

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

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- Essay Contest Submissions due March 1
- Awards submissions due March 15 (Award of Excellence, Membership Achievement, leadership service award)
- Nominating committee completes search for next year's board by March 31. Proposed slate of officers must be publicly posted 15 days prior to the membership meeting.
- Survey membership to identify priorities for the coming year
- Treasurer recruits a budget committee to draft next year's budget
- Make plans to attend WSPTA Convention

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.

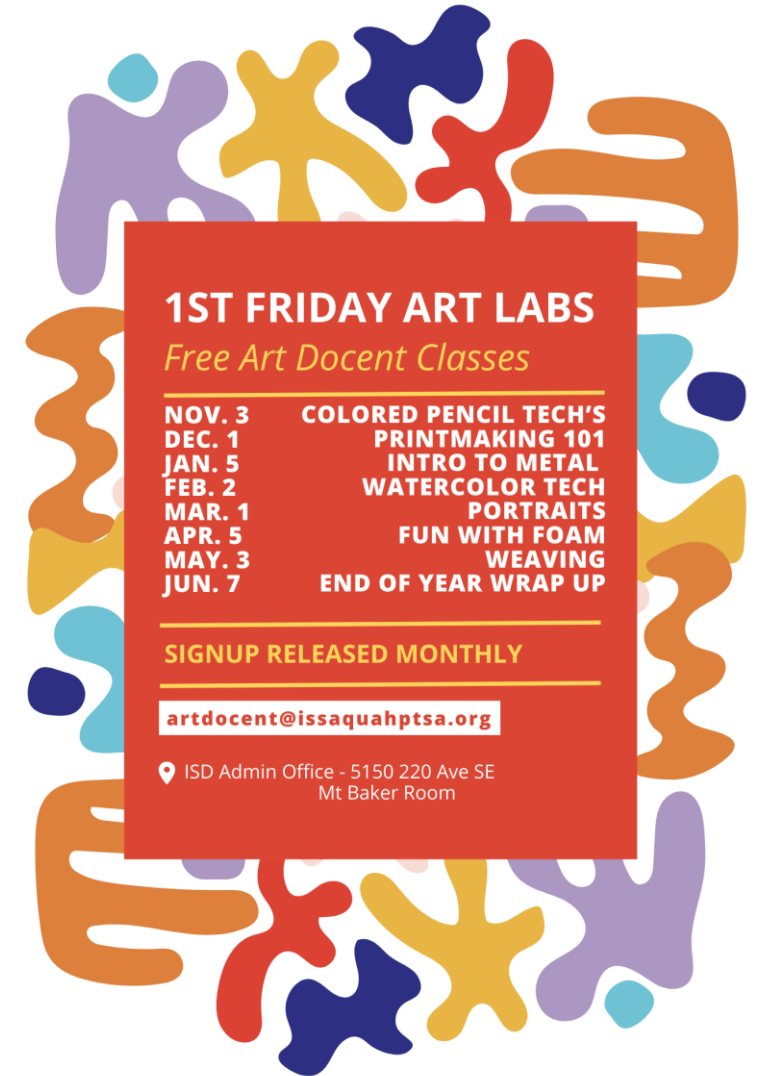
Art Docent

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!

A poster for '1st Friday Art Labs' featuring a red background with a white text box. The text box contains a schedule of classes, a sign-up email, and a location. The poster is surrounded by colorful, abstract human figures in purple, yellow, blue, red, and orange.

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)

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Enhancing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Your PTA

Make It Easier for Families to Be Involved

1. Shifting PTA meetings from midday to nighttime
2. Livestreaming PTA meetings for parents and caregivers who weren't able attend in person
3. Providing more updates for families on the school website and via email blasts
4. Offering scholarships for PTA memberships and for admission to events and programs

To find more useful tips and the complete guide please visit.

<https://onevoice.pta.org/enhancing-diversity-equity-inclusion-in-your-pta/>

(Successful results provided by Sherman Elementary-National PTA)

Go Beyond one-time Events About Diversity

1. Ensure all children and their families are represented in the curriculum.
Example: collaborating with the librarian to ensure that children have access to diverse books all year round.
2. Create opportunities for cross-cultural exchange.
look beyond their school walls to help facilitate relationships between different races and cultures. Example establish a pen pal program with a neighboring school district to promote understanding between cultures..
3. Elevate diverse voices and stories to help the community understand new perspectives.
Example at PTA meetings, volunteers presented on topics that are relevant to them—speaking to their own experiences around family diversity,

Family and Community Engagement

Laura Ni & Melissa Valdez

- January FACE & DEI Meeting Recap: we had a great meeting. The ISD Family Partnership team with all three liaisons showed up in the meeting. They introduced and answered lots of questions from people. We collected feedback from different schools' PTA/PTSA, we are working on a welcome letter templates so PTA/PTSA FACE or Cultural Representative could use to welcome their incoming kindergarten as well as their new families.
- Next FACE & DEI meeting, 5/10, 11AM – 1PM at the Circle. (160 NW Gilman Blvd, Suite 326, Issaquah, WA 98027), register: <https://forms.gle/ahU43TerWv4hiGMk7>
- Cultural Bridges Magazine Number 26 is available online: <https://isfdn.org/cultural-bridges-magazine/>

Outreach

Angela Dahrea

-**FREE Health Clinic** Today – Feb 18. Please post flyer on social media if you haven't done so yet.

-**Communities in Schools Hygiene Drive** March 1 – 31. I will be sending information to all PTSA Presidents and
Outreach Chairs via email

-**Issaquah Clothing Forum** please include this as a topic when you have monthly meetings with principals.

-**Donation Drives** for Issaquah Food Bank

Angela Dahrea: outreach@issaquahptsa.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**



Website

Laura Ni

- If you need help to set up surveys (e.g. PTA Award surveys), please email webmaster@issaquahpts.org.
- Any questions or updates needed for website, please email webmaster@issaquahpts.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
TEENS ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY HEALTH



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

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Laila Collins

- **Welcome our new Executive Director, Dwight Heckelman!**
- **NEM Student Showcase - March 28, 2024 @ ICC**
- Our goal is to raise \$385,000 and have 550 attendees
- We'd love every PTSA to have a table!
- **Programs Update:**
- 23 Teacher Grants were awarded last month to 15 schools for a total of over \$55,000!

2024 Nourish Every Mind Student Showcase

SAVE THE DATE

Fueling Innovation & Student Success

March 28, 2024

Issaquah Community Center

Program: 12 - 1 PM, Doors Open at 11 AM

Issaquah Schools Foundation

NOURISH
EVERY MIND

www.isfdn.org/nourish-every-mind

