



Dear PTA Officers of Highline,

Bad news. Bouncy houses are out.

At February's meeting with the Highline School District superintendent (well, her surrogate this time), we finally got confirmation on complaints that Highline Council PTSA had been hearing from local units.

The rumors are true. PTAs can no longer have bouncy houses on school property.

It turns out, Highline School District's insurance has not allowed bouncy houses for 10 years, but apparently the word wasn't communicated to facility use permitting until recently. Because it wasn't a new policy change, there wasn't an announcement, so it caused a lot of surprise and frustration.

Regarding inflatables, the "basketball hoop with return ramp" type is acceptable where players are standing on the ground. It's the type involving jumping, sliding, or climbing through obstacles that are no longer an option.

While bouncy houses have been a big part of carnivals in the past, their absence just means we need to get creative to fill those spaces.

Good News. You have Friends.

The Facebook group **Highline PTSA Board Friends** is a great place for a member of any PTA board to share interesting ideas, such as what other activities and booths your PTA is going to do instead of bouncy houses. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1758U42072754976/> (Not to be confused with the **Highline Council PTSA** Facebook page, which is used for official communication from the Highline Council PTSA. <https://www.facebook.com/HighlineCouncilPTSA/>)

Highline PTSA Board Friends is also a great place to coordinate between PTAs. Is your PTA closet filling up with unused stuff another PTA might want? (Make sure the rest of your board agrees with you before offering up anything!) Does your PTA have carnival props/games another school might borrow for their carnival? Is your PTA sponsoring an event or guest speaker others are invited to? Let's get talking to each other!

Sorry about February's meeting

See **Tuesday March 20** (below) for more about the rescheduled Highline Council PTSA meeting.

Planning ahead

For smooth transitions, next year's officers should be elected in the March/April time frame. Remember, nominees need to be announced to membership at least 14 days in advance.

The budget for next year should be discussed and voted upon before school ends this year.

Girl's Softball

Practice starts soon and games begin in April. For specifics, see [Highline Council PTSA Softball](#). Softball chair is Kitty Richmire thefournierfamily3@gmail.com

Treasurer Needed

Highline Council PTSA is seeking a TREASURER for 2018-2019. Duties are

much lighter than at the local level because Council doesn't have fund raises and holds only a few events per year. As with all council positions, the role is really about providing support to local PTAs when needed.

WA State PTA website login

Current PTA officers, be sure to access the helpful content on the [WA State website](#) made especially for executive officers.

The user name is **Every**. The password is **Child**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<http://www.highlinecouncilptsa.org/calendar.html>

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6 pm

HIGHLINE COUNCIL Reflections Ceremony

Visit and view the amazing artwork submitted from students across the High School District! National Reflections Art Competition art entries for the 2018 'Within Reach' theme will be on display during an evening ceremony at Tyee School. Come see what talented artists we have in our schools! Artists will receive awards and recognition at the ceremony.

Tyee High School
4424 South 188th St, Seatac

Thursday, March 15, 7-8 pm

Disaster Preparedness

Shorewood PTA is hosting Michelle Chatterton, Public Education/Outreach Manager with the King County Office of Emergency Management. She'll be speaking on Hazard and Disaster preparedness, including making disaster plans, keeping your family safe, and talking about local hazards and their impacts on communities. It's free and all Highline school communities are invited!

Shorewood Elementary Library
2725 116th Ave SW, Burien

Sixth Grade transition to middle school & New school boundaries[for Fall 2019]

This year's 4th graders will move up to middle school as 6th graders. The school district has family meetings scheduled for information about the transition, middle school opportunities, and to ask questions from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the dates and locations below. Then, in the hour after that, from 7:30-8:00 pm, families, students, and community members are invited to learn about the proposed boundary plan for Fall 2019 and give feedback.

March 15
Sylvester Middle School
16222 Sylvester Road SW, Burien

March 22
Chinook Middle School
18650 42nd Avenue South, SeaTac

March 29
Cascade Middle School
11212 10th Avenue SW, Seattle

Tuesday March 20, 6-8 pm

Rescheduled

HIGHLINE COUNCIL PTSA Meeting/Training

Last month's cancelled Highline Council PTSA meeting followed by its accompanying training, "Board Roles & Responsibility," has been rescheduled Tuesday March 20, 6-8 pm. This training will count for PTA Leaders who have fulfilled their annual training requirement for the 2017-18 year. Thank you for

patience with the schedule changes.

Reminder: board representation from your PTA is required at Council meetings. Anyone showing a completed Standards of Affiliation form gets a extra ticket in the door prize drawing.

RSVP for the training so we know headcount: <http://evite.me/59SSTr6ESY>

North Hill Elementary
19835 8th Ave S, Des Moines, WA

Please note there will be no council meeting March 22.

March 28, 2018
Registration opens for 105th WSPTA Convention (May 18-20, 2018)
Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA
<https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/convention/>

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6-8 pm
HIGHLINE COUNCIL PTSA Meeting
ERAC Boardroom,
15675 Ambaum Blvd. SW, Burien

April 26 is also the deadline for [Senior Scholarship Applications](#) and [Council Award Nominations](#).

Teacher Appreciation Week
Commonly observed the second week of May, which is May 7-11, 2018

May 18-20, 2018

105th WSPTA Convention

Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA

<https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/convention/>

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 6:15-8:00 pm

HIGHLINE COUNCIL PTSA Awards Night

ERAC Boardroom,

15675 Ambaum Blvd. SW, Burien

Wednesday June 20, 2018

Last day of school



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