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# Council Connections

Renton PTSA Council 9.11

Ray Kusumi, Editor

## ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF LOCAL UNITS.

Greetings from your co-president's,

On behalf of the entire executive team a big thank you for stepping up to lead the way at your schools. As a team we will accomplish great things for our kids.

## Helping you achieve your local unit goals

This year, Renton Council is hosting PTA and the Law at Kennydale Elementary. Mark your calendars for October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Renton Council has a team of seasoned PTSA veterans who are here to assist you in creating a strong organization at your school. We look forward to seeing you at 7pm on the last Monday of each month to further our efforts in communicating, sharing and brainstorming great ideas for our kids.

Your time, effort and dedication are appreciated.

Theresa Beauchene and Brenda Collons,  
Renton PTSA Council Co-Presidents

The Renton Council is here to support you, provide information and foster learning! Please join us at the KEC Building the last Monday of every month (almost). This is an amazing opportunity for all the PTAs in Renton to join forces and share ideas. Mark your calendars and plan on attending:

August 25, 7-9pm

September 29, 7-9pm

October 27, 6-9pm

December 8, 6:00-9pm

January 26, 7-9pm

February 23, 7-9pm

April 27, 7-9pm

May 18, 6-9pm



## Treasurer's Tidbit

Thanks for joining me in the wonderful world of finance for the 2008–2009 school year. I want to thank each of you for the time and energy you are giving to your PTAs, the students and families that benefit from your efforts. I'm happy to assist you with budget questions, tax issues, and corporate paperwork. If I don't have the answer I'll track it down. Please feel free to contact me at [treasurer@rentonpts.org](mailto:treasurer@rentonpts.org) with any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

The first date to remember is October 16<sup>th</sup>, when PTA & the Law will be hosted at Kennydale Elementary School. This is a critical class, especially for first time treasurers and it's being held in Renton so it's convenient. It's also important to note that all non-profits are required to file with the IRS for 2008-2009 fiscal year. To help you understand those new filing requirements, Kent PTSA Council will be hosting an IRS class on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, (6:00PM) at the Kent School District Board Room.

It's not too soon to be thinking about membership fees. October 25<sup>th</sup> is when the first membership forms and checks are due to Council. These should be sent to:

Dee Brecke, Treasurer  
Renton PTSA Council  
P.O. Box 234  
Renton, WA 98057

You can find all the membership due dates posted on the Council website under membership.

Thank you for all you do,  
Dee Brecke, Treasurer



## PTA and the Law

This seminar is one of the most important services by Washington State PTA. This workshop will explain how these rules can and do affect your PTA's activities. This training is essential for your ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, committee chairs and anyone who handles PTA funds within your unit. Cost of the workshop is \$40 per unit. The cost includes as many PTA members in your unit or council who wish to attend. Included are two PTA & The Law books.

Registration must be postmarked seven days prior to the workshop. Go to our website ([www.rentonpts.org](http://www.rentonpts.org)) to download a registration form. Registration should be postmarked by October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday—October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00 at Kennydale Elementary School (Cafeteria & Commons area)  
1700 NE 28th Street, Renton

## 990EZ Class

**Class Description:** Do you need help with your 990EZ? Bring your most recent treasurer's report and your PTAs 2007 - 2008 financial records. This workshop will give you line-by-line assistance with this very important form.

**Date:** Thursday – October 23, 2008

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 PM

**Location:** Kent School District – Board Room  
12033 SE 256<sup>th</sup> St  
Kent, WA 98030

**Presenter:** Pat Nelson – Washington State PTA

**Cost:** **Free**

RSVP by 10/17/08 to Novella Fraser at [ptareg9@wastatepta.org](mailto:ptareg9@wastatepta.org). Subject Line – 990EZ Class. Please include in your e-mail – your name, local unit name & number, and how many people from your local unit will attend. **Questions?** Novella Fraser at 253/529-0458 or email: Novella Fraser at [ptareg9@wastatepta.org](mailto:ptareg9@wastatepta.org)

# Legislation

Welcome to a new PTA year! My name is Pam Teal and I am going to be your PTA Council Legislative Chair. What does this mean for you? In a perfect world each PTA in Renton would have a legislative chair and this group of individuals and I would brainstorm together how we could convince our local, state elected officials to fully fund education, take away the traffic in our region and make our city an even better place to live! Sounds good right?

Let's be real and face the facts that most of us unfortunately avoid politics or what we perceive as political.

I say lets break it down and this is what I hope to achieve for you this year.

What can you do for me? Please let me know the name of your PTA Legislative chair and ask them to mark on their calendars two very exciting and extremely informative and "political" functions to attend! If you do not have a Legislative Chair, I would encourage you to ask a member of your executive board to attend.

FOR THOSE BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ'S OR PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TABLES IN AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS. You can down load a copy of the voter registration form at:

[www.metrokc.gov/elections/voterregistration/voterregistrationforms/MI-VRCard.pdf](http://www.metrokc.gov/elections/voterregistration/voterregistrationforms/MI-VRCard.pdf)

What a great and easy way to be political and don't forget to encourage people to vote! You can do that - *\*\*remember PTA's cannot endorse a candidate\*\**

This is a new role for me and I am looking forward to dispelling the "political fear" and helping to make us all aware of how important our words and actions can be. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Pam Teal - Renton PTSA Council Legislative Chair

[mp teal@comcast.net](mailto:mp teal@comcast.net)

**2008 Legislative Assembly** - October 3-4, 2008  
SeaTac Marriott  
(watch for the registration form in September)

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

## Meeting Tips - Unanimous Consent

When the chair expects no opposition to a motion, time can often be saved by the procedure of unanimous consent. Also called general consent, the procedure is as follows. The chair states, "If there is no objection..." or "Without objection..." and the action that is proposed. After pausing, if no member says, "I object," the chair continues with, "Since there is no objection..." and states the action that will be taken. If any member objects, the motion must be formally processed (see note below). -- See *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th edition, pages 51-52.

(Note: The standard steps in processing a motion are: a member makes a motion, another member seconds it, the chair states the motion, the members debate the motion, the chair puts the motion to a vote, the chair announces the vote result. -- See *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th edition, pages 40-48.)



## Reflections

**WOW!** It's that time of the year again. I am pleased to chair the Reflections program for the third year for the Renton PTSA council. We have had tremendous response from our local PTA units (that's you). We have had record number of participants, a wonderful award ceremony at the IKEA Performing Arts Center and for the past two years students from Renton have made it all the way to the National level!



For those of you who are new Reflections this is a National PTA and WA State PTA sponsored program. The Reflections program provides an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through: visual arts, literature, photography, choreography/dance, music composition film/video through their own original works. Entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme.

Below is a sample timeline to have your local unit Reflections chair follow:

- August** Pick up the package of information about Reflections in the leadership packet that the president or any members of the exe board can pick up at the Region 9 Fall Leadership Conference; August 21 at Saghale Middle School (33914 19th Ave SW - Federal Way, WA)
- Early September** Determine who your PTA Reflections Chair will be and plan your calendar and establish budget if not already done
- Late September/**
- Early October** Promote the program. This year's theme is: **WOW**
- November** Have the entries turned in to the local unit Reflections Chair; have the pieces judged and hold an award ceremony (the week of conferences is a great time to display artwork)
- December** Turn in your best entries to Renton PTSA Council for judging - **December 2 – this date is firm**
- January** Have all students whose art was turned into the Renton PTSA Council attend the PTSA Council Reflections Award Ceremony - **Thursday, January 15 at the IKEA Performing Arts Center**
- May** Watch for entries to be on display at the WA State PTA Convention - **May 1-3**

Watch for more details on how to run a successful Reflections program on the Renton PTSA Council website: [www.rentonptsa.org](http://www.rentonptsa.org). I have not decided if I will hold a training meeting or just be available for individual consultation when needed. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Pam Teal  
Reflections chair  
Renton PTSA Council

## Principals and Presidents

Save this date on your calendar: October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the KEC Building. "**Getting to Know You**" is this year's Principals and Presidents Potluck dinner theme. This is an opportunity to put the faces with the names, to hear more about our PTSA plans for this school year, and to truly get to know each other - in some cases it's a first time meeting opportunity! Be prepared to **have some fun** and introduce your Principal to the rest of the PTSA family. Be sure to ask your Principal to "save the date!". Here's the meal plan:

The evening is potluck, please bring to share!

Last Name: A - J: Main Dish

Last Name: K - R: Salad or Vegie/Fruit Tray

Last Name: S-Z: Dessert

\* DRINKS will be provided by Council



# Registration Form

# Region 9

## PTA and the Law

This seminar is one of the most important services offered by Washington State PTA. It deals with state and federal rules and regulations for running a charitable, tax-exempt, non-profit corporation in the state of Washington. This workshop will explain how these rules can and do affect your PTA's activities. This training is essential for your entire board of directors. PTA & the Law is open to all interested PTA members.

Cost for the workshop is \$40 per unit\* The cost includes registrations for as many PTA members in your unit or council who wish to attend, as well as two (2) PTA & The Law books. Additional books may be purchased by workshop attendees for \$15 each.

**\*Registrations must be postmarked on or before Friday, October 10, 2008. On-site registrations, space permitting, will be \$65 per unit.**

### Location & Date:

**Thursday – October 16, 2008 6:00 – 9:00 PM**  
**Registration 5:30 – 6:00 PM**

**Kennydale Elementary School**  
1700 NE 28<sup>th</sup> St  
Renton, WA 98056

If you have questions please contact: Novella Fraser, Region Director at 253/529-0458 or email: ptareg9@wastatepta.org or Charlotte Kemble at 253/874-0612 or email: cykemble@msn.com

Unit/Council Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Council Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How many PTA members will be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of extra booklets (\$15 each) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Attendees (attach additional pages if necessary)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Washington State PTA (2 signatures required for PTA checks) and mail to:  
Charlotte Kemble  
33314 40<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
Federal Way, WA 98023  
or register by email: cykemble@msn.com  
and pay at the door.

### **MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**

<i>For office use only</i>	
<i>Check #</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Name/PTA</i>	<i>Date</i>

# Directory Information

Your PTA Council will once again be offering complimentary local unit directories to be available at the October membership meeting and Presidents & Principals Potluck. Please check the WA state PTA membership web site to make sure that your executive board information is correct. This is the information we use to build the directory.

Go to [wastatepta.org](http://wastatepta.org) and click on membership. If you do not have your password, it is included in the leadership packets which are handed out at the Fall Leadership Conference or can be obtained by calling the state office at (800) 562-3804.

## Dates to Remember in 2008

September 29	7:00PM - 9:00PM	<b>Renton PTSA Council Meeting</b> (KEC Building)
October 3 - 4		2-day Legislative Assembly, Sea-Tac Marriott
October 16	6:00PM – 9:00PM	“PTA & the Law”, Kennydale Elementary School
October 23	6:00PM - 9:00PM	990EZ Class, Kent School District Building
October 27	6:00PM - 9:00PM	<b>Renton PTSA Council</b> & Principals & Presidents Potluck (KEC Building)
November		No Council meeting
December 8	6:00PM - 9:00PM	<b>Renton PTSA Council meeting</b>
December 2	6:00PM to 8:30PM	Reflections artwork DROP-OFF time

\*\* Council meetings and Reflections activities are held at KEC building unless otherwise noted.

**KEC:** Kohlwes Education Center (KEC), 300 SW 7th Street, Renton

## Let Us Help

Are you struggling to find officers for your executive board? Finding members who are engaged? Any other pressing issues? We would love to help you. Please contact any of the council officers and we will be happy to provide support and guidance.



### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & LEGISLATIVE

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