



# Bellevue PTSA Council

General Membership Meeting  
October 6, 2014

# Advocacy Update - Sarah Butcher

- Make sure you and your advocacy rep are receiving the monthly advocacy newsletter. Email us if you want to be added to the list.
- What to look for in this months newsletter:
  - Resources on current issues of interest from our units
    - Smart Snacks
    - Initiative 1351
  - Opportunities
    - The Graduation Requirements Committee will be presenting to at the School Board meeting on October 7. The meeting starts at 4:30pm.
    - The WA Office of the Education Ombuds will host a webinar on October 15 from 12pm to 1:30pm to present the proposed plan for a Statewide Special Education taskforce. You can provide input through a chat function during the webinar or you can email the OEO directly.

# Advocacy Update Continued

- WA State PTA Legislative Assembly October 24 & 25, 2014 Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver Washington
  - Early Bird Registration ends soon!
  - Identify your delegates
  - Platform Issues are now posted on the WA State PTA website.

# Communications - Brook Rose

- Monthly Newsletter
  - Sent out after the general membership meeting
  - If there is something that you would like to include in our newsletter, please send information to Brook Rose the first week of each month.
- Website
  - Updated regularly
  - Check often for calendar updates, advocacy information, general council updates and information
- Facebook Page
  - Like the Page
  - Share with your PTA members

# Family & Community Engagement - Jessica Garcia

- Parent Education meetings and speakers planned
  - Our next date Parent Ed event is October 22nd at Jubilee Reach and the topic is Brightspace.

# Membership - Carolyn Watson

- Goal to increase Bellevue Local Unit Membership by 5%
- Membership dues will be paid directly to WSPTA
  - WSPTA will invoice Local Units for full amount of dues
  - WSPTA will then send Bellevue PTSA Council our share of the dues.
  - Council Membership dues for 2014-15 unchanged at \$1.30.
- Membership chair will be able to answer questions and will be helping to track dues payments.

# Reflections Art Program

*Theme: "The World Would Be A Better Place If..."*

- **Training scheduled for October 16th, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the ESC Room 200.**
- **Notice going out to Reflections Chairs on October 6**
  - **Copy of notice will be sent to PTA Presidents, we are still trying to verify Reflections Chairs for all PTAs.**

# PTA Training Requirements

*(to remain in good standing)*

- All elected officers must attend a WSPTA certified training.
  - PTA Presidents will receive notice if local units are missing training for your elected officers during this month.
    - **Certified Money Matters training being offered on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Room 200 at the ESC. Registration will be opened October 7<sup>th</sup>.**
- At least one elected officer must attend PTA & the Law
  - If your unit was missing PTA & the Law you received an email from Jennifer last week.
  - **Last class will be the Issaquah class - Thursday, 11/13**

*registration opening later this week.*



# Nominating Committee

*(to be elected in November)*

- Bellevue PTSA Council will elect the nominating committee at November General Membership meeting according to Article V, Section 1(b) of the WSPTA Bylaws and in accordance with our Standing Rules.
  - The committee shall consist of 3 members with 2 alternates and will be nominated from the floor.
- Consider serving on the PTSA Council Nominating Committee
  - Important work of recommending a slate of officers for new school year.
- Think about electing your nominating committee early and be sure that you are in compliance with WSPTA Bylaws and your local unit Standing Rules.

# PTA Awards

- Consider applying for a PTA Award this year. You are doing great work for our children and this is an opportunity for recognition for your PTA member efforts.

## **Award Categories Include:**

Website Communications

Newsletters

Other Communications

Honor Units

Standards of Excellence

PTAs Taking Significant Action

Outstanding Local Unit of the Year

Mentor-A-PTA

*Typical deadline for application is March 1st*