

Serving Felida Elementary School, Vancouver Public Schools



Cocoa & Caring/Giving Tree Thanks

Thank you to all the families that took a tag for the Giving Tree and donated a holiday gift to the children of Second Step Housing! All gifts should have been returned unwrapped with the tags attached to the office today.

Please, join us Wednesday December 6th at 6:30 pm in the Felida Cafeteria for *Cocoa and Caring*. We will wrap the donated gifts, enjoy Cocoa, Cookies and Crafts while listening to the Felida Choir sing our favorite songs Christmas Songs. All are welcome!

This is a Felida PTA Sponsored Event

*Second Step Housing serves more than 225 individuals and families annually and has developed and manages 10 transitional housing properties and 42 units of affordable housing. More info at: secondstephousing.org

Your Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Helen Ludvigson and Christine Wilson

Vice President: Heather Bennett

Secretary: Kristen Sjogren

Co-Treasurers: Brooke Owen and Kalyn Parmenter

Important PTA Dates:

Dec 6: Cocoa and Caring, 6:30 -8:30 pm

Jan 16: Board of Directors' Meeting, 12-1, Staff Room

Jan 30: STEM Night, 6:30-8 pm, Cafeteria



Pro Tip!

If you use Google Calendar, go to our website to download all of the dates for our PTA events, as well as Early Releases. Visit: www.felidapta.com

Staff Appreciation: Holiday

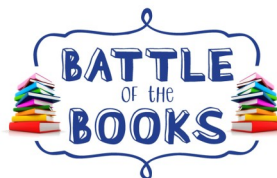
Bakers, treat makers and volunteers are needed for the PTA's biggest Staff Appreciation event of the year Please visit our Sign-Up Genius page for more information on what we have planned for Wednesday, December 6th.

Visit the website:

<http://tinyurl.com/PTAHoliday2017> to sign up!

Battle of the Books: Update

We have 15 4th grade teams and 8 5th grade teams ready preparing for Battle. Next steps: crazy team names and shields! Games start in January. The schedule will be posted on the library website once all the team names are chosen.



YEARBOOK PHOTOS WANTED!

Do you have pictures from any recent school activities!

Send them in year-round to:

felidafalconyearbook@gmail.com

This is for both all-school and specific class activities. Field Trips, Holiday Celebrations, and big projects/presentations!

Donations Chair NEEDED!

The PTA is looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to take on our Donations Chair position.

If you are connected to local business or are great at asking for donations, we'd love to hear from you. We have events that depend on donated products.

Our community loves to donate, we just need someone to lead the asking. If you're interested, contact: FelidaFalconsPTA@gmail.com.



PTA Membership is a Christmas Gift that Gives Back!

If you are not already a member, it is never too late to join! Joining shows your support for our organization and does not require any additional commitment.

Already a member? Great! We're happy to have you. Membership also makes a great present. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and close family friends love to show support for your kids. Plus, there are some great membership benefits including discounts on printing/copying at FedEx Office, discount car rentals at Avis and Budget, discounts to the Great Wolf Lodge, and many more. For more information visit: <https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/>

Visit Our Website!

If you are curious about business we have conducted in the recent past, please visit our website. We have our last couple of budgets (including our current one) and meeting minutes from our latest meetings.

Visit: <http://www.felidapta.com/documents.html> There is information for you to look through to get an idea of what we do and where we spend our money.

We also have a calendar and past newsletters posted. The website has a wealth of knowledge about our organization.

Special Education PTSA

Did you know that there is a PTA for parents in the area that have students with special needs? The Special Education PTSA of Southwest Washington is a group of parent advocates that meet monthly for fun-filled family activities. They are part of Vancouver PTA Council and serve all of SWWashington. You can find them on Facebook @ SEPTSA of Southwest Washington

WSPTA Men's Essay Contest

Are you looking for an activity to keep your kids busy during the Holiday Break? Consider having them write an essay about an important man in their life, and then submit it to the Men's Essay Contest.

Essays are due March 1st, but it's always nice to get an early start. For more information visit: <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/pta-mens-essay-contest/> or Google "WSPTA Men's Essay."

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

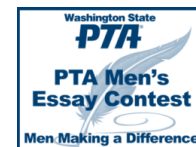
For the 2018 legislative session, our goal is to engage as many members in our advocacy as possible, and we value your thoughts.

Please take this survey here, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MV5D5BX> by December 4th.

WSPTA wants to hear as many voices as possible!

This means a lot to the topic of the essays and would probably make an excellent Christmas present for the person being written about.

You can submit finished essays to your child's teacher or the front office and ask them to give it to the PTA. Please, have it clearly marked as "Men's Essay Contest" and in a folder or envelope. This is a great contest a current Felida Student won two years ago!



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