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Our Featured Keynote – Saturday Dinner Alissa Parker – Safe and Sound Schools

Alissa is a co-founder of Safe and Sound Schools and the mother of Emilie Parker, one of the 20 children who died tragically in the Sandy Hook School Shootings on December 14, 2012. In the wake of the tragedy, Alissa was moved to engage parents in securing the safety of their children in school. She became an active member of the Newtown Public Schools' Safety Committee and has become passionate about school security and safety, traveling, listening and learning in school communities across the United States.

Alissa graduated from Weber State University in her hometown of Ogden, Utah. She is co-founder of The Emilie Parker Art Connection, which supports art programs for kids across the country, and the author of the book *An Unseen Angel, a Memoir of Faith, Hope, and Healing*. Alissa brings a powerful perspective and passion to our foundation. She is devoted to creating a legacy of safety for our nation's children in honor of her beloved Emilie.

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Conference Schedule

(Subject to change)

Saturday, April 27, 2019

6:00 am	- 8:45 am	Hospitality Suite Open
8:00 am	- 5:30 pm	Boutique Open (except during meals)
7:30 am	- 7:00 pm	Conference Registration Open (except during meals)
7:45 am	- 8:15 am	First Timers' Orientation
8:15 am	- 8:45 am	Bylaws Briefing
9:00 am	- 10:45am	General Session #1
10:30am	- 5:00 pm	Voting Polls Open
11:00 am	- 12:15 pm	<i>Workshop Session #1</i>
12:30 pm	- 2:30 pm	Luncheon and Speed Vending
2:30 pm	- 6:30 pm	Exhibitor Showcase
3:00 pm	- 4:00 pm	Hot Topics 1
4:30 pm	- 5:30 pm	Hot Topics 2
7:00 pm	- 9:00 pm	Banquet – Membership and Leadership Awards
9:00 pm	- 11:00 pm	PTA Networking – Hospitality Suite

Sunday, April 28, 2019

6:00 am	- 8:45 am	Hospitality Suite Open
8:00 am	- 11:00 am	Boutique Open (except during meals)
8:00 am	- 11:00 am	Conference Registration Open (except during meals)
8:15 am	- 8:45 am	First Timers' Orientation
8:30 am	- 10:30 am	Voting Polls Open
9:00 am	- 9:45 am	Region Meetings – All Delegates
10:00am	- 11:15 am	<i>Workshop Session #2</i>
11:30 am	- 12:00 pm	Lunch
12:00 pm	- 3:00 pm	General Session #2

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Conference Highlights

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Networking Luncheon and Speed Vending

The first half of this luncheon will focus on “speed vending”: a brief introduction of select vendors who will be featured in the exhibitors’ hall. The second half will feature lunch and networking time with other PTAs in your region.

Exhibitor Showcase

This is a wonderful time to get acquainted with the vast number of resources available to your PTA community through our exhibitors. Program Ideas and fundraising opportunities are highlighted with exciting raffle prizes! Don’t miss this great opportunity to gather new ideas.

Leadership and Membership Awards Banquet

Non-profit board leadership should be just as rewarding as it is challenging. Join your Oregon PTA Board of Directors to honor and celebrate local leaders and the work they’ve done to make PTAs across our state successful.

PTA Networking - Hospitality Suite

Join in on the conversation - what is going on in your PTA? Spend time networking with local unit leaders while enjoying light refreshments in the hospitality suite.

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Teacher Education Scholarship Basket Project

For more than 65 years, Oregon PTA has offered college scholarships to outstanding Oregon students preparing to teach at the Elementary, Intermediate or Secondary school level. These scholarships may be used to attend any state-supported college or university in Oregon in pursuit of a Teaching Degree.

TES Scholarships are funded by contributions, Honorary Life Achievement Award funds and the Teacher Education Scholarship Basket Raffle at Conference. Since 1946, the TES Basket Project has provided over half a million dollars in scholarships for aspiring teachers through the sale of raffle tickets for gift baskets brought to convention. Please help continue this tradition of awarding scholarships to worthy students to help them achieve their dreams of becoming teachers.

Any individual, group, local PTA unit, or PTA council may create a theme basket to donate at conference. The value of each basket should be at least \$25.00 and the more creative your basket, the more fun at conference! Be sure to fill out the form that will be included in the 'Call to Conference' (mailed in March).

During the conference, raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00 or 25 tickets for \$20.00. All of the proceeds go directly into the TES Fund. At the 2018 Conference, funds were raised for six scholarships.

Don't forget to save room in your car for the basket(s) you might win!

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Registration Information

Attending the conference allows PTA members at every level of experience an opportunity to network and to learn to be more effective leaders. It is an opportunity for meeting other leaders from around the state and gathering tools, tips, training and resources for another great year.

All conference attendees must register in advance. Registration will open February 1, 2019. To register for conference, visit www.oregonpta.org and click on the 'Events' tab on the home page. You may register as a unit or as an individual.

2018 Registration Type	Early Bird	After March 15th
Individual	\$150	\$200
Buddy Rate**	\$250	not available
One Day Pass	\$75	\$100
Youth (21 & Under) Pass	\$100	\$150
Non PTA Member Pass	\$200	\$250

Registration includes meals, workshops, networking sessions, exhibitor showcase, and admission to the hospitality suite.

***Buddy rate is only available for any two members registering from the same unit by March 15th.*

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Hotel Accommodations



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Oregon PTA negotiated with the Holiday Inn Portland South – Wilsonville for discounted rates for exhibitors and delegates attending the 2019 conference. Rooms are available with your choice of single or double occupancy at \$119.00* per night. **You must state your affiliation with Oregon PTA to obtain the discounted rate.**

**Our limited number of discounted rooms applies to reservations made prior to April 5, 2019 and may sell out. Reserve your rooms early as rates may be higher after this date.*

**Rate does not include taxes.*



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Conference Workshops

Conference workshops are an excellent opportunity to obtain valuable resources and insight related to the function and effectiveness of your PTA. **All workshops are subject to change.**

Working with Your School Administrators

How to Write A Grant

Creating a Healthy School Culture Together

Emergency Preparedness in Your School and Community – Alyssa Parker Safe Schools

Association Insurance Management (AIM):

Special Education – Navigating the System

Brain Development: Birth to 5 years

PTA Connected: Digital Families

Youth Mental Health

Diversity and Inclusion



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Delegate Information

What is a voting delegate? Am I one?

Voting delegates represent their PTA in the decisions that are made at conference and are the voice of their community.

- Are you an elected officer of your local unit?
- Were you selected by your PTA to attend the annual conference as an official representative of your PTA?
- Are you the only attendee from your PTA?

If you can answer “Yes” to any of these questions, you are considered eligible to be a voting delegate at the annual conference.

Only voting delegates are allowed to debate and vote on official business conducted at the annual conference.

How many voting delegates can my PTA send?

The number of delegates a local unit is entitled for representation at the annual convention is determined by the number of paid members that unit has on record with the Oregon PTA Office as of March 1, 2019. This information may be found in the Local Unit Bylaws, Article XVII: State Conference & Convention, Section 1.



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The following table will help you determine the number of delegates your unit is entitled to:

Membership as of March 1st	Voting Delegates
0-25	2
26-50	3
51-75	4
76-100	5
101-125	6
126-150	7
151-175	8
176-200	9
200+	10

Are you a new PTA/PTSA?

Every new PTA/PTSA (chartered between April 2018 and March 2019) is eligible for one (1) free Conference Registration (with meals). For more information, contact the Oregon PTA Office at 503-234-3928.



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First Timers' Orientation

Saturday, April 27, 7:45 – 8:15 am & Sunday, April 28, 8:15 – 8:45 am

Make Your First Conference a Success! Join other first timers from around the state and learn what to expect at conference and how to best navigate the weekend. Here are some tips to get you started:

- Verify check-in times with the hotel;
- Bring your PTA membership card (if available) and your photo ID;
- Dress comfortably: wear comfortable shoes and dress in layers – facility temperatures can be unpredictable;
- Plan on late nights and early mornings. Refer to the conference schedule on the inside cover of this booklet;
- Spend time with each exhibitor;
- Attend all of the conference activities;
- Make use of the great networking opportunities by talking to as many fellow PTA leaders from across the state as you can. Ask about their successful programs and share your successes as well.



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Attendee Tips

Representing your PTA is a great honor and can also be a lot of fun! Here are some tips to help you make the most of conference.

Pre-Conference Preparation

- Know the needs of your PTA unit. Make a list and shop for ideas and solutions to your concerns.
- Study the Call to Conference packet. It will contain proposed business such as bylaw amendments and resolutions, nominating committee report, etc. Your vote represents your local unit, not you as an individual. Be prepared to make informed choices.
- Bring a basket for TES and some money for the scholarship fundraisers. See page 8 for more details.

Conference Activities

- Arrive on time for all gatherings.
- Wear your name badge at all times.
- Take notes to use in preparing your report to your local unit or council.
- Participate in discussions and voting. Your voice matters! If you don't ask questions, who will?
- Visit the exhibits. You'll be surprised how much valuable information may be gained there. Our exhibitors include fundraisers, nonprofits, and many other resources to make the work of your PTA easier and more successful.
- Be friendly and have fun! Everyone at conference is there for the same purpose. We all believe in helping children and youth. Share and learn from the ideas and concerns that you and the other attendees will have.



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Networking

- Impromptu discussions may yield as many returns as formal presentations.
- Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. The person you haven't spoken to yet may help you the most!

When You Return Home

- Prepare your report while ideas are fresh. Include the business highlights, main points of speeches and workshops, and information about newly elected officers.
- Share the materials you have gathered and the information you have learned with your school principal and PTA community.
- Share your inspiration and enthusiasm for parent-teacher work, along with the resources of information where help may be obtained.
- Implement new ideas from the exhibits and discussions with the exhibitors.
- Stay excited about all of the good work PTAs are doing across Oregon!
- Coordinate new ways of involving more of your local community members in the work of your PTA.



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Conference Registration Scholarships

A scholarship has been established to help local units send delegates to the annual Oregon PTA Leadership Conference. Fourteen (14) \$100 grants are available for 2019. This grant opportunity is for a partially paid registration only. Each grant recipient (local unit) is responsible for the balance of the registration fee (see page 4 for full registration fees).

Rules for Eligibility

1. Units must be in Good Standing to apply for the grant (individuals applying will be advised to submit application through their local unit). For the purposes of this grant, a local Unit in Good Standing is one that has submitted the following to Oregon PTA by March 1, 2019:
 - Current year's officer's list
 - Insurance premium
 - Membership fees
 - Budget
 - Prior fiscal year's audit
 - Prior year-end financial report
2. Only one (1) grant per unit will be awarded.
3. Local units receiving this grant agree to attend all general sessions, two (2) workshops, as well as volunteer at conference if requested.

Please note: grant applications are available online, at www.oregonpta.org, and must be received by March 1, 2019. For more information on grants contact the Oregon PTA Office at 503-234-3928.



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