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GIBSON EK PTSA Gazette

Executive Committee

President Tina Yerges

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VOTE **YES** TO RENEW OUR THREE SCHOOL LEVIES.
Strong Schools. Strong Community.

The 2-Year Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Funds special education programs, classroom assistants, athletic and extra-curricular activities, nurses and mental health counselors.

The 4-Year Educational Technology and Critical Repairs Levy

Pays for technology upgrades and computers along with vital repairs for each school. It also improves security and emergency systems.

The 1-Year Bus Levy

Pays for new school buses to replace aging vehicles and improve safety and efficiency.

These renewal measures replace expiring voter-approved levies.
Our local school tax rate will not increase.

Gibson Ek PTSA Voted to Endorse All Three Levies At The January General Membership Meeting! Do Your Part and VOTE YES, VOTE YES, VOTE YES!



Gibson Ek PTSA & Huntington Learning Center

are teaming up to offer Practice ACT and SAT Tests **achieve more**

ACT **SAT**

100% of Proceeds Go To Gibson Ek PTSA

To Learn More Visit Our **Website**

REGISTER ONLINE BY 7:00 PM on Sunday Feb. 11th

The Cost of Each Practice Test Is
\$25.00 for PTSA Members,
\$35.00 for Non PTSA Members

*** You Will Be Charged \$35.00 Upon Registration ***
Members Will Receive a \$10.00 Refund

Contact **Tina Yerges** With Questions or Concerns



ParentWiser
Parent Education in Issaquah Schools



Hidden in Plain Site Spot Signs of At-Risk Behavior

Would you see the signs of youth alcohol or drug use in your home? Looks can be very deceiving – especially if you don't know what to look for. The "Hidden In Plain Sight" initiative helps parents spot signs of at-risk behaviors using an interactive display of a teenager's bedroom. After walking through the display, participants will learn more about adolescent development and common signs of substance use provided by professionals in law enforcement, treatment, substance abuse prevention, and other experts and parents.

ADULTS ONLY.

Open House 6:30 – 8:30 PM, with a debriefing by experts at 8:00 PM

March 12th, 2018 at Issaquah High School

April 16th, 2018 Central Washington University-Sammamish

Register By Clicking On The Session You're Interested In Attending Above



Golden Acorn Awards



The Golden Acorn is a PTSA award given every year to outstanding volunteers for their service to our school and community. The Golden Acorn specifically recognizes the contributions individuals have made at Gibson Ek High School within our local community. This is an excellent way to honor our most dedicated volunteers.

Please help us select outstanding volunteers from our community to receive a Golden Acorn Award this year by filling out the **nomination form here** or in the school office.

It's quick and easy to complete and is a wonderful way to recognize hard work for our community! The PTSA Golden Acorn Awards Committee will review the nomination forms received and make the final selections.

Nominations are due by February 28th

Questions or Concerns?
Want to Be Involved in the Committee?

Contact **Tina Yerges**



Lunch For The Break

School breaks are a joyous time for most children. Time away from school and homework. The opportunity to sleep in late and stay up late. To celebrate with family and play with friends.

But for some children, school break is a time when their family doesn't have enough food. Many children in our community struggle with food security when school is not in session.

LUNCH for the BREAK is working to make sure all Issaquah School District students have enough to eat, even when school is not in session. Lunch for the Break provides a **FREE BOX OF GROCERY ITEMS** for each student in the family that can be used to make breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Donations Are Still Needed To Supply All Students In Need With Lunch For Second Winter Break.

To Help Please Visit Their Website

\$+\$ Matching

Does Your Company Have A Matching Program That Makes Your Donation Dollars Go Further?

We are so grateful to our community for all the generous donations throughout the school year! Want to make your donation go further through matching?

If you need assistance with matching your donation, please reach out to our Matching Coordinator **Neeraja Abburu**

Staff Appreciation



We Are Still Seeking Helpers For May & June!

Can you help us show appreciation for our FANTASTIC Staff by providing snacks at one of their monthly staff meetings?

Click Here to Sign Up



Membership Matters

GROWING TOGETHER
WASHINGTON STATE PTA

Thank You To Each of Our 110 Members Bringing Us Closer To Our Goal of 100% Membership!

100% Membership Means That Every Student at Gibson Ek Is Represented by One Member of Gibson Ek PTSA, Giving Us A Voice and A Vote!

We Are Currently Just Under 75% of Our Goal!

Have You Joined Yet?
If Not Join Today **Online** or Pick Up a Membership Form in The School Office.

Questions About Membership,
Contact **Jackie Firth**



Magnificent Members That Make the Magic Happen

- Neeraja Abburu - Kerry Ashby - Robert Ashby - Julia Bamba - John Bauman - Stephanie Bayne -
- Alaina Bland - Jennifer Bland - Brendan Brecht - Elizabeth Brecht - John Cao - Polly Cao -
- Stacy Clawson - John Antonio Curdi - Kathleen Curdi - Catherine Disney - Nicholas Disney -
- Lauren Dutton - Paul Dutton - Paul Dutton - Sarah Dutton - Vivian Esquenazi - Drew Evers -
- Jackie Firth - Andy Firth - Tyler Fry - Barbara Fuller - David Fuller - Lori Gamblin - Charlie Ganz -
- Cathia Geller - David Geller - Patti Hanan - Susan Harter - Tim Hemker - Clarissa Hernandez -
- Ian Hutchinson - Lauren Hutchinson - Paul Hutchinson - Greg James - Lori James -
- Carlos Kassner - Mark Kaveny - Shannon Kaveny - Cindy Kelm - Ray Kelm - Deanne King -
- Douglas King - Christi Knox - Jackie Knox - Jonathan Koshar - Lauren Koshar - Theodore Koshar -
- Amy Krohn - Michael Krohn - Denise Lawless - Jay Lawless - Daria Lajko - Robin Lowell - Barry Luce -
- Cynthia Luce - Melinda Lytle - Marne Maraldo - Tony Maraldo - Colin McCormick -
- Andy McDonald - Hillary Nadell - Dawn Noland - Grace Noland Randle - Joji Oshima -
- Joy Oshima - Michael Oshima - Jahna Pahl - Sammy Papp - Natalie Raines - Will Raines -
- Dennis Randle - Benjamin Reed - Tonja Reischl - Caleb Rivera - Dayna Rivera - Heather Sands -
- Patrick Sands - Tetsuya Sano - Yasuyo Sano - Austin Searles - John Sebring - Silva Sebring -
- Danika Shurley - Michael Shurley - Frank Sickinger - Lainey Sickinger - Brandi St. Pierre -
- Simone St. Pierre Nelson - Roland Tokumi - Shari Tokumi - Mahesh Vijayaraghavan -
- Carla Vincent - Anthony Voskanyan - Karin Walen - Michael Williams - Xander Williams -
- Anika Wypyszyk - Stefan Wypyszyk - Tracy Wypyszyk - Elena Yerges - Jim Yerges -
- Tina Yerges - Lucy Zou - Victor Zou -



Gibson Ek's First Semi-Formal Dance: A Winter In Paris

Gibson Ek ASB with the assistance of Gibson Ek PTSA has successfully put on their first school dance. Congratulations to the ASB and Dance Committee Students for working so diligently to make the event memorable and meaningful to all who attended!

Special Thanks To Everyone Who Loaned Items, Donated Items, and Volunteered Their Time To Pull Of This Fabulous Evening, Especially:

Amy Krohn, Andy Firth, Barb Fuller, Coben Kaveny, Cynthia Luce, Deanne King, Debbi Bracelin, Elizabeth Brecht, Jackie Firth, Jessica Reed, John Bauman, Judy McClain, Karen Latimer, Kathleen Koeneman, Lainey Sickinger, Lauren Hutchinson, Lauren Koshar, Mary Rusk, Matt Latimer, Melinda Lytle, Natalie Raines, Paul Dutton, Silva Sebring, Stacey Feinsilber, Tami Fosmark, Tina Yerges

Thank You To All of the Staff Members For Supporting the Students and PTSA With This Event, Especially:

Principal and Dance Floor Diva, Julia
Security Officer and Electric Slide Master, Joe
Secretary and GO TO GAL, Patti
Custodian, Rob
ASB Advisory, Hillary



Special Thank You To

Mari Odette Kanotz & Chad Kanotz
Owners of A Amore Events & Entertainment of Issaquah

For Working With Us to Provide Top Notch Music and Lighting Within Our Budget Featuring Robert and Jermaine



And For Listening to Our Vision For the Event, Taking the Time To Hear and Learn About Gibson Ek High School and Innovative Learning and For Letting That Inspire You To Gift Us The Photo Booth Free of Charge – It was above and beyond what we could have hoped for! Your dedication to the community is incredible!

[Click Here To View The Photo Booth Gallery](#)



STATE OF MIND 5th Annual

ALL ARE INVITED!
FREE with registration



Join us for a discussion on **MENTAL HEALTH** and **SUBSTANCE ABUSE** challenges facing community youth.
Workshops available for **Teens AND Adults**.

GUEST SPEAKERS, GIVEAWAYS, QDOBA CATERING

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 AND 24TH,
Gibson Ek High School

11:00 - 4:00 PM
Check-in starts at 10:30!

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[Click Here To Register](#)



Have You Ever Thought About Taking On A Bigger Role In the Gibson Ek PTSA?

It's that time of year where the Nominating Committee Is Starting to Look For People Interested In Filling Our Elected Positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you're interested in playing a bigger role
[Please Reach Out To the Nominating Committee for Consideration](#)



GIBSON EK PTSA
ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT-2.6.60

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 15th, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Gibson Ek High School

The Gibson Ek PTSA is passionate about the mission of creating enrichment opportunities, social activities and support for students and teachers of Gibson Ek.

We are a small school and we need YOU!

If you haven't joined yet, please visit our website www.gibsonekptsa.org or join in-person Thursday night.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Don't Forget You Can Earn Money For Gibson Ek PTSA Without Even Leaving Your House – Just By Shopping

Shop Through Our Amazon Smile Link You Can Help Funds To Support Many Wonderful Programs at Gibson Ek High!

You shop. Amazon gives.
It's That Simple!

[Click Here to Start Earning Money for Gibson Ek Today](#)

Congratulations

Issaquah School Board on being named one of the three best Washington State School Boards of the Year!

We're Proud To Have You Working On Behalf Of Our District



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Want the latest info on What's Happening With Gibson Ek PTSA



and

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and join us at the next

PTSA MEETING



2/11 **Registration Deadline for Practice ACT & SAT**

2/13 **Last Day To Vote**

2/15 **2018-2019 Admissions Applications Close**

2/19-2/23 **No School – Second Winter Break**

2/28 **Golden Acorn Nominations Due**

2/28 **2018-2019 Admissions Lottery Drawing**

3/3 **State of Mind Conference**

3/12 **ParentWiser Presents Hidden In Plain Site- Adults Only**

3/15 **Gibson Ek PTSA General Membership Meeting**

3/24 **State of Mind Conference**

4/16 **ParentWiser Presents Hidden In Plain Site- Adults Only**