



# PTSA News

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## New Socks & Underwear \$Dollar\$ Drive January 9–20



The Kent Area Council PTSA Clothing Bank always struggles with the challenge of supplying underwear and socks that are much needed. An envelope was sent home with your student asking for a minimum \$1.00 donation. Our goal is to have \$500 to purchase new underwear and socks for the Clothing Bank. **On Jan. 23 we will draw two names from all envelopes returned to win a \$10 Target Gift Card.**

Questions? Please contact PTSA Clothing and Dollar Drive Chairperson, Lorrie Kiminki at [plkiminki@comcast.net](mailto:plkiminki@comcast.net)

## Clothing Drive, Part 2 January 9–20

*The Kent school families really pulled through in December for the KAC PTA Clothing Bank. They went from empty shelves to full ones and were able to help many families before the holidays. Thanks to all who donated!*

We are holding another clothing drive to help keep them stocked up for cold winter months—and to help you clean out those closets post holidays! We will accept donations of all types of new or gently worn garments. Clothing must

be clean and have no broken zippers, missing buttons or stains. You can place your donations along the wall in the commons area.



Thank you in advance for your participation in helping us keep our Kent students warm and comfortable.

Find the Clothing Bank on **Facebook** — just search for KAC PTA Clothing Bank.

## Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Please return the form sent home.



## DID YOU TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION?



### TALENT SHOW

> We'll give students one more day to turn in their Talent Show Application in if they would like to participate: **Monday, the 9th LATEST**

> Tryouts are on Tues / Wed Jan. 10th–11th

> The show is on Friday, Feb. 10

Lyrics to any music must be turned in with your application, or it will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Macauley at 253.850.8113.

**PARENTS:** Email Lori Macauley at [LMMACAULEY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LMMACAULEY@YAHOO.COM) if you can help please. Thanks!

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Jan 9 . . . . Talent Show  
Applications Due

Jan 9–20 . . New Socks and  
Underwear Dollar Drive

Jan 12 . . . Reading Night

Jan 19 . . . Skate Night

Jan 27 . . . Movie Night "Cars 2"

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Visit our PTSA website at  
[epptsa.weebly.com](http://epptsa.weebly.com)

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PTSA Family Movie Night

January 27 • Doors open 6pm

January 27th will be our annual Family Movie Night! This is a free event for our Emerald Park families. Snacks available: popcorn \$0.50, & pop and candy \$0.75!

Children attending MUST be with a parent. Bring your pillows & blankets and meet us in the multi-purpose room. Doors will open at 6:00pm for concessions sales and the **movie will begin at 6:30pm** and end around 8:00pm.

**If you would like to help with this event, please email Kaylee Hansen: [kayleekyle@hotmail.com](mailto:kayleekyle@hotmail.com)**



Fundraiser Update

Raised over \$4400!

With your help the Fall Fundraiser raised over \$4,400. Thank you! Without your support our school couldn't have some of the extra activities we have especially with our budget cuts. Every penny and every dollar counts to help our school!

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*Always remember your time is just as valuable as raising money for our school. If you can give an hour of your time to help in your child's classroom or help at a PTSA event it's priceless!*

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----- **YES! I WANT TO JOIN PTSA!** -----

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

2nd Name (for family membership) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

MY MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS FORM:

☐ \$10 Individual Member      ☐ \$18 Family (two adults in same household)

☐ \$20 I am unable to volunteer my time, so please put me on the "No Call" list but I want to support our school.

Please fill out this form and return to school with your child along with a check to **EMERALD PARK ELEMENTARY PTSA.**

# What's Going on at the State Level

News from The Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

This summer, Washington State joined 43 other states in adopting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The purpose of this state-led initiative is to provide a consistent, quality education to all kids, regardless of geography, that will prepare them for college and career. The rigorous national standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, administrators, and education experts across the country to provide clear benchmarks for students from K-12. Grade by grade, the Common Core State Standards are meant to ensure students across the nation will graduate high school with the knowledge and skills necessary for them to succeed in college and career training. The CCSS also provides a clear framework for teachers and parents, and will be an invaluable tool in our goal to successfully prepare all kids for their future.

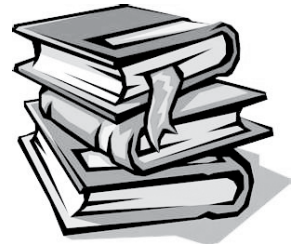
Currently, national standards have been written for English language arts and mathematics; more standards will be developed over time. The Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has established a timeline for the implementation of the CCSS. This year, the focus will be on developing awareness of the new standards and how they differ from existing standards. By 2014-2015, the transition will be complete, with teach-

ers across the state fully prepared to teach the new standards, including the implementation of the standards assessment system.

So what does this mean for our students today? This year's freshmen will be the first students taught and assessed by the CCSS – when they are seniors! National PTA has created a transitional tool that families will find very useful today: The Parent's Guide to Student Success.

There is a guide for each grade, K-8, and English and math guides for high school. These guides can be found at [www.pta.org/4446.htm](http://www.pta.org/4446.htm). More information on the CCSS can be found at [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org) and [www.k12.wa.us/corestandards](http://www.k12.wa.us/corestandards). You are also welcome to email questions and comments to me anytime at [julietvperry@gmail.com](mailto:julietvperry@gmail.com).

Education advocacy starts at home, with a determination for your student to receive the quality education they deserve. When families and schools form a partnership, students achieve greater success. I urge all parents to dialog with school staff to find the best ways to support their student. My hope for 2011-2012: that all our students' goals become reality.



## Book Your Adventure

### Family Reading Night

January 12 • 6:30-8:00pm

Literacy Games, Activities,  
and Snacks for families

Pass Around Stories

Book Swap... bring a book,  
take a book

King County Librarian Book Talks

Toddler Tales

Police Officers and Firefighters  
reading stories

Flashlight Stories

Composing song lyrics

Sight Word Games

RAZ on-line books  
in the computer lab

Fluency with Poetry

Literacy games such as Boggle,  
Apples to Apples, Scrabble,  
Bananagrams

Ukrainian Stories shared

Spanish Stories shared

Question Stems on Sticks  
(MSP reading questions)

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books and games

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## Weebly What?

What is [epptsa.weebly.com](http://epptsa.weebly.com)?

**Epptsa.weebly.com** is Emerald Park's PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) website. The website gives the PTSA another way to communicate and distribute information.

PTSA flyers that go home in Friday folders are posted online too, so if you forget the date of an event like Skate Night or Movie Night, need another fundraising form, or lose your PTSA newsletter, just go to [epptsa.weebly.com](http://epptsa.weebly.com). The site can also be translated to other languages.

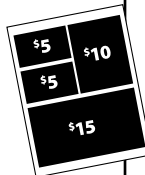
Check out what's available at [epptsa.weebly.com](http://epptsa.weebly.com), and if you have any suggestions for improvements, please contact Donna Lund at [pdehome@msn.com](mailto:pdehome@msn.com) or 253.630.5822.

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

You must be an Emerald Park PTSA Member to  
advertise. Prices for each issue:

\$5 for 1/8 page, \$10 for 1/4 page,  
\$15 for 1/2 page

Contact Sheila at 253.639.3122 or  
[kentcowleys@comcast.net](mailto:kentcowleys@comcast.net)



EMERALD PARK PTSA

# SKATE NIGHT



**JAN. 19TH  
THURSDAY  
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**All Skaters  
\$5.00**

Admission INCLUDES skate rental.  
Same price if you bring your own skates.  
No charge for those only coming to watch.

WEAR YOUR EMERALD PARK SHIRTS OR E.P. COLORS!

## AUBURN SKATE CONNECTION

**1825 Howard Rd, Auburn  
253.833.4990**

### DIRECTIONS:

- Hwy 167 South toward Auburn
- Take the Hwy 18 exit toward Auburn
- Take the Auburn Way/WA-164 exit toward Enumclaw
- Road curves to right at 6th St SE
- Turn left at Auburn Way S/WA-164
- Angle right at Howard Rd

