

## The Spartan Scoop – Skyline High School PTSA

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“Enrich, Enhance, Empower”

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### PTSA News

**Skyline Directories** - Skyline PTSA Directories have been mailed out. It's not too late to become a PTSA member and get your directory. Go to <http://www.skylineptsa.org/join/join2011.html> to join today. Contact [Sandi.Dong@comcast.net](mailto:Sandi.Dong@comcast.net) if you have any questions about membership.

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**See Finding Kind at Skyline** - This documentary has received international recognition as a vehicle for raising awareness of the effects and impact of girl against girl bullying, gossip, exclusion, and downright meanness. You've probably heard about this movie; the young filmmakers, Molly Thompson and Lauren Parsekian, have appeared on many talk shows, given interviews and generated tons of positive publicity and support. Skyline High School & Issaquah

High School have partnered with the PTSAs, the Issaquah PTSA Council, the Issaquah Schools Foundation and ASBs of their respective schools and feeder middle schools (PLMS, BLMS, PCMS, IMS) to host Community Events on the evenings of January 31st and February 1st. These screenings will be held in each high school's theater and will begin at 6:30. After the screenings, filmmakers Lauren Parsekian and Molly Thompson will lead a discussion and question answer session, talk about their experiences with the Kind Campaign.

**Skyline High School – January 31st at 6:30 pm**  
**Issaquah High School – February 1st at 6:30 pm**

**Due to certain language and content, Finding Kind is recommended for students in and above middle school, ages 11 years and up.**

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**General Membership Meeting** – Our next PTSA meeting for members will be Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm at SHS. This will be a very short business meeting before the airing of *Finding Kind*.

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**Service Learning Program** – We will be collecting Community Service Hours for the Service Learning Program during lunch on Monday Jan. 9th in the Commons. Forms can be downloaded from the PTSA website [www.skylineptsa.org](http://www.skylineptsa.org) under Programs/Service Learning or are available in the Career Center. Questions can be directed to Ramona Lawrence [ramonalawrence@comcast.net](mailto:ramonalawrence@comcast.net) or Ann Weingarden [b4wine@comcast.net](mailto:b4wine@comcast.net).

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**PTSA Nominating Committee** – We are looking for people to serve on the Nominating Committee whose job will be to find and recommend candidates for PTSA officers for next school year. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact PTSA co-presidents Carol Stamer [carol.stamer@comcast.net](mailto:carol.stamer@comcast.net) or Deb Smith [pauldebsmith@earthlink.net](mailto:pauldebsmith@earthlink.net).

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**Reflections** – The District-wide Reflections reception and art gallery is 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, at [Pacific Cascade Middle School](#). This year's theme is "Diversity Means..." District finalists moving to the state level will be announced at 7 p.m.

## School News

**IB Alumni Student Panel, hosted by the IB Parents' Group** - IB students (and parents, too): Do you have questions about how the IB Diploma will prepare you for college? On Monday, December 19th at 12:00 p.m., join the IB Parents' Group and Ms. Lund in the Skyline Commons as we hear from last year's IB Diploma class. They will offer their views of the program, pros and cons, and give valuable advice for those who are in the thick of it! Participants will include college students from Stanford, Cambridge, Babson, Carnegie Mellon, Baylor, and Cal Poly. Pizza will be provided. Come and join us!

If you and/or your student plan to attend, please RSVP to Sharon Lawson at [sharon@sharonlawson.com](mailto:sharon@sharonlawson.com).

## District News

**April Bond Issue** - The District is running a school maintenance and construction bond on the April 17, 2012 ballot. Find more information—including the list of projects, the estimated tax impact, and frequently asked questions—visit the [2012 bond webpage](#).

## Scholarship Opportunity

WashBoard.org is partnering with [Scholarship Junkies](#), [NELA](#), and [College Spark Washington](#) to launch the inaugural \$3,000 theWashBoard.org Scholarship Video Contest! Students are invited to create an original video (no longer than 60 seconds) that answers the question, *Why are scholarships important to you?* All high school seniors and current undergraduate college students in Washington state who will enroll in college at least part-time beginning in Fall 2012 are eligible to apply. This contest aims to engage students more actively in their own scholarship search, and as such, they are also allowing group entries (no more than three students per group). Entries must be submitted to [www.thewashboardcontest.org](http://www.thewashboardcontest.org) between Dec. 15th and Jan. 31st; FAQs, the submission form, video tips, and the official rules may all be found on the website.

In addition to their eligibility for the \$3,000 scholarship award, students can also participate in our weekly photo contests by posting a creative, humorous, artistic, profound, etc. photo of them creating their scholarship video on theWashBoard.org's [Facebook page](#). One photo will be selected per week for cool prizes donated by our generous community supporters.

As winter break approaches, we encourage students to take advantage of their free time to think creatively and share their stories. For more on the video contest and photo contests, follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ScholarshipJunkies](http://www.facebook.com/ScholarshipJunkies) and [www.facebook.com/theWashBoardOrg](http://www.facebook.com/theWashBoardOrg).

For more information go to [www.skylineptsa.org](http://www.skylineptsa.org) or contact [Carol Stamper](#) or [Deb Smith](#), Skyline PTSA Co-Presidents