

# Renton PTSA Council Legislative News



REMEMBER TO VOTE



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

This newsletter is for you - the Local Unit PTA Leader. There are many different ways you can share this information:

1. Provide copies at your local unit PTA meetings.
2. Include this information in your local PTA newsletter
3. Post this on your website



It is my hope to publish the Legislative News each month. I will do my best to fill it with interesting and pertinent data for right now!

If there is a topic you would like to see covered, please contact Pam Teal at 425-235-6288

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Visit the Renton PTSA Council website: [www.rentonptsa.org](http://www.rentonptsa.org)

## Renton School District Unveils New Logo

As part of the nearly completed work to improve its Web presence, the Renton School District has revamped its logo to better reflect student populations and the overall goal of providing every student with a world-class education. **The website improvements are scheduled to unveil in early November.**

This marks the first time in recent memory that the district has altered its logo. The new brand depicts the three levels of educational advancement—elementary, middle and high school—with students standing within the bold R, and portrays successful graduation with the launching of a mortarboard. The swooping line trailing the mortarboard plays off the logo design of Renton's immensely successful "Ahead of the Curve" marketing campaign which, for more than 10 years has brought

economic prosperity to the district, local businesses and other agencies throughout Renton.

As part of the improved Web site, the district has acquired a new Web ad-

dress is more user friendly and easier to communicate.

Randy Matheson Executive Director, Community Relations says "The new logo better illustrates the stu-



School district unveils bold new logo—September 25

dress and e-mail address. The new Web address is: [www.rentonschools.us](http://www.rentonschools.us).

E-mail addresses will now be listed as: **firstname.lastname@rentonschools.us**. Those still typing in the old e-mail and Web addresses will automatically be redirected and connected. The new ad-

dents of the district and the commitment to offering a meaningful education by graduating students prepared for success. Equally, the new logo presents the district's efforts in moving forward with bold, new ideas; sound leadership; and, a promise of learning to last a lifetime."

## PTA Legislative Assembly and Survey Results

The annual Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly is October 3-4 at the SeaTac Marriott Hotel. This is "premier advocacy and legislation training event of the year" This year we have 10 representatives from our Renton PTA's.

Thank you to the parents who took the time to give us their input on their "TOP 5 PRIORITIES" We had over 100 people participate in our on-line survey. Watch the Renton PTSA Council website [www.rentonptsa.org](http://www.rentonptsa.org) for the

final results of the WA State PTA Legislative Assembly. The next WA State PTA Legislative opportunity is

**FOCUS DAY 2009  
FEBRUARY 26  
OLYMPIA, WA!**

More info will come!



## PTA 2008 Election Guide

PTA **can** get involved

PTA **can** promote families to register to vote

PTA **can** get to know the candidates

PTA **can** help get your school involved

PTA **can** learn where polling locations are located

PTA **can** support or oppose a particular ballot measure

PTA **can** educate candidates on issues important to PTA

PTA **CANNOT** endorse:  
A candidate or a political party for public office

PTA **CAN** wear campaign buttons or t-shirts during a PTA meeting or in a school building. **IT MUST BE ON YOUR PERSON!! NOT SITTING ON A DESK.**

Did you know that in 1996, Ron Wyden won election to the US Senate from Oregon by one percent of the vote!

**ONE VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

## Key Dates for Fall General Election

The King County Elections Office has posted the following election dates.

- Oct. 3-5: Military, overseas and out-of-state ballots mailed
- Oct. 4: Last day to change your address, register on line or mail in registration to vote on November 4
- Oct. 13: Voters' pamphlets mailed
- Oct. 15-17: Absentees mailed
- Oct. 20: Last day for new voters to Washington to register in person at elections office until 6 pm

King County Election Office Address:

919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

Telephone: 206-296 VOTE (8683)



## Renton City News - Four upcoming events for your calendar

[www.rentonwa.gov](http://www.rentonwa.gov)

**Teen Summit** offers opportunities, connections and resources for youth (grades 7-11) to develop into strong, healthy, civically and environmentally conscious members of the community. Join us **Wednesday, October 8, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Renton Community Center and Carco Theatre** for a fun-filled day of motivational speakers and educational break-out sessions on money management, healthy lifestyles, career pathways, going green and more! To register, download a registration form at [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) and click on Recreation or call 425-430-6700 to register. Space is limited



### Fall Green & Clean Event October 4 at

**Heritage Park** Get ready to roll up your sleeves, enjoy the changing autumn leaves, and help make a difference in one of our newest parks. Join us for the **Fall Green and Clean program at Heritage Park, 233 Union Ave. NE, Saturday, October 4, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Check in begins at 9 a.m.** Register now and bring your family. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. Call 425-430-6600 for more information

### Renton Shred-a-Thon Sam's Club Parking Lot

**Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to Noon.** Tired of saving all those papers containing personal information because you are afraid of identity theft? Or seeing the piles of unwanted paper around your house? The Renton Shred-A-Thon is the solution! Join us at the Sam's Club parking lot, 901 Grady Way on Saturday,

October 11, from 9 a.m. to noon for a FREE document shredding event. Iron Mountain will provide a truck mounted shredder to destroy paper documents. Residents are invited to bring up to five boxes with paper documents to be destroyed. (Boxes should be 12x15 inches deep x 10 inches high or the amount of paper such boxes would hold). The Renton Police Department will also be on-site to provide information on identity theft protection. Enter to win a free home shredder. Donations of canned goods accepted for the Renton Food Bank. For details go to [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) and search Shred-a-thon, or call 425-430-7520.

### Trick or Treat & "Olde" Fashion Halloween

**Party, Saturday October 25 from 1-4 p.m. in downtown Renton.** Trick or treat throughout downtown, party in Main Street Square entrance 200 block & Main