

**Message from our Region 7 Director!**

Hello Region 7 Leaders! My name is Tori Emerson and I'll have the privilege of serving as your Region 7 Director for the upcoming year. I have been on the Region 7 Service Delivery Team the past four years, as well as being an officer in my local Arlington Area PTA Council and Kent Prairie PTA. I know we're all in the process of concluding the school year and working with incoming Boards for smooth transitions. Please let us know if you have any questions as you prepare over the summer. I look forward to meeting many of you this year! Until then, have a great Summer making memories with your families!

-Tori Emerson, Region 7 Director



**Upcoming Trainings**

**After March 1, all trainings can be applied to the training requirement for leaders for the 2019-2020 school year!**

**WSPTA Webinars:**

**National PTA eLearning Options:**

National PTA offers a wide variety of eLearning options for local PTA leaders and all active members. They are FREE and a great supplement to our local offerings! Go to: <https://member.pta.org/Shop/Local-Leader-eLearning-Courses>

eLearning Options in Spanish! National PTA also offers 5 eLearning options for our Spanish-speaking leaders. Check them out at: <https://member.pta.org/Shop/eLearning-Courses-En-Espanol>

**Winning a National PTA Grant and Math Adventure Night at Kent Prairie PTA**

It's been a busy month for Kent Prairie Elementary PTA in Arlington. Towards the end of April, we were excited to host our **Google/National PTA "Be Internet Awesome Family Workshop"**. The grant was won was used to begin conversations between parents and students on this important topic.

We had a great turnout and look forward to hosting future workshops for our families.

We then followed up by working with our Title I team to provide a Math Adventure Night. Students worked as teams using their spy skills solving math puzzles to collect the parts of a satellite before it could fall into enemy hands! The evening was a great blend of math and adventure with our local Arlington High School students helping by bringing the story and stations to life. The intention is to make this an annual event as it continues to increase in popularity. A busy but fun time in Arlington!

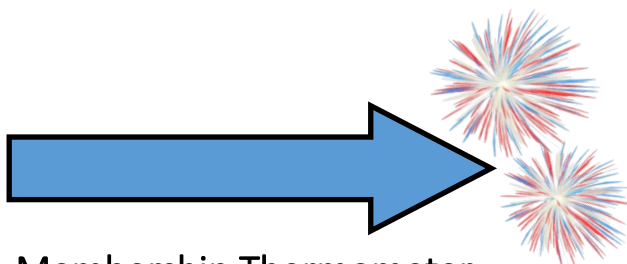
**News from National PTA!**

Many studies have shown that when parents are engaged with what is happening in their local schools, their children have greater levels of success. National PTA is working to help PTAs at all levels to provide resources for PTA leaders to share information on family engagement. Check out this site: <https://www.pta.org/center-for-family-engagement> . There are links to sign up for Family Engagement opportunities, a video on National PTAs increased focus on family engagement, and a flyer with details on the top 5 areas of family engagement.

If you are part of a Council or active on the Region team, grants are available to host transformative family engagement focus groups next Fall. For more information: <https://www.pta.org/center-for-family-engagement/local-grant>

**Membership News**

Now is the time to think about the membership campaign for 2019-2020. Update your membership forms and create membership benefit posters for Fall. Need some inspiration? Check out: <https://youtu.be/xzGtGcYdEFs> "Why Join PTA?" Make sure you are reading the MemberPlanet news ahead of the change to the new system in July!



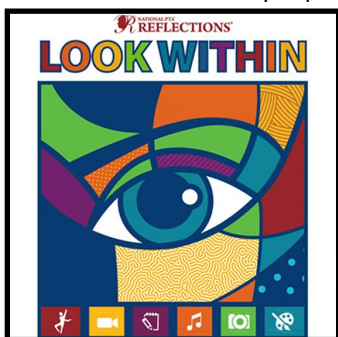
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## Program News

Thank you to all our PTA Programs' Chairs in Region 7! We had a lot of student participation this year and even had some award winners.

The 2019-20 Reflections Theme is **Look Within**. Students can start working on their entries now. Official entry forms should be available on the state website by September.



Check out students [reading their award winning essays](#) from the WSPTA Men's Essay Contest. Feel free to share with your members. Watch for this contest again next Winter!

## Kids Helping Kids– Clothes for Kids Coin Drive

Looking for a fun way for your students to give back to the community? Clothes For Kids is a nonprofit corporation serving low-income students in Snohomish County and the Northshore School District by providing students with a complete wardrobe of quality school clothing at no cost to their families. This year Clothes For Kids served 3,768 students.

Clothes For Kids will make it easy! We will provide the posters, fliers and materials—including a Ziploc bag for every student to collect coins and bring them back to school. You just choose the dates for your coin drive (usually 1 or 2 weeks) that will work best for your school's schedule.

Clothes For Kids will also seek a corporate sponsor for your school's coin drive, to match part or all of the funds that your school raises.

For more information, please contact Lisa George at [office@clothesforkids.org](mailto:office@clothesforkids.org) or call 425-741-6500.



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## Share Member Benefits with the Members!

**Summer Discounts!** I don't know about YOU, but I LOVE the summer PTA discounts at Wild Waves and Silverwood theme parks! You must log in to access the discount information. The day pass discount at Wild Waves is \$21 off. The day entry discount at Silverwood is \$6 off/ticket. PTAs can share the discount codes with PAID members! Need to find out more? Go to: <https://www.wastatepta.org/pta-leaders/benefits-discount-codes/>

### Tickets at Work Website

This complimentary perk gives you access to 20 – 70% off on movies, hotels, shows, concerts, sporting events and more. This is just a small token of our appreciation for your hard work for kids. Sign up now and save an extra 10%. With Spring around the corner it's a great time to take advantage of the program. [Check out this flier](#) to learn more.

*Please take 2 minutes today to sign up for these complimentary perks.*

- Click the link below.
- Fill out the information to become a member (Select sign up with company code)
- For Company Code, use "WASTATEPTA"
- Fill out the rest of the form, then select submit

[https://ticketsatwork.com/tickets/account.php?](https://ticketsatwork.com/tickets/account.php?sub=enroll)

[sub=enroll](#) As an example, you can purchase AMC movie tickets for 40—45% off that can be redeemed at the theater at any time. (cannot be used for reserving seats on-line)

## Advocacy News

Washington's 60 day legislative session came to an end on time, with lots of activity over the 60 days. The best summary is directly from the WSPTA Legislative Consultant, Marie Sullivan. Her summary can be found here: <https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2018-End-of-Session-Report-WSPTA.pdf>

Now is the time to be thinking of **Legislative Assembly** in October! At that event, at Bellevue College, October 26 & 27, leaders will vote on any additional supported issues for the WSPTA Legislative Platform. Leaders will also vote on any changes to the WSPTA Principals and Resolutions. The deadline for submitting new issues or changes to Principals and Resolutions is June 1. Information can be found on the Advocacy page under each subject. <https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/>

Cost for Legislative Assembly and the motel will be less than the past few years. Watch leadership news over the summer for more details! Legislative Assembly is a great time to learn about advocating at the State level and to get required leader education.