

Welcome Issaquah PTSA Council Board, Presidents, Voting Delegates and Community Partners

Vice Presidents

Karissa Mobilia, Kristi Hammond & Tracie Jones



- **November & December Monthly Task Reminders**
 - Less Business in December, consider doing a holiday social to reconnect, socialize and celebrate a successful yearly halfway point.
 - Consider a Winter Membership Campaign.
 - Annual Corporate Renewal, if your PTA/PTSA was established in Nov/Dec.
 - Elect your Nominating committee, if you have a GMM this month.
 - IRS Filings---Did you file the 990, 990Z or postcard? If not, they were due yesterday (Nov 15th).
- **Training Opportunities:** Register at <https://www.wastatepta.org/events/>
 - Nov 16th—PTA & the Law, 6-9pm ONLINE
 - Dec 2nd—PTA & the Law, 9-12pm ONLINE

Advocacy

Lauren Bartholomew & Shannon Mayo

What: Elementary Literacy Adoption Parent Advisory Group

In September, the Material Selection Committee for elementary literacy selected two elementary reading and writing curricula for field testing. The two finalists are *Benchmark Advance* and *Wit and Wisdom*.

All parents and caregivers are invited to join the Literacy Adoption Parent Advisory Group at 10 a.m. on November 30 in the ISD Administration Building. At this session, parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to learn more about each curriculum and have the chance to ask questions. We hope you will join us.

When: November 30, 2023, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Where: ISD Administration Building

Upcoming Advocacy Dates:

- Legislative Session Preview: Legislator Panel – Dec 13th at 7pm
- What to Expect in 2024 Legislative Session with Marie Sullivan, WSPTA Leg Consultant – Jan 3rd at 7pm
- FOCUS DAY! in Olympia (kids welcome) –Jan 15th
- Advocacy Week (virtual)- Jan 15-19th

Visit wastatepta.org to register

Art Docent

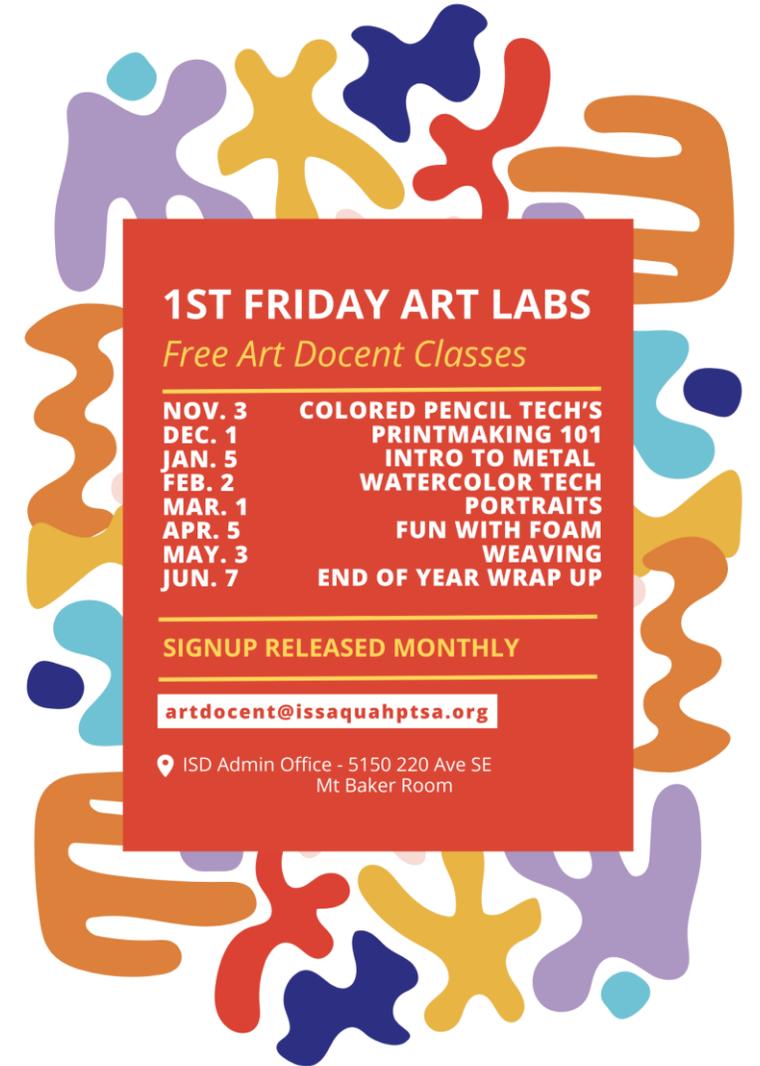
Laurelle Graves & Pauline Tamblyn

Link for December Printmaking Class:

<https://tinyurl.com/FFAL-DEC>

Great News! Wise Camps has agreed to continue funding our Art Docent Program yearly!

www.wisecamps.com THANK YOU!



1ST FRIDAY ART LABS
Free Art Docent Classes

NOV. 3	COLORED PENCIL TECH'S
DEC. 1	PRINTMAKING 101
JAN. 5	INTRO TO METAL
FEB. 2	WATERCOLOR TECH
MAR. 1	PORTRAITS
APR. 5	FUN WITH FOAM
MAY. 3	WEAVING
JUN. 7	END OF YEAR WRAP UP

SIGNUP RELEASED MONTHLY

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📍 ISD Admin Office - 5150 220 Ave SE
Mt Baker Room

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

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Inclusive Communication During the Holidays Via Social Media or Newsletter

- Make them inclusive.
- Make them informative.
- Make them interactive.
- Make them timely

SAMPLE NEWSLETTER BLURB

The wide array of holidays and traditions celebrated across our community highlights our rich diversity. Some families might spend the season gathering for meals, decorating their homes, or volunteering in their community. During this time of year, practice engaging in conversation with your friends and neighbors to learn what they celebrate or how they honor family traditions

SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Inclusive Happy December and happy holidays! This is a month full of celebration. We challenge you to learn about a holiday you don't celebrate this month.

Informative Did you know? A seven-prong candle called a Kinara is used to celebrate Kwanzaa. Each of the candles represents a different principle. There is one black candle, which stands for unity, three red candles that represent struggle, and three green candles, which represent hope for the future. **Interactive:** The holiday season is upon us! What's your family's favorite tradition during this time of the year? **Timely** Today marks the beginning of Hanukkah, the eight-day Festival of Lights. Happy Hanukkah to those in our community observing and beginning celebrations today!

Family and Community Engagement

Laura Ni & Melissa Valdez

- January FACE Meetings: 1/19 at 11AM in the district building, Mt. Rainier Conference room. [Registration recommended.](#)
- Each School FACE Coordinators [information sheet](#)
- [Cultural Event Sharing sheet](#)

Family and Community Engagement (FACE)

• To Do List:

- Make a plan and a calendar for the school year and connect with your Principal and Counselor for new family events for your community
- Reach out to these school resources to let them know you are a resource that can connect you with the right ISD resources.
- Cultural Ambassadors
- Principal
- Registrar and School Secretary
- School Librarian
- MLL staff teacher
- Cultural chair of events and activities
- FACE co-chairs of the Issaquah PTSA Council
- Outreach Coordinator
- Cultural and Family Partnerships of the Issaquah School District
- Cultural Bridges Program of the Issaquah Schools Foundation

Outreach

Angela Dahrea



Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

HOLIDAY GIFTS

Families can still register to participate in the program.

<https://issaquahfoodbank.org/holiday-gift-program/>

Scroll down to "For Families" and all the information is there.

A great volunteer opportunity for high school students and groups of friends that want to have fun on Thanksgiving morning!

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/e/foveSA?vid=128mro#volunteers-make-it-happen!>



Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

LUNCH FOR THE BREAK

Thursday, December 14 and registration is available on the Food Bank website: **<https://issaquahfoodbank.org/lunchforthebreak>**

Clothing Needs

Share: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1f_4XGJ0zQCG0n0cgFJu7L_k_z38GKzlcX5fV0wtOg0U/edit?usp=sharing

Email me anytime with thoughts, questions, concerns: outreach@issaquahpts.org

Reflections

Angie Warren and Simran Puri

- Council deadline for HAND-OFF of their physical artworks DUE NOVEMBER 16. **TODAY.**
- **Save the Date! Issaquah PTSA Council Reflections Reception and Art Gallery**
January 25, 2024 IHS Commons. 6:30 – 8:00pm
- **THANK YOU** for supporting the arts in Issaquah!



Website

Laura Ni

- If you need help to set up surveys (e.g. PTA Award surveys), please email webmaster@issaquahptsa.org.
- Any questions or updates needed for website, please email webmaster@issaquahptsa.org.
- Issaquah PTSA Council Instagram: @issaquahptsacouncil

Influence The Choice

Laurelle Graves

Sobering Stat: One teen dies every two weeks in King County from an overdose (mainly fentanyl) - talkevenif.com

- **Looking for parent liaison at each school**
- **Looking for students to join TECH in MS & HS**
- **Contact laurelle@influencethechoice.org**

JOIN TECH!

We are looking for new members for the 2023-2024 school year!

Teens
Encouraging
Community
Health

Requirements

- Must be in Middle or High School
- Must live within Issaquah School District boundaries, not required to attend ISD schools
- Willing to work with other students in our community
- Passionate about making change

Our Mission

A youth-led coalition dedicated to substance abuse prevention and mental wellness through positive outreach and advocacy.

About Us

TECH is where middle and high school students (ages 12-18) join together to gain critical knowledge and leadership skills to become change agents in our communities.

TECH students collaborate on leadership training, creating positive community norms, social media campaign development, podcasting, and advocacy at the local and state level.



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Learn more at influencethechoice.org
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New Business/ Q&A