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eNews Bulletin

Come Learn about SPS Busing Policies

PTA Presidents and leaders come to our first Seattle Council PTSA general meeting on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at [Madrona K-8](#), SPS transportation leaders will talk about how busing works in our district.

SPS will present ***Busing 101*** on:

- how busing works and how routes are decided
- how buses are funded
- how busing changed this year from last
- how the three-tier bus system works and how it removes inefficiencies
- who to call if you have a problem

Additional agenda items will be:

- membership vote on SCPTSA's advocacy and legislative priorities ([click here to view](#))
- recap findings from PTA/Principal breakfast and introduction of our award-winning program on family engagement
- introduction from [Governor's Office of Education Ombuds](#) on resources for parents
- introduction of SCPTSA new [website](#)

There will also be a concurrent Reflections training (8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Library; [RSVP here](#)).

We hope to see many PTA presidents and leaders!

Katherine Schomer
SCPTSA President

SCPTSA Reflections Art Deadline Is December 1, 2014!

This year's theme, "The world would be a better place if..." is sure to inspire some amazing student art! Get your Reflections program off to a good start by:

Upcoming Events/Training

([Full Calendar here](#))

October 24th & 25th

Legislative Assembly. Be sure to send your PTA's voting delegates to Legislative Assembly in Vancouver, WA. Click [here](#) to register.

October 24th & 25th

Washington State PTA Legislative and Advocacy Training 2014. ([more info here](#))

October 24th

Frye Art Museum. "A Parent Docent Training Workshop" ([register here](#))

October 25th

Initial Payment of Membership Service Fees due to WA State PTSA Office ([click here for more information](#))

October 27th & 28th

Public Meetings with interim superintendent Dr. Nyland
See the [SCPTSA Calendar](#) for more information.

October 28th

PTA and the Law, Region 7: Lynnwood. No registration available yet; for more information email: ptareg7@wastatepta.org.

Reminders:

- coming to our SCPTSA sponsored and **free training** for Reflections Chairs on October 20th at Madrona K-8 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the library (concurrent with SCPTSA general meeting). [Click here to RSVP.](#)
- getting a Reflections Guide for 2014-2015 ([found here](#)).
- inviting Reflections chairs and volunteers to sign up to be on the WSPTA Reflections listserv (just send an email to support@wastatepta.org).
- informing parents that the Seattle Reflections Closing Ceremony will be at Seattle Center January 4, 2015, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Do you want to be more involved with art in your school? The Frye Art Museum is providing "A Parent Docent Training Workshop" on October 24, 2014. For more information, [click here](#).

Have patience, as we do not have a Reflections chair yet. If you are interested, please email us at reflections@sctpsa.org.

Do You Want to Be Involved with the Larger Issues of Our District?

You can serve on the Seattle Council PTSA board. We have positions available for NE and SE area directors, as well as an enrichment chair for Reflections.

Why serve on the Seattle Council board? The board serves as a liaison between the district and PTA leaders throughout the city. As a board we meet with our interim superintendent Dr. Nyland monthly, and we provide a voice for the key issues affecting our parents and members.

The priority for the Seattle Council is to promote the welfare of children and youth.

If you are interested in getting more involved with Seattle Council please contact us at info@sctpsa.org, or contact our members [here](#).

Voting Delegates Needed from Every PTA in Seattle at the WSPTA Legislative Assembly!

Each year PTA representatives from all over the state gather to vote to determine the PTA's legislative agenda and to learn about the issues. The most recent [survey](#) helps inform the delegate's votes, but the Legislative Assembly is where those votes take place. Please make sure that at least one delegate from your PTA plans to attend. Additionally, the Legislative Assembly trainings will help fulfill your training requirements.

The Assembly runs October 24th-25th at the Hilton in Vancouver, Washington. Find details and [register](#) here. *Time is running short.* (Tip: Put Legislative Assembly discussion on your October board meeting agenda.)

- **SDOT Mini Grants:** SDOT is now accepting applications for biking- and walking-to-school program grants. Applications are due by 10/31 at 5:00 p.m. ([click here to apply](#).)
- **PTA Deadlines:** Don't miss out on important PTA deadlines! The Deadline Dates to Remember flyer is available [here](#).
- **Special Ed. PTSA:** Did you know there is a Seattle School District PTSA whose purpose is to serve and advocate for all students with disabilities and their families? ([Click here](#).)
- **SPS Building Use:** When planning your PTA before- and after-school enrichment classes, be sure to [check here](#) for SPS building policies, guidelines, and agreements with SCPTSA.
- **Run/Jog-a-thon:** Is your PTA planning a run/jog-a-thon event this year? Please be sure to [check here](#) for information about on-site fundraising rules for SPS.

Reserve your hotel room by October 8th to get discounted rates.

PTA Presidents MUST designate the voting delegate by October 20th in an email to legconsultant@wastatepta.org.

Want to carpool? Have questions? Email Eden Mack at legchair@SCPTSA.org, or call 206-240-6648.

We hope to see you there.

SCPTSA Family Engagement Programs in Southeast Seattle!

As part of our ongoing work to support families in our public schools, the Seattle Council PTSA is offering two free programs in Southeast Seattle this fall. Our programs help parents understand more about our school system and develop advocacy skills to help their own and ALL children. For [more information](#) email UFEN.Seattle@gmail.com OR call 206-317-4462.