.00 ends 10/10/08. After that it will be \$65.00. The registration form and further information is on the website at www.kacpta.org.

There is also a 990EZ class on 10/23/08 at the KSD building. Registration information will be available soon.

I highly recommend sending the appropriate committee chair or board members to these trainings. They are valuable in helping local units stay on track and offer excellent learning opportunities.

I look forward to seeing all you at our next General Membership meeting on Monday, September 22. I hope to meet with each one of you this year. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to me.

Please feel to contact me or your area vice president if you have any questions or concerns.

KAC Fundraising

Submit Your Favorite Recipes

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The Kent Area Council fundraising committee is putting together a cookbook! We are asking each local unit to submit 10 recipes to contribute to the cookbook. Recipes can be from your PTA board members, staff, parents, students, etc, so please share this with them! Individuals that submit recipes will be recognized in the book with their name and school next to their recipe.

We hope to have the recipe books available to sell after the first of the year. We are asking that each unit sell 20 cookbooks (estimating \$10 each). We will be presenting more information at the General Membership Meeting on September 22nd. This is a great opportunity to recognize those yummy recipes from your school and have a great keepsake for years to come.

We will not have books available for Christmas, but the publisher is providing us with gift certificates to pre-sell them as gifts! Start making your list now!

Please submit recipes to me as soon as possible. The deadline to submit recipes is the October 27th General Meeting. Recipes can be brought to the meeting, mailed or emailed (preferred). The format is as follows; category (appetizer/beverages, soup/salads, vegetable/side dishes, main dishes, breads/rolls, desserts, cookies/candy, this/that), recipe title, submitted by (name/school/PTA, etc), ingredients, and directions.

Thank you in advance for your support.

KAC PTA Communications

Share What Your Local Unit is Doing

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What's happening at your local unit? Make sure to let the rest of us know. Send your updates, events or success stories to newsletter@kacpta.org before the second Thursday of the month.

Save the Date

Mark Your Calendars for these Special Events

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As we look ahead to the coming year, please be sure to mark the following special events on your calendar:



- ***President and Principal Luncheon** - December 1, 2008 at the Golden Steer
- ***Founder's Day Dinner** - March 27, 2009 at Kentridge High School

More information on these events will be provided soon. If you'd like to volunteer with the December luncheon, please contact Hallie Knudson at (253) 850-3318.

Volunteers are also needed for the Founder's Day dinner to plan the event and chair the basket raffle. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Toni Troutner at (253) 854-1268.

Reflections

2008—2009 Theme — “Wow!”

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Welcome to the New Reflections year. The theme this year is "WOW." I hope the program we all put together can live up to the theme - I think it can!

I hope your unit is planning on running a Reflections Program this year and that you have a Reflections Chair. But if you are still on the fence, read on!

Five Reasons to Run the PTA Reflections Program:

1. Students need more opportunities to create works of art for fun and recognition, and the Reflections Program provides an outlet for students to creatively explore what they are learning in the classroom.
2. The Reflections Program is run by parent volunteers, thereby providing another opportunity to involve parents in their children’s education.
3. Participation in the Reflections Program gives students a chance to experiment in the arts.
4. When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, film, and other art media, they grow intellectually; they learn to analyze their thoughts and feelings.

The Reflections Program helps parents recognize, support, and enhance their children’s continuous process of self-discovery.

There are so many resources and lots of support available, so please contact me and I would be happy to get a program up and running! It is a very rewarding job at the school level, and really is not a HUGE time commitment.

Please make sure that Reflections Chairs get the Reflections User Guide as soon as possible - it is full of information and forms that their Reflections Chairs will need.

If you were not able to pick up your packet at the KACPTA meeting, please contact Sharon Pfeifer, our wonderful President, at President@KACPTA.org. The packet has important information for everyone on your PTA Board, so you will want to get a hold of it ASAP!

I am very excited about this year and want to help however I can, so please feel free to contact me if I can help in any way!

Reflections Schedule:

- Beginning in September - Promote, Promote, Promote!
- September 22 - Special pull out at KAC PTA Membership Meeting
- December 6 - Council Submission Deadline
- January 10 - Arts Celebration & KAC Reflections Awards Ceremony



Open Positions at Kent Area PTA Council

Open Positions for Us Mean Opportunities for You!

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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:

Council Public Awareness	Historian	Scholarships
Emergency Preparedness	Fundraiser	
Advocacy Topics	Parent Involvement	
Directory	Scholarship Fundraiser	

KAC PTA Hospitality

Thank You!

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The Hospitality Committee would like to thank Sharon Pfeiffer, Toni Troutner and Dana Tate for providing snacks and beverages at the Aug 25th Kent Area Council General Membership Meeting. Thank you so much!

KAC PTA Legislative Update

Make Your Voice Heard:

WSPTA Issues Survey and Legislative Assembly

October 3-4 SeaTac Marriot

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One-hundred years ago PTA was founded as a child advocacy organization and advocacy is still an important part of our mission. Because there are so many issues impacting children and PTA's resources are limited, it is essential that we identify which are the most critical. Encourage your local unit members to complete the WSPTA Legislative Issues Survey. Then ensure that the "voice" of your PTA is heard by sending a delegate to Legislative Assembly, October 3-4 at the SeaTac Marriot. Delegates help determine which issues will get the most attention from WSPTA during the 2008 legislative session and also learn how to increase our advocacy voice.

Legislative Assembly registration is \$145 after September 19th. (Student registration is \$90 or \$115.) The local unit pays for the Legislative Assembly registration fee and should cover the cost of the optional meals and lodging for their delegates. Some local units also include parking and mileage reimbursement costs in their budget.

Go to <http://wastatepta.org/legislation.htm> for Legislative Assembly registration information, a tentative agenda, the issues pamphlet and the issues survey. Hard copies of the issues pamphlet and registration form were sent to unit presidents and legislative chairs the first week of September. Please share these resources with your members to help them to prepare for this year's event.

Also mark your calendars for Legislative Focus Day, February 26, 2009 in Olympia.

KAC Cinderella Project

Donations Being Accepted

We can make dreams come true by assuring that every student can attend a formal or semi-formal event at school, regardless of their family's financial situation.

Your donations can do wonders! Cash or clothing will be accepted. The following items are needed: formal and semi-formal gowns, shoes, strapless bras, female accessories, tuxedo jackets and pants, tuxedo shirts, cummerbunds, bow ties, shoes, cuff links, dress socks (new only) and hosiery (new only).

KAC Clothing Bank

Now Open!

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The KAC PTA Clothing Bank is open to provide services every other Tuesday during the school year from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. The clothing bank is located at Kent Phoenix Academy in room 612 (11000 SE 264th Avenue, Kent, WA 98031-7798).

The Clothing Bank volunteer schedule is now posted on the KAC PTA website—www.kacpta.org (click on committees).

Remember each PTA is asked to send a minimum of four 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.

The September/October schedule:

September 30—Crestwood Elementary and East Hill Elementary

October 7—Emerald Park Elementary and Fairwood Elementary

October 21—Glenridge Elementary and Grass Lake Elementary

All local units are encouraged to make a cash donation to the clothing bank. Donations may be sent to:

KAC PTA 9.7 Clothing Bank
PO Box 6624
Kent, WA 98064



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Remember to submit your membership remittance forms and payment to the Kent Area Council **on or before the KAC PTA General Membership Meetings**. All checks should be made payable to KAC. Bring your remittance form and payment to any KAC PTA general membership meeting or mail it to KAC, PO Box 6624, Kent, WA 98064-6624.

KAC General Membership Meeting Dates:

- October 27, 2008
- January 26, 2009
- March 23, 2009
- May 18, 2009

The 2008 - 2009 Fees are \$8.25 per member:
National - \$1.75
WSPTA - \$4.75
Council - \$1.75

Please note: Your October Remittance Form will automatically add a one time fee (for WSPTA) of \$5 per unit.

PTA & the Law

A Must For Your PTA's Board Members

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As a member of your PTA's Board you are on the Board of Directors for a non-profit corporation and this class is one of the most important services offered by WSPTA! It deals with state and federal rules and regulations for running a charitable, tax exempt, non-profit corporation.

The Region 9 PTA & the Law Workshop will be held on October 16, 6:00-9:00pm at Kennydale Elementary School—1700 NE 28th Street, Renton, WA 98056. The cost is \$40.00 per unit before October 10 or \$65.00 after.

990EZ Class

Line by Line Assistance Available for Free!

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If you need help with your 990EZ, bring your most recent treasurer's report and your PTAs 2007-2008 financial records to this free workshop! The workshop will be held Thursday, October 23 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm in the Kent School District Board Room. Pat Nelson from Washington State PTA will give you line-by-line assistance with this very important form. RSVP by 10/17 to Novella Fraser. Put "990EZ Class" in your subject line. Please include in your email your name, local unit name and number and how many people from your local unit will attend.

WSPTA News

Events You Don't Want to Miss

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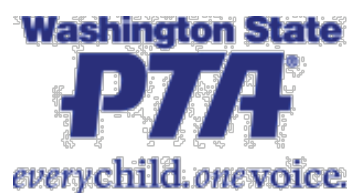
October 3 - 4, 2008 - 2008 WSPTA Legislative Assembly - SeaTac Marriott, SeaTac WA

Now on the WSPTA website - www.wastatepta.org you can download the 2008 Issue Guide and well as a tentative agenda for the Legislative Assembly.

Also if you are curious about how PTAs can get involved in the elections process, be sure to download the WSPTA Elections Guide

February 26, 2009 - 2009 Legislative Focus Day - Legislative Building, Olympia, WA

May 2 - 4, 2009 - 2009 WSPTA Convention (DoubleTree Hotel - Seattle Airport, SeaTac)



KSD Superintendent's Message

Children of Democracy

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As the general election approaches, we have all heard from candidates seeking our votes to local, state, and national offices. This has been an excellent opportunity for our students to observe public debate and witness the electoral process at work.

Our democracy is built upon the concept of an informed and involved citizenry. This involvement is often shown by service learning projects which tie students' learning goals to real community needs. Students witness the impact that their involvement can make on the community and world.

For democracy to continue in the United States, it is imperative our children understand the theories and practical applications of governments, politics, and economics. Students learn about these critical topics beginning with the basic concepts in kindergarten. By the time they graduate, students have multiple opportunities to discuss and debate complex matters of this country and the world. This issue of KSD News highlights how our schools prepare and encourage students to be good citizens.

Truly understanding citizenship is more than memorizing dates in history or the branches of government. It is also critical that students recognize that each of us bears the responsibility to make productive contributions to our neighborhoods, our communities, and the nation.

As parents, community members, and educators we, in turn, also have the responsibility to teach our children about their roles as citizens now and in the future. They are, after all, the children of democracy.

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Calendar

Sept 22	KAC Membership Meeting 7PM KSD Board Room	Nov 3	KAC Board Meeting KSD Admin Bldg
Oct 3/4	WSPTA Legislative Assembly SeaTac Marriott	Nov 13	Newsletter Deadline
Oct 9	Newsletter Deadline	Nov 24	KAC Membership Meeting 7PM KSD Board Room
Oct 13	KAC Board Meeting Rainier Room KSD Admin Bldg	Nov 27	Deadline for KAC President & Principal Luncheon
Oct 16	Region 9 PTA & the Law 6 PM Kenndale Elementary	Dec 1	President & Principal Luncheon - Golden Steer 11:30am
Oct 23	Region 9 990EZ Class 6 PM KSD Admin Bldg	Dec 6	Reflections Deadline
Oct 25	Membership Fees Due	Jan 8	Newsletter Deadline
Oct 27	KAC Membership Meeting 7 PM KSD Board Room	Jan 10	KAC Reflections Art Walk & Award Ceremony

Looking Ahead To September 22, 2008

7 PM KSD Board Room

Pull Outs:

- Membership
- Reflections

Who should come:

- Your PTA's Voting Delegates or Alternates
- Your PTA's Reflections Chair
- Your PTA's Membership Chair

What you should bring:

- Voting Delegate Forms
- Membership Ideas
- Reflections Program booklet

every child. one voice.

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