

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

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- Mid year Financial review
- IRS form 1099-NEC sent to independent contractor(s) IRS DUE JANUARY 31

February SOA

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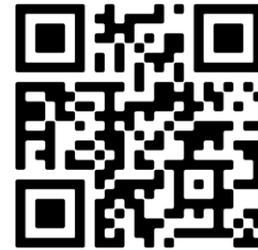
Council Awards – Laurelle Graves

- Golden Acorn Award Ceremony May 7th, 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Council Awards now open: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/26Q37W9>
- Contact webmaster@issaquahpts.org to setup survey
- Start soon! Remember to allow 2 weeks for awards to be printed and delivered. Announce winners at school event if possible.

Advocacy

Lauren Bartholomew & Shannon Mayo

- Focus Day
 - Recap
 - Thank you, participants!
- Focus on Advocacy Week- this week through Jan 19th
 - Join Advocacy Alerts
 - Take easy customizable templates and send direct to your Legislators
- Virtual meeting w/ LD 5 Legislators scheduling underway. Want to join or need help planning your own in a different LD? Email advocacy@issaquahptsa.org.
- Next Advocacy Committee Meeting: Feb 13th 12-1:30pm



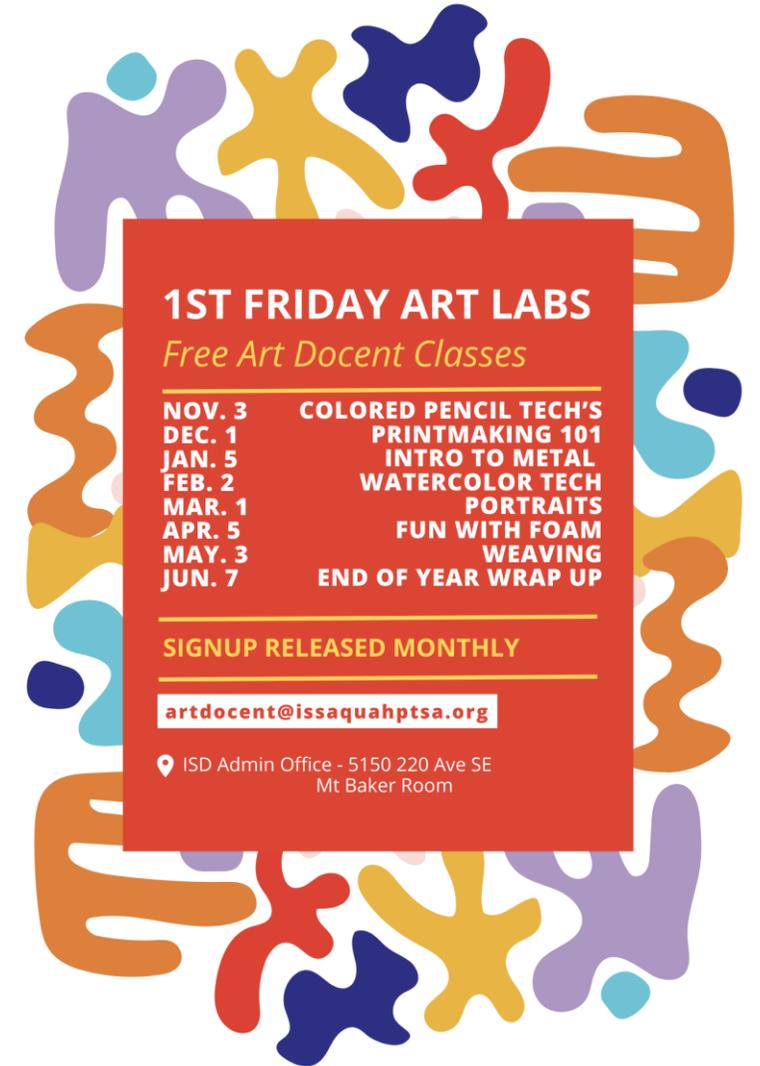
Art Docent

Laurelle Graves & Pauline Tamblyn

Link for February Watercolor Class:
<https://tinyurl.com/FFAL-FEB2>

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

artdocent@issaquahpts.org

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

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

Lovenia Hardin

dei@issaquahpta.org

How to Welcome Diverse Perspectives into your PTA

Five Strategies to Welcome Diverse Perspectives

1. Learn More about the community your PTA is serving.
2. Avoid tokenism.
3. Build Trust
4. Cater to the needs of the Community
5. Find alternative meeting locations

To find more useful tips and the complete guide please visit.
https://www.pta.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/diversity-outreach-2-pager_v3.pdf

Dos and Don'ts

1. Do ask questions to understand
*Don't assume you know what is happening in the community or that you understand the different cultures represented
2. Do reach out to minority populations within your school for all events. The outreach should be performed throughout the year, not only for multicultural events.
**Don't ask a parent to be the lead of a subgroup simply because they belong to it.
3. Do work on building a meaningful relationship with stakeholders and families
***Don't assume you are in a position of trust because you are a PTA leader.
4. Do ask questions to understand their needs. For example, immigrant families or families of kids with special needs may need additional information about navigating the sometimes-complicated school system.
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5. Do offer families alternate options such as community centers, a church or even a virtual meeting.
*****Don't assume that the school is the most convenient place to meet.

Family and Community Engagement

Laura Ni & Melissa Valdez

- January FACE & DEI Meetings: 1/19, Friday at 11AM in the district building, Mt. Rainier Conference room. Encourage at 1 person from each PTA/PTSA to attend this meeting.
 - Brief introduction to each other
 - Issaquah Family Partnership Specialist Lorna Gilmore and Family Partnership Liaisons introduce themselves and how they can help your school families.
 - Issaquah PTSA Council Diversity, Equity and Inclusion chair, Lovenia Hardin, give presentation on DEI topic.
 - Culture and Heritage event at school
 - Free discussion time
- District Family Event: 1/24, 6:30PM on Zoom – 5th Grade Transition to Middle School for families new to the US
- Cultural Bridges Magazine Number 26 is available online: <https://isfdn.org/cultural-bridges-magazine/>

Outreach

Angela Dahrea

Email with details was sent to Presidents & Outreach Chairs on 1/17 containing the following information:

- Issaquah Clothing Forum** action items
- Lunch for the Break** – Fri, Feb 16 from 1pm – 7pm. **Registration is required and is open to all families with students attending school in ISD.**
- Donation Drives** for Issaquah Food Bank
- Metro Flex** – free transportation for youth
- Care Solace** – resources for mental health & substance abuse assistance.

Let me know if you didn't receive the email or have questions.

Angela Dahrea: outreach@issaquahpts.org



Reflections

Angie Warren and Simran Puri

- **Everyone is welcome to attend**
- **All art is released at 8:00pm to the Reflections Chairperson**
- **Ribbons and recognition will be in the portfolios**



I am Hopeful Because...

Reflections Reception and Gallery
January 25th, 2024
6:30-8:00 PM
Issaquah High School
700 2nd Avenue SE

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Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community 2.6

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

Just took 11 students to Olympia to meet with legislators! We had 10 meetings where our students discussed youth vaping, the need to have substance use prevention in school curriculum, the need for Narcan on Metro buses and in schools, and better mental health access for students.

- **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.



TECH
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Learn more at influencethechoice.org
Contact laurelle@influencethechoice.org

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Laila Collins

- **Welcome our new Executive Director, Dwight Heckelman!**
- **NEM Update – Save the Date - March 28, 2024 @ ICC**
- Ambassador Kickoff Meeting 1/23/24 at Noon on Zoom
- We'd love every PTSA to have a table!
- **Programs Update:**
- Teacher Grants will be announced in the next two weeks. PTSA presidents will be emailed if they have a recipient from their school.
- Decodable books have arrived at all elementary schools to support K-2 literacy. Total support of \$45K and 1600 books.
- Academic Support is ramping up at 15 of the 16 elementary schools this winter. Middle and high school support is already in progress.



Impact Scholarships

Application Deadline: February 11, 2024



Tell Us Your Story & Earn Money for Ongoing Education!

The Issaquah Schools Foundation Impact Scholarships are open to Juniors and Seniors in the Issaquah School District. The Scholarships will be awarded to students who submit essays that describe how Issaquah Schools Foundation-funded programs have enriched their education.

The Scholarships Will be Awarded in Two Categories:

Written Category: \$1,000 | Presentation Category \$2,000

Apply Today at www.isfdn.org/impact-scholars