

Kent Area **PTA** Council *unit 9.7*

every child. one voice.

As we are beginning a new year, we would like to welcome you to a network of leaders! In an effort to go green, this year the Kent Area Council (KAC) Board of Directors put together information that we hope will assist you that is located on our website.

What is a PTA Council and why should I attend another meeting? A PTA council is a group of local PTA units working together to coordinate the efforts of those units. The 36 PTA units in the Kent School District make up the KAC. When you joined the local PTA unit at your child's school, you became connected to an entire network of support through KAC and Washington State PTA (WSPTA). Newly elected officers and seasoned officers often feel overwhelmed. At our meetings we provide some form of training in a variety of formats from small group "pull outs" to large group programs to assist you through your PTA year. Also, attending the KAC meeting is a great way to gain information from other leaders and not reinvent the wheel!

We hope that this information will assist you in maneuvering through a "Green" paper trail. Please find the following on our website:

- ◆ 2009– 2010 Schedule of Meetings and Events
- ◆ KAC Board of Directors and Committee Chair Information
- ◆ KAC Standing Rules
- ◆ Council Communications ~ Newsletter & Website
- ◆ KAC PTA Legislation ~ Take our Kent Legislative Survey on the kacpta.org website. (Scroll to the bottom of the home page under "Other Links".
- ◆ Membership Information & Deadlines
- ◆ Reflections Information & Deadlines
- ◆ KAC Clothing Bank Local PTA Chairperson's Duties & Schedule & Donation Forms Please return by **October 26th**
- ◆ Cinderella Project Donation Form: Please return by **October 26th**.
- ◆ WSPTA Men ~ Partners in Making a Difference Essay Contest: Entry Deadline February 1st

How can I get help? On our website is a your PTA name, unit number & "Service Area". Each service area has a designated "Area Vice President". These individuals are available to support and assist you with questions or concerns. For "Secondary PTA Service Area" (or our Middle and High Schools) there is a Secondary Vice President. This support network has been formed to help meet the unique needs of both elementary and secondary PTA Units.

Each Local Unit is asked to designate 2 Voting Delegates to attend each monthly meeting, and 2 alternates who will attend in their absence, to participate in council decision-making. Please complete your Voting Delegate cards and return to our Secretary, Toni Troutner.

We realize that it is a challenge for all of us to attend one more meeting, but this one is worth it! So mark your calendars for the 4th Monday of every month for the KAC General Membership meeting.

Thank you so much!

Kent Area Council Board of Directors 2009 - 2010