



Thank you to the members who were able to join our October 3 general membership meeting! For those who could not attend, we'd like to share some important dates and information for your boards. Please let us know if you've any questions. See you at our next membership meeting on Monday, November 21!

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Upcoming Events

- **October 15-16: Legislative Assembly** - Hope to see many of you either in-person at Bellevue College or virtually! Here's a peek into the 2022 [Voter's Guide](#). (Presidents - please confirm your delegates by October 12 if you haven't already done so - thanks!)
- **October 17: PTA Connections 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Shoreline Center - Room D-105)** - All board members are invited! We will be welcoming our superintendent, **Dr. Susana Reyes**, and members of the district team - a great time to hear about what's happening on a district level. Connect with fellow PTA leaders in-person and feel free to bring your lunch! Light refreshments will be provided.
- **October 26: The Great PTA Sign-Up Day** - WSPTA is inviting all PTAs statewide to increase new memberships by 5000 in one day! Watch for promotional communications from our state leaders. Learn more about this event [here](#).
- **November 21: Council general membership meeting 7 - 8:30 p.m.** - Mark your calendars!

BE SMART Campaign on Gun Safety

Message from presenter Juliet Scarpa: Many thanks to those folks that were able to make Monday's meeting about the [Be SMART for Kids](#) campaign. Getting the word out about secure firearm storage is at the program's core, and can help keep our children, families, schools and communities safe. As a refresher and for those folks that couldn't attend, below are some easy steps we can all take to keep this important message going:



- 1) **Share the BeSMART message** in your PTA communications. Add www.besmartforkids.org to your websites and resource lists for families. Include images from [this folder](#) to social media and newsletters. The more we share this information, the less stigmatized conversations about safe storage will become.
- 2) **Host a BeSMART presentation** for your Board, General Membership, and/or Parent Education meeting. Local volunteers are trained to give a 20-minute easy to understand presentation for any adult audience. Fill in this [interest form](#) and we'll arrange something!

3) **Help mobilize efforts locally** to get out the BeSMART message - connect with Shoreline School Board, local principals, and other stakeholders to get safe storage information into the hands of as many families as possible. Join us at our next Moms Demand Action meeting (10/12 @ 6pm @ LFP Library - [RSVP here!](#)) and let's discuss the next steps together.

4) **Become a BeSMART presenter!** The presentation is short and easy, and training resources are available. Check out www.besmartforkids.org/trainings for the next virtual training opportunity. Help us spread the word!

5) **Advocate for Common Sense** - If you are a delegate for the upcoming [WSPTA Legislative Assembly](#) during **October 15-16**, please make sure Gun Violence Prevention remains as one of the Top 5 Legislative Priorities for WSPTA.

6) **Vote for Gun Sense** - Find and vote for [gun sense candidates](#) on your ballot by November 8th. <https://gunsensevoter.org/candidates/>

Reach out with questions or comments: Juliet Scarpa (jps1976@gmail.com) or shorelinewamda@gmail.com



Mental Health Committee's NEW Resource List!

Jennifer Cohen, co-chair of our Mental Health Committee, introduced an incredible resource list that her team had recently created. Share this on your social media pages and at your school events!

The list is also on the Council website:

<https://www.shorelinepta.org/resource-list.html>

Many thanks to co-chairs Jennifer and Missy Liu and for the tireless efforts of their team members! Email:

mentalhealth@shorelinepta.org

Holiday Baskets and the WORKS

[The WORKS](#) needs volunteers to sort donations, transport items to Goodwill, organize clothing drives and to help with Wednesday store hours. Our community benefits greatly from the WORKS and we need people to keep it strong. Can you lend a hand? Contact Alison Buss at theworks@shorelinepta.org.



Planning is now underway for this year's **Holiday Baskets** event on December 10 and we're working with a great group of community partners! If you are interested in joining our planning team as a volunteer and/or are a Family Services chair at your PTA who'd like to contribute, please reach us at president@shorelinepta.org.

Join the Council team!

We have great opportunities for involvement, leadership and continued growth as a PTA leader!

- Co-president
- Advocacy
- Membership
- Family Services

Do you know someone who'd like to help? Let us know at president@shorelinepta.org. We are eager to hear from you!



Learning opportunities from our FACE/DEI co-chair, Michelle Harris:

- 1) www.native-land.ca - where non-Indigenous people can be invited and challenged to learn more about the lands they inhabit, the history of those lands, and how to actively be part of a better future going forward together
- 2) www.nativegov.org - an organization led by and for Native people to honor the history of Indigenous peoples' traditions and lands

3) Read an [article](#) by Dr. TJ Stewart (assistant professor of Higher Education and Student Affairs at Iowa State University) on the scope of land acknowledgements to "center labor in knowledge co-construction and framing of class content and topics."