



Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community

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December 2017

President's Report

Becky Gordon & Leslie Kahler

Dear Issaquah PTSA Council Members,

This presentation was created to provide you information for the month of December even though we will not hold a membership meeting.

We hope this presentation is helpful for those who will hold a membership meeting this month.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

See you in 2018!
Becky & Leslie

Open Council Positions

- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Co-Reflections

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS)

There is much info to send out!
We will send out an update next week when we have all the information collected and compiled.

Stay tuned!



If you would like more information please visit www.visvote.org
and please **LIKE!** [Volunteers for Issaquah Schools](#) on Facebook



Best Practices

Open

- ▶ Nominating Committee training
 - ▶ Monday, January 22
 - ▶ 10 am -12:30pm
 - ▶ Issaquah Library Meeting Room
- ▶ It is recommended that all PTAs/PTSAs complete a Financial Mid year review in January
 - ▶ Now is a good time to appoint your committee if you haven't already done so

Membership

Open

- ▶ Report
 - ▶ Congratulation to everyone - All PTAs/PTSAs have earned the Bronze membership award
 - ▶ Silver - Skyline HS
 - ▶ Gold - Briarwood and Creekside
 - ▶ Platinum - Discovery
- ▶ Time for your Winter Campaign (Nov-Dec)
- ▶ Platinum Membership
 - ▶ 20% increase from the past year's membership
 - ▶ You do not apply for this award

Advocacy

Open



- ▶ **Input Needed by December 4 on Focus Day Survey**
- ▶ In past years, WSPTA has organized a one-day advocacy event in Olympia, in January or February, for a day of issue education and of talking to legislators about our priorities.
- ▶ But we know that Focus Day does not fit the needs of EVERY advocate; WSPTA is a statewide association, and not all our members who want to advocate for our platform CAN make it to Olympia.
- ▶ Our advocacy also cannot and should not be limited to a single day. For the 2018 legislative session, our goal is to engage as many members in our advocacy as possible, and we value your thoughts.
- ▶ Please take [this survey](#) by **December 4**, and share it with your council, local PTA leaders, and members. We want to hear as many voices as possible!
- ▶ This survey will only take a few minutes of your time!

Standing Committees

- ▶ Art in the Schools - Artist support
- ▶ Family and Community Engagement (FACE)
- ▶ Healthy Youth Initiative
- ▶ Issaquah Schools Foundation
- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Parentwiser
- ▶ Reflections
- ▶ Special Education
- ▶ Webmaster

SMALL PROJECTS - REUSED CLAY

DEC 15TH 12 - 2:30

Art East Kiln Annex

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aea72ba13-small>



- ▶ **Small Projects - Reused clay**
- ▶ Juliette Ripley-Dunkelberger, a local ceramic artist, will be teaching the basics of working with clay. She will demonstrate hand building that can be used with scrap clay and elementary school kids. You will create a project as an example for use at your school. You will take home your example for firing at your school as well as two lesson plans to share with your school.
- ▶ This event will be held at the Art East Kiln Annex. Please meet at Art East at noon and we will walk over to the kiln annex together. Please park around Art East as you usually would as there is very little parking around the annex. If you are coming in late you can ask for assistance at Art East or walk over on your own. The building we are in is on the back of the property, shared with the salon.
- ▶ **Art East Kiln Annex**
195 First Place NW #400

FACE @issaquahpts.org

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- ▶ Identify a FACE liaison at every school
- ▶ Preferably, this person should be multi-cultural
- ▶ Contact me with questions or for help if needed
- ▶ Hand outs!

ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

LIAISON: Valerie Yanni



Holiday Shopping for a Cause

- ▶ Shop with retailers that donate a percentage of your sale to the Foundation!
- ▶ Visit the [Shop for a Cause](#) page for links and more information
- ▶ Businesses include Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Fred Meyer Rewards, and Hop Jacks

VOICE Book Drive at Barnes & Noble Issaquah

- ▶ From **November 27th to December 4th**, Barnes & Noble Issaquah is donating 15% of all purchases to the Foundation's VOICE Mentor program when you bring in the flyer or use the online code. LINK [HERE](#)

December 6	Dining for Kids - Chinoise Sushi Bar & Asian Grill
Dec 6-10	Jersey Mike's Grand Opening - Free Sub with \$2 donation to the Foundation, Coupon required. (SEE FLYER NEXT SLIDE)
December 14	Great Careers Conference - Bellevue College - find out more about great careers that can be achieved with certification or a two-year degree. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REGISTER HERE
January 3	Dining for Kids at Zeek's Pizza
May 10	Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon at Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
May 22	Annual Nourish Every Mind Breakfast at Eastridge Church, Issaquah

**FREE
REGULAR SUB**

**with a minimum \$2.00 donation to:*

**Issaquah Schools
Foundation**



**ISSAQUAH
SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION**



JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS GRAND OPENING

benefitting
**THE ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION**

**\$2 Donation to the Foundation at restaurant
gets you a Jersey Mike's sub of your choice**

Wednesday, December 6 – Sunday, December 10th

Coupon Required

**Pick yours up at the Foundation Office or
Jersey Mike's Store!**



**Heritage Square Shopping
Center**

730 NW Gilman Blvd.

Issaquah, WA 98027

425-392-2081

Order online at jerseymikes.com

(Next door to Café Rio)

OR If you want a stack of coupons to hand out at your school, email isf-rep@issaquahpts.org

Outreach

Chair: Kim Weiss outreach@issaquahpts.org

- ▶ IFCB Holiday Gift Barn www.issaquahfoodbank.org/holiday-gift-barn
 - ▶ Donor Drop Off: Monday & Tuesday, Dec 4th and 5th
 - ▶ Family Pick Up: Wednesday & Thursday, Dec 6th and 7th
 - ▶ Volunteers Needed !
 - ▶ Register your gift to help with planning
- ▶ Lunch For The Break www.lunchforthebreak.com
 - ▶ 100 boxes still needed!
 - ▶ Donor Drop Off: Monday, Dec 18 2pm - 7pm
 - ▶ Register your donation to assist with planning
 - ▶ Family Pick Up: Tuesday, Dec 19 2pm - 7pm



JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

Compassion House

Tuesday, December 5th • All Day

Bring in this flyer and MOD will donate 20%
of your bill to support their great work!



MOD PIZZA • ISSAQUAH
1568 Highlands Dr NE, Ste 120
Issaquah, WA 98029
(425) 313-4663

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine in, take out or phone orders. Not valid for online orders. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>



MERRY CHRISTMAS ISSAQUAH & SAMMAMISH FUND



Neighbors helping neighbors
for more than 44 years

ICS serves the following zip codes: 98027, 98028,
98059 and 98075



Many in our community need your help. As we enter a season full of needy, valid causes we would like to ask that you consider helping a small, but powerful charity right in your neighborhood. For over 40 years Issaquah Community Services has been providing emergency assistance to our neighbors who live in the Issaquah School District. Our assistance may mean help with rent to avoid eviction, help with a utility bill to keep the heat on, or help getting to a doctor's appointment or filling a prescription.

In 2016 ICS helped 436 households in our area. This year the need is greater than ever with the increased cost of living in Issaquah and Sammamish. Every day, because of the generosity of the residents of Issaquah and Sammamish, our all-volunteer staff has been able to answer most requests for aid. Many of our clients need our help only once - when they have hit a rough patch in life, like a sudden, severe family illness, or loss of job. For varied reasons, some of your neighbors will always be in need of our help.

This season, more than ever, your gift-large or small-needed to help your neighbors when they need that support and hope. Please consider supporting our only fundraiser of the year, MERRY CHRISTMAS ISSAQUAH & SAMMAMISH. This year we are happy to announce we are being supported by The Issaquah/Sammamish Reporter. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and proud that 100% of donations goes to neighbors in need. You can learn more about our organization at www.issaquahcommunityservices.org or donate directly by sending a check to ICS, PO Box 669, Issaquah, WA 98027. With your financial help, ICS will be available as winter settles in, to continue supporting the disadvantaged in our community.

If you need the assistance of Issaquah Community Services, or know someone who does, our office is located at 180 East Sunset Way (Community Hall). Our office hours are 9-11 am, Monday-Friday and evening hours on Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm. You can contact us by phone 425.837.3125 or email us at icsoffice180@gmail.com



ParentWiser

Heidi Fuhs & Debbie Steinberg Kuntz

- ▶ NEW! Exclusive ParentWiser LIVE interview with NY bestselling author Tina Payne Bryson on Dec 13 at 1pm at: <https://zoom.us/j/844233598>
 - ▶ New book *Yes Brain* coming in Jan 2018 !
 - ▶ Also co-authored with Dr Dan Siegel, books *No Drama Discipline* and *the Whole Brain Child*
- ▶ *iRules Workshop* online! If you missed it, click on the video at <http://parentwiser.org/watch-online>
- ▶ *Angst* Film Documentary Jan 24th at 7pm at IHS.
 - ▶ Additional screening at Liberty HS date/time coming soon! All registrations will be posted at <http://parentwiser.org/events>
- ▶ Parent Ed Reps, Communications and Facebook Admins have been notified!
 - ▶ Feel free to follow-up with any above information to your local school community.

Reflections

Leah Gibson

- ▶ **District Reflections Reception**
 - ▶ Tuesday, January 9, 2018
 - ▶ 6:30-8:00 pm at IHS
- ▶ **Volunteers needed!**
 - ▶ Set-up/take-down
 - ▶ Contact: leahgibson.gsww@gmail.com



Parent Training Opportunities

The Issaquah School District Special Services Department and The Arc of King County have partnered to offer three FREE training sessions open to parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers of students with special needs.

Special Education 101: Introduction to Laws, the Special Ed Process, and parent and student rights

October 23, 2017 6:30-8pm at Maywood Middle School

Participating in IEP Meetings: Strategies for effective collaboration with IEP Team

December 4, 2017 6:30-8pm at Issaquah Middle School

Community Resources: DDA services, respite care, behavior support, and more!

February 15, 2018 6:30-8pm at Pacific Cascade Middle School



First Tuesday of Every Month

“TIPS” - Tuesday Issaquah Parent Support

- Who:** Parent-driven group for families of children with disabilities
- What:** A chance to connect with parents and caregivers in a relaxing, friendly environment to share experiences and resources.
- When:** 7:00 – 10:00 PM
December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5.
- Where:** Starbucks on Gilman Blvd (in front of QFC),
1460 NW Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, 98027

The mission of the Issaquah PTSA Special Education Committee is to make sure students who receive Special Services in the Issaquah School District have a voice. Our goal is to assist families in navigating the education system, connect them with resources, provide support, and advocate for inclusion.

Connect with us and get involved!



www.issaquahstar.org



Special-ed@issaquahptsa.org



www.facebook.com/groups/IssaquahSTAR

CLUB INCLUSIVE'S PERSONAL HYGIENE DRIVE

November 1 - December 8

Drop off at Blakely Hall, Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm
Benefiting Tent City

Items of most need:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant - Travel Size
- Hair Brushes, Large Combs, & Picks
- Soap
- Shampoo, hair care products
- Razors
- Tissue packages
- Nail clippers
- Nail polish & remover
- Tweezers
- Chapstick



Club Inclusive is a club for kids with special needs focused on acceptance and inclusion. Join us at Blakely Hall on December 14 (6pm) to assemble care packages for the homeless at Tent City. All are welcome!

Sponsored by Highlands Council



Free Issaquah Highlands group
for kids of all abilities

2nd Thursday of Every Month
6:00pm to 8:00pm @Blakely Hall
2550 NE Park Drive Issaquah, WA 98029

SEPTEMBER 14th BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

NOVEMBER 9th MOVE & GROW

SUSAN CREIGHTON will teach us how through the language of music and movement, we can build connections, strengthen a sense of belonging, and have great time.

JANUARY 11th LET'S PLAY MUSIC

THE ROVIN' FIDDLERS, a musical group specializing in all kinds of folk music, will be sharing their beautiful tunes with our group. They will bring many musical instruments!

MARCH 8th PAINTING AWAY

We will have the visit of MARCELA FERIOLI from WITH YOUR HANDS who will give our members a painting and sensory art class. Let's enjoy together this creative method of expression!

MAY 10th LET'S PRETEND

We will open a treasure trunk to discover something mysterious and exciting that will inspire us to an interactive adventure. Join us to have fun doing self-expression through developmental drama exercises.

SCHEDULE 2017-2018

We start our meetings with a circle time to welcome all the members. Then we have snack and the special activity of the month.

And for parents and caregivers, the Issaquah PTSA Special Education Committee host and provide an opportunity to connect, and to share stories and resources.

OCTOBER 12th BAKING

ALEJANDRA SPEARS from SMALLCAKES Issaquah will teach us how to bake and decorate delicious and beautiful cupcakes. Get ready for this multi-sensory and yummy experience!

DECEMBER 14th GIVING BACK

We will be making care packages for the homeless. Please help us collecting personal hygiene products as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc.

FEBRUARY 8th LOVE & FRIENDSHIP

Local mosaic artist CHERYL SMITH will teach our members the beauty and benefit of using recycled glass to create mosaics. The group will create a piece that will be donated to Blakely Hall.

APRIL 19th GARDENING

Horticultural therapy use plants to improve cognitive, physical, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. At our club, we will do different related activities like planting seeds to encourage fine motor development.

JUNE 14th SUMMER PARTY

FOR FURTHER INFO: clubinclusive@gmail.com
or Find us on Facebook!

Upcoming Events

- ▶ Participating in an IEP Meeting
 - ▶ December 4, 6:30-8pm
 - ▶ Issaquah Middle School Library
- ▶ District wide Reflections Reception
 - ▶ January 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 - ▶ Issaquah High School Commons
- ▶ VIS Community Night
 - ▶ January 11 at 7pm
 - ▶ Swedish Hospital - Issaquah Highlands
- ▶ Nominating Committee training
 - ▶ January 22, 10am - 12:30pm
 - ▶ Issaquah Library Meeting Room

Questions?

▶ Elementary Schools

- ▶ South: Korista Smith-Barney [vp-el-south@ issaquahpts.org](mailto:vp-el-south@issaquahpts.org)
 - ❖ Apollo, Briarwood, Maple Hills, Newcastle
- ▶ Central: Wendy Shah [vp-el-central@ issaquahpts.org](mailto:vp-el-central@issaquahpts.org)
 - ❖ Clark, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, IVE, Sunset
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 - ❖ Cascade Ridge, Challenger, Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunny Hills

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The Issaquah PTSA Council is Here to
Support You in Everything You Do

*Thank You for Your Service to the Families and
Students in the Issaquah School District!*