



**PTA Region 2 Spring Conference**

**Saturday March 13, 2010**

**Eastlake High School**

**400 228th NE Sammamish, WA 98074**

**8:30-8:55 am Registration**



**9:00-9:40 am Starting Strong - and Pitfalls to Avoid**

Region 2 Director Audrey Bennett will discuss the various ways PTA leaders can prepare for a strong start to the 2010-2011 school year and identify common pitfalls to avoid during these final months of the 2009-2010 school year.

| <b>Session 1 9:45-10:40 am</b>   | <b>Session 2 10:45-11:40 am</b>   |
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| <p><b>Goal Setting</b><br/>Goal setting is important. Find out how to set up your goals, how organization maintains your focus and defines who you are and why you are relevant to your "customer"</p> <p><b>Michelle Grinslade</b></p>  | <p><b>Standing Rules Please Bring your current standing rules to this class.</b><br/>What are standing rules, and why should your PTA have them? In this session you will review the reasons behind standing rules and what standing rules should cover. Examples will be discussed.</p> <p><b>Suzanne Weaver and Heather Gillette</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Seven Ways Someone Can Steal Money from your PTA and What You Can Do to Prevent It</b><br/>Does PTA theft really occur? Absolutely—and it can have devastating effects on your PTA programs and membership. We'll discuss how PTAs are vulnerable, simple ways to prevent theft, and what steps you should take if it happens to you.</p> <p><b>Suzanne Weaver</b></p>   | <p><b>Seamless Transitions</b><br/>Having a smooth transition between the outgoing and incoming leadership is crucial to the health of a PTA. Discuss communication, procedure notebooks, transition meetings, and how to help everyone feel valued in the process. Recommended for all PTA board members.</p> <p><b>Barbara Martin</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Board Development</b><br/>Discuss key components of leadership development within your PTA. Recruiting and retaining members, image of your PTA, and how to create a team environment are just a few of the topics in this class.</p> <p><b>Audrey Bennett</b></p>   | <p><b>Legislative Review</b><br/>Come and learn what happened in Olympia this session, how it will effect kids and what will we need to do for the future.</p> <p><b>Alison Meryweather</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Building an Inclusive School Community Panel</b><br/>A diverse panel of parents will offer practical advice to improve interactions with families from all backgrounds. We'll explore what it means for families to feel welcomed and valued in your PTA. Find out how to go beyond newsletters and fliers to invite everyone. Identify and break down barriers that keep people out or minimize their involvement. Be prepared to toss out ineffective practices and develop purposeful steps towards building an inclusive school community.</p> <p><b>Linda Mui</b></p> | <p><b>Budgets and Financial Reviews</b> Building a budget based on goals, is key to success of all PTAs. Learn how to assess the financial management practices your PTA is currently using, and how to build, develop, and amend budgets. Discuss who, what, when, where and why of financial reviews. (Please note: topics discussed in this class are not covered in the convention class Money Matters.)</p> <p><b>Janet Suppes</b></p> |

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