

The Bagpipe

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CALENDAR

- 3/5 PTSA Board Mtg
7:00 pm in the
Career Center
- 3/12 Renton Council
Founders' Day
Celebration
- 4/2 PTSA Board Mtg
7:00 pm in the
Career Center
- 4/9—4/13 Spring Break
- 5/7—5/11 Teacher
Appreciation
Week

**President's Message — Keep On Keepin' On!**

Well, we're now past the half-way point for this school year, and it's been a doozy! The Hazen PTSA continues to stay busy working on programs and events to enrich our students' school experience. Our Nomination Committee has been busily searching for next year's Executive Committee. They have some good prospects, but are still looking for people who can bring new ideas and energy into the PTSA. I highly encourage you to get involved in the PTSA in whatever capacity you are able. It can be a rewarding experience for you and it does make a huge difference to the quality of education here at Hazen.

I want to commend the quality and dedication of the people who are serving on this year's board. We are so lucky to have this

group of people who are willing to take time from their busy schedules to help Hazen. In addition to fantastic parents and staff, we have a student volunteer, David Rittenhouse, who has been a wonderful Legislative Representative for Hazen PTSA. He has attended the State PTA Legislative Assembly and the Focus Day in Olympia. He has done a good job keeping us informed on legislative issues. Remember that the "S" in PTSA stands for Student, and I encourage students who are interested in civic duty to consider serving on the PTSA. There are plenty of opportunities, and the more involvement we get from Parents, Teachers and Students, the richer our organization will be.

Sincerely,

Scott Goddard

Reflections Recap!

Thanks again to all of the students who entered this year's "My Favorite Place" Reflections contest. We had a great awards ceremony in January, followed by Renton Council awards ceremony a few weeks later.

At the Hazen ceremony, Literature entries brought home 1st place for Nicole B., 2nd place for Colin M., 3rd Place for Jennifer S., and Honorable Mentions for Laura K. and Adriel J.

Visual Arts entries showed their winning views, with Tia J. in 1st, Ebae K. in 2nd, Patrick W. in 3rd, and Honorable Mentions for Amelia B., Laura K., and Selena S.

Photography entries had Gregory K. snapping up 1st place, Lauren Y. in 2nd, and Selene S. and Laura K. bringing home Honorable Mentions.

At the Renton Council ceremony, prizes were awarded by the Council Presidents and Renton Superintendent Dr. Heuschel, with Hazen grabbing 1st (Ebae) 2nd (Tia) and 3rd (Patrick) place honors in Visual Arts; and 1st (Nicole) 2nd (Colin) and 3rd (Jennifer) place in Literature; and 1st (Gregory) in Photography. Way to Shine!

Council winners go on to compete at the State level. Winners will be highlighted at the PTA Convention, May 4-6.

Thanks to those who helped with judging this years entries. Contact Suzanne Chandler (suzannechandler@comcast.net) if you would like to help next year.



ATTN: Seniors! PTA Financial Grant Program

Each year, the Washington State PTA awards a limited number of financial grants to graduates from Washington State public high schools beginning their freshman year of post-secondary education.

For the 2007-2008 academic year, grants of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) will be given to recipients entering four-year post-secondary institutions. One thousand (\$1,000) dollar grants will be awarded for community colleges, voc-tech schools or other accredited institutions. Washington State PTA grants are awarded on the basis of:

- 1) financial need
- 2) academic performance
- 3) community service

The applicants must be able to meet the post-secondary institution's entrance standards for a full-time student. The postmark deadline for applications is March 31, 2007. Grant applications can be found on-line at http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/financial_grant.htm. If you have any questions, please contact the State PTA office at 1-800-562-3804.

Scholarship Opportunities

Hazen PTSA will again be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. Renton Council, McKnight and other local PTA units may offer scholarships as well. Interested students should stay tuned for more information.

College and Career Fair—April 25

Hazen PTSA is hosting the annual College and Career Fair on Wednesday, April 25th. The junior class will attend the fair which includes representatives from colleges and universities, community colleges, technical colleges, apprenticeship programs, volunteer programs and the military. Students and parents will have the opportunity to gather information about tuition, admission requirements, financial aid and have other questions addressed.

Parents with students at any grade level are welcome to attend. The fair will be held from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Wednesday, April 25th, in the Hazen gymnasium.

PTSA Members—Did You Get Your Directory?

Everyone who joined Hazen PTSA should have received their directory. If you have not received yours, or if you have any questions regarding PTSA membership, please contact Sue Whitaker at 425-271-4936.

Focus Day Report

On February 15th I traveled down to Olympia to attend the WSPTA Focus Day at the Capitol. We met with Judy Clibborn and Brian Weinstein, our representatives for the 41st District in the State House and the Senate, respectively. Discussions with them included concerns about educational funding, class size and simple majority votes for bond and levy elections.

It was possibly one of the most informative days I've ever had. I checked out the entire Capitol grounds, and got very valuable insight into the workings of our government. The most fun I had while there was going to the committee meetings and seeing exactly how they were conducted. The hearings dealt mostly with educational issues (the WASL and higher education funding), which are both very important to me. Overall, it was an extremely mind-expanding day, and I was proud to be representing Hazen PTSA.

If you have any questions about Washington State PTA's Focus Day, or any other legislative issues, please feel free to call me at 425-641-7213.

Sincerely, David Rittenhouse, Legislative Representative

Don't Miss Staff Appreciation Week May 7th—11th

We will be honoring our Hazen staff during National PTSA's Staff Appreciation Week. We are seeking parents and students with creative ideas (All you *repressed* artists, crafters and party planners step forward!) who can volunteer some time to honor our staff during that week! This week lifts our staff's morale and noticeably brightens up the school, and it is a great opportunity to get to know the staff and show them that you appreciate their efforts.

We would love to have donated gifts for each teacher such as coupons for free car washes, yoga classes, coffees, movies..., as well as flowers or potted plants and any small tokens of appreciation. We also encourage students to bring cards, treats, flowers or small gift items to their teachers during that week.

Students and parents who are interested in implementing some ideas for the week; donating items for and/or assembling goodie bags; donating food items; or helping serve at the luncheon are encouraged to contact co-chairs Micki Leese at 425-271-3126, mmleese@comcast.net; or Laura McCombs at 425-277-8987, lmc45888@msn.com.

Discovering Endless Possibilities
2007 Annual State Convention, May 4-6, 2007
DoubleTree Hotel - SeaTac, WA
Pre-Registration Deadline: April 6, 2007

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