

Genesee Hill News

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Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 17: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 17-21: WSPTA Advocacy Focus Week

Jan. 23: 2-7:30 pm – Dine Out at Lady Jaye

Jan. 25: 3-10 pm – School Nights at The Good Society

Jan. 31: 6:30-8:30 pm – Recognizing, Interrupting and Resolving Microaggressions Workshop from Families of Color Seattle

Jan. 31 – Feb. 4: Black Lives Matter at School Week

Feb. 8: 6:30pm – PTA General Membership Meeting

March 12: Genesee Hill Auction



January Dine Out for Genesee Hill

There are so many delicious ways to join in the January Dine Out for Genesee Hill event! Reserve a patio table and dine in, place a take out order, grab Lady Jaye's special Take and Bake, or purchase a gift card to use at your leisure. 20% of all sales on this day will be donated to the Genesee Hill PTA. For all the details, check out our [blog post](#) or our article below.



Workshop Opportunity!

Learn about Microaggressions

We are delighted to welcome [Families of Color Seattle](#) to present this virtual workshop in which we will learn about microaggressions. Workshop goals include: learning what makes up a microaggression, understanding context for and impact of microaggressions on marginalized communities, talking in developmentally appropriate ways with our children about microaggressions, and finding ways for both adults and children to successfully interrupt

PTA News

The PTA Celebrates Genesee Hill Teachers



Tacos for Teachers

Thank you so much to La Jarochita Food Truck for coming to Genesee Hill the Wednesday before Winter Break to feed our hard-working teachers! And thank you so much to everyone who has donated to and been involved in the PTA; you make endeavors like this possible! Here are some thank yous from teachers:

"Oh, PTA, how we appreciate you. Thank you for giving us this treat of nourishment and connection-it was needed after these challenging few months."

"Thank you so much!!! It was a wonderful surprise full of cheer! Thank you for everything you do to make Genesee Hill a special place to be for students, staff and families, alike. You all rock! It was just what we needed to get us through to the finish line this week feeling appreciated and cared for."

"The tacos were delicious and it was a great time to connect with other teachers. We are always busy and having a chance to slow down and talk was much appreciated. Thank you for all your support."

"Thank you thank you for the thoughtful gesture. The taco truck was delish and sharing food with our staff was much needed. We consider ourselves lucky to have The GH PTA in our corner. Much obliged."

Staff Spotlight

Meet Genesee Hill's PE All Star - Ms. Sealey!

What is your current role at GH?

I am the PE teacher!

What drew you to this type of work?

It took me a few years to figure out which career direction to go after being a competitive athlete until 1992. It was when my father said I could get a job at Boeing like him that I realized money didn't motivate me and I needed a job that I had an emotional connection to. That brought me to teaching! I had worked numerous basketball summer camps and I knew I loved working with kids so... a PE teacher it was!



What is your favorite part of your work?

The pay! (Just kidding.) My favorite part is watching kids grow from K-5 and see them achieve skills and talents they didn't know they had! There is nothing better than seeing a student learn to ride a unicycle after they have said there is NO WAY 😊. And I LOVE seeing every student in the school!

When you're not at GH, how do you spend your time?

When I am away from GH I live part time with my amazing three kids and two dogs! We like to play games, both inside and out! I like to go on walks, play golf and see friends!

Anything else?

I am Canadian. I was a member of the Canadian National Women's Basketball team from 1980-84 and 1990-92. I played in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where we placed fourth, losing to China for the bronze medal. I coached high school basketball for more than 20 years. All my family lives in England and I love to bake! It has been a dream come true to work at GH. Living in the community I work in is wonderful and I have been loved and accepted by all those I come in contact with in West Seattle. The staff and admin at GH is the best I have ever had the pleasure of working with. I feel blessed beyond measure.

Spotlight on WA State PTA Advocacy Focus Week

Would **you** like to advocate for a better education for kids across our state? The best time to do this in 2022 is coming up this month!

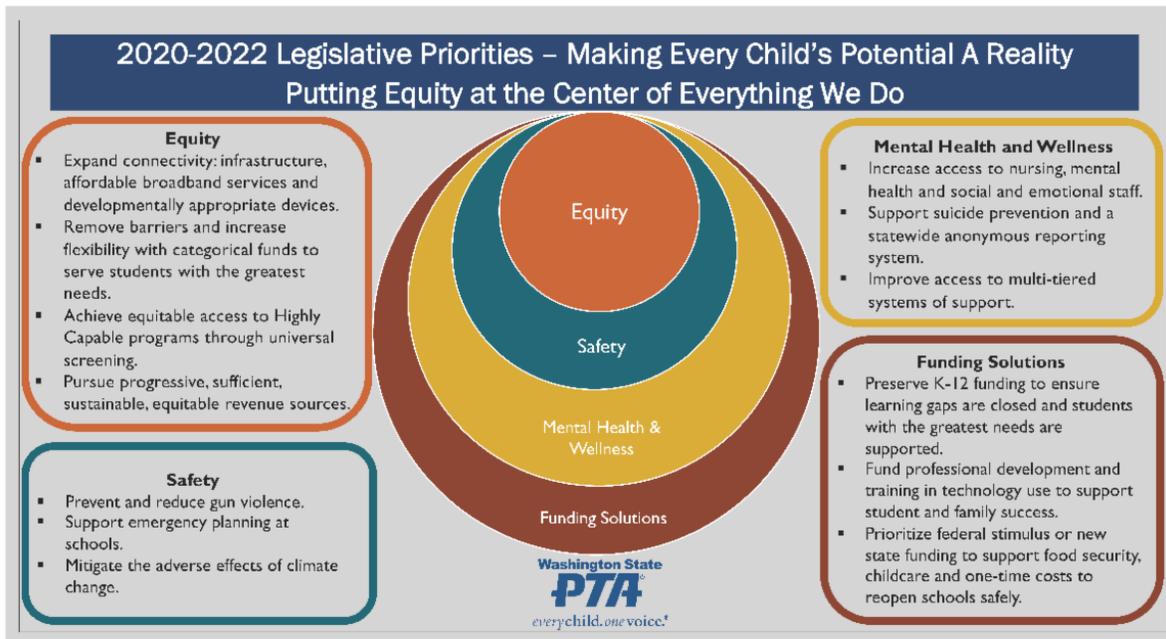
The Washington State legislative session is opening in Olympia and to advocate for the [Top Legislative Priorities](#) Washington State PTAs (like ours!) voted in, we will be having [Washington State PTA Advocacy Focus Day](#) on January 17 and [Advocacy Focus Week](#) from January 17 to 21. During these sessions, advocates will have an opportunity to explain why these priorities matter to them and their PTAs. We want legislators who represent all parts of Washington to hear our voices, data, and stories about why these priorities are so critical. This will ensure that we can have the greatest impact on state legislation that affects Washington schools.

To take advantage of the upcoming awesome opportunities to advocate, this is what you can do.

1. Fill out the [Focus Day Interest Google Form](#) In this form you will sign up to receive alerts about who to send messages to during Focus Week and also notifications about virtual meetings you can join. You do *not* need to be a PTA Board member to sign up. We are District 34 and our Legislators are Sen. Joe Nguyen, Rep. Eileen Cody, and Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon. All Democrats.

2. To stay informed about this upcoming session, subscribe to the Focus on Advocacy newsletter and sign up for [WSPTA Action Alerts](#). To sign up for the Focus on Advocacy newsletter, scroll to the bottom of any WSPTA newsletter you receive, and click on subscriptions, or email support@wastatepta.org. WSPTA also has [Focus on Advocacy Day/Week resources](#), including tips on how to meet with legislators.

Thanks for your interest! Please contact me, Victoria Bhegani at legislativechair@geneseehill.org with any questions or if you want me to be in a meeting with you (I will try!)



Community Question

Why do we have a \$15 membership fee and what is it used for?

The simple answer is we are trying to keep the membership fee as low as possible while adhering to the PTA guidelines.

Below is the breakout of our \$15 annual membership fee.

- \$8.00 WA State PTA
- \$3.50 Seattle Council PTSA
- \$0.75 Transaction fee
- \$2.75 Genesee Hill PTA (helps fund waiving membership fees for those who ask)
- \$15.00 Total**

We have a membership fee waiver policy which is on our [website](#).

The majority of the fee goes to the **WA State PTA**. This funds trainings, larger assemblies, and paid staff who run the office/programs. Every year in October WS PTA has a Legislative Assembly and every two years, at this assembly, [5 Top Legislative Priorities](#) are voted on by delegates from member PTAs across the state. Along with these top 5, we also pass and amend other resolutions.

The Seattle Public School system, including Genesee Hill, benefit from the important

work the WA State PTA performs each year.

The **Seattle Council PTSA** performs regional advocacy. Principals can help identify regional issues to advocate for, as can the Seattle Council PTSA and our Regional representatives from WS PTA. Advocacy can be done to our superintendent, to OSPI, or to the Seattle School Board directors. This could mean writing to them, calling them, or asking them to come to a school meeting. Advocating for school levies, a critical funding source for our system, is one area they work on.

The \$2.75 that goes to **Genesee Hill PTA** primarily supports waiving membership fees for anyone who requests them. Any balance supports our annual budget and programs we fund. And the \$0.75 transaction fee goes to Member Planet, which is the online system we use to maintain membership.

If you have questions or ideas about membership fees, please email membership@geneseehillpta.org.

Updates from Our Fundraising Team

Jan. 23 Dine Out at Lady Jaye

Our January Dine-Out event will feature Lady Jaye in the Alaska Junction on Sunday January 23, from 2pm to 7:30pm (the general store opens at 10am). 20% of all sales on this day will go to Genesee Hill, including takeout orders, dine in, gift cards, drinks and the Lady Jaye special Take and Bake. Lady Jaye makes everything super easy with their excellent online ordering system.

Would you like to dine in? Make sure to book your spot early. There is a heated patio if you don't feel like going inside. The capacity is limited and Lady Jaye does have to turn people away. [Click here to reserve a table](#) and [here to see the menu](#) and order some of their delicious items!

Dine-Out details:

- When: January 23, 2–7:30pm. Includes walk-ins and pickups. Online ordering/reservations strongly recommended.
- Tables can be reserved [here](#).
- **40 Take and Bake meals** feeding up to 4 people will be available for pick-up for \$50 each. [Order meals here](#) starting January 5. There are two options:
 1. Dry Aged Beef & Tomato Ragu Lasagna with Ricotta Cheese, Parmesan Cheese
 2. Garlic Veggie & Tomato Ragu Lasagna with Ricotta Cheese, Parmesan Cheese
- Try their one of a kind, specially made, Genesee Hill special to-go cocktail or one of Lady Jaye's other awesome to-go cocktails with your take-out order.
- The General Store opens at 10am, offering tasty items for your kitchen such as wagyu beef, local prime beef & pork, house rubs, and meat accoutrements. Stop by while you are shopping at the Alaska Junction Farmer's Market.
- Gift cards can be purchased that day with 20% going to the school.

We hope you'll support our school and a local business while enjoying this delectable food. Invite all your friends too!

Join us for the Next "School Night" @ The Good Society, January 25

Support the Genesee Hill PTA by simply enjoying your favorite frosty bev! [The Good](#)

[Society](#) (2701 California Ave SW, Unit A), is offering "School Nights Out" every fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:00-10:00 pm. 25% of revenue above Good Society's normal Tuesday revenue will go to GHE PTA. Join us on January 25!

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