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# CES-PTA

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## Officers for 2009-2010 were elected:

President: Amanda Rice  
Vice President: Jenny Carroll  
Treasurer: Julie Germano  
Secretary: Janie McClarin

## Memory Books!!

Memory books are on sale. Supplies are

## Washington State PTA

*We are people of all ages improving the education, safety, and health of children. Join us in building a better world for children.*

## New Education Reform Legislation signed by Gov. Gregoire

A broad-based coalition of parents, business leaders, community members and education stakeholders worked closely with legislators for months to pass the landmark education reform legislation. The reforms, which begin in 2011 and will be fully implemented by 2018, will:

- Expand the school day so high school students can take more math, science and world language courses to graduate with 24 credits;
- Redefine basic education to include all-day kindergarten, highly capable education, transportation and other academic programs and support services students need to succeed in school;
- Make school funding more transparent for school leaders, lawmakers and parents through the use of a "prototypical schools" model; and
- Direct the State Board of Education to develop an accountability system and intervention measures targeted at challenged schools and districts.

This is the beginning of a new definition for "Basic Education". Washington State is required by law to fund "basic education". No funding options were provided with the new legislation.

- 2008-2009 PTA Board
- President
- Dawn Kircher 678.7028
- Treasurer
- Julie Germano 929.4307
- Secretary
- Jenny Carroll 678.1736
- Past-President
- Michele Renniger

## Water Bottles and Zipper Pulls

Water Bottles and zipper pulls are available. The cost is \$4 for bottles and \$1.50 for 1 zipper pull, or 4 for \$5.00. Contact

We need volunteers for next year. If you are willing to do any of the following, contact a board member. Note that the first 3 positions are mostly done from home.

- **Membership coordinator** collects membership forms, inputs member's information into a computer database, and usually sends out information about a membership drive and gives a prize to the class with the most members.
- **Volunteer Coordinator** calls members who have already expressed an interest in helping with events, and assists the event coordinators in setting up a volunteer schedule.
- **Legislative Chair** receives legislative information from the state PTA and provides legislative information to the newsletter editor. Help keep people informed.
- **Event Coordinators** form committees with people who have already expressed an interest in helping, and assign tasks to the committee members based on guidelines in the event instruction notebooks. This is for you if you like to organize and meet new people.

We will need volunteers for PTA events and activities. Please donate your time. We need people with various skills to help with lots of different types of activities. Do you like to write, make posters, phone calls? Can you audit financial records? There are lots of things you could do! Contact any board member to offer assistance.

***Upcoming Events:***

***Literacy Night***

***May 28<sup>th</sup>***

***5:30-7:30***

***Book fair: Buy one book, get one free***

***May 28 -***

***May 30***

**Show a Child that you Love and Value School and Education**

Active parental involvement in school and in a child's education shows the child that school and education are important. Maybe the child will be happier to go to school and learn more if they know that the parents think it is important. Maybe the child will want to be more involved in clubs and school activities as they grow older, giving them more learning opportunities outside the actual classroom, in both academics, specific areas of interest, social interaction, and fitness.

Studies have shown that if children are doing "fine" in school, parents tend to be less involved. Doing "fine" in school doesn't create a love of learning. It doesn't encourage the student to do even better. It doesn't show that the family values education, and that education opens doors and helps the student discover new and interesting areas to explore, while looking for what will help them to be happy and succeed later in life.