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December, 2014

Mark your calendars Mustangs!

Dec 3-4	Science-To-Go Visit
Dec 5	Last Running Club meeting
Dec 12	Holiday Gift Drive - Unwrapped Gifts Due
Dec 15-Feb 13	Box Top Challenge - Ready, Set, Collect!
Dec 22-Jan 2	No School (Winter Break)
Jan 19	No School (MLK Jr. Holiday)
Jan 27	No School (Teacher Training)
Jan 28	PTSA Meeting
Jan 31	Pancake Breakfast and Book Fair



**READY? GET SET TO COLLECT!
YES, IT'S BACK!**

The 2014-2015 Box Top All School Classroom Challenge

Mid December marks the beginning of the challenge.

The PTA supports so many school activities which we could not do without your help and generosity working with our Freebie Fundraising Team. Thank you!

One of the avenues our team uses is the Box Top program.

It is a great way to help the PTA support our Mustangs!

Each valid Box Top is worth 10¢.

10¢ adds up fast.

Our goal is to bring in 10,000 Box Tops by Feb 13th, 2015

New this year: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place class prizes will be awarded.

Keep your eye out for the **READY? SET... COLLECT!** Flyer coming home in early December with all the details.

Reflections Art Fair • November 20th • The World Would Be a Better Place If...



© Congratulations to all the Mustang Artists for the fantastic artwork submitted to Reflections this year! There were 39 entries covering four out of five categories: Photography, Visual Arts, Literature and Choreography! The theme was "The World Would Be a Better Place If..."

Thank you so much to Heather

Frasz for doing such a great job chairing Reflections this year! Her hard work and commitment to this program truly made a difference! Thank you also to Kristen Jasinski whose experience and many volunteer hours really helped to shape the program this year!

We want to thank our volunteer judges: Mary Rudd, Brad Singley and Steven Heller. They had a difficult time choosing who would move on to the next level from all the great art submitted!

Great job Mustangs!

Fourteen entries will be advancing to the district level!

Photography

Jolan Vu, 5th grade, "we look at things a little closer."

Alexa Budke, 5th grade, "Serenity Rocks"

Visual Arts

Avery Giles, 3rd grade, "there were no bullies."

Lucas Faris, Kindergarten, "Bash Trash"

Jenna Marti, 4th grade, "smile more."

Sara Marti, 1st grade, "if people didn't litter."

Tina Jugart, 5th grade, "A Beautiful Place and a Bad Place"

Jotroop Kalir, 3rd grade, "Simple Daily Acts"

Rutger Youch, 5th grade, Visual Arts, "candy was a vegetable."

Jimin Sophia Lee, 1st grade, "A Beautiful World"

Literature

Nick Plattin, 5th grade, Literature, "The World Would Be a Better Place If..."

Lief Osburn, 1st grade, Literature, "Electric Cars"

Sophie Miele, 2nd grade, "helping friends is better."

Choreography

Shea Deskins, grade 5, "there were no bullies."

Holiday Gift Drive • November 20th - December 12th

The PTSA Holiday Gift Drive began last month during conference week (November 20th - 26th). The drive supports Hazelwood families in need. Look for gift tags including the holiday needs and wishes for Hazelwood children in the main lobby display case. The process is simple: take a tag, purchase the item(s) on the tag, and return them unwrapped by **December 12th** to the donation box in the lobby. Safeway or Target gift card donations are also welcome. The PTSA Community Service Committee will do the rest! If you or your business are interested in sponsoring an individual or family this holiday season, please email communityservice@hazelwoodptsa.org. If your child could benefit from the gift drive program, please contact Denise Dewalt, guidance counselor, at (425) 204-4564 or denise.dewalt@rentonschools.us. All requests are confidential.

Save the Date! Breakfast and Books • January 31, 2015



PTSA will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast and Book Fair on Saturday, January 31st from 8:00 to 11:00 am. In addition to enjoying a tasty breakfast of sausage, fruit, and all you can eat pancakes, join us in supporting our "Under the Sed" Scholastic Book Fair. The proceeds of the book fair go directly to our Hazelwood Library and Teachers. More details are coming home in the next few weeks. In the meantime, mark this fun and exciting event on your 2015 calendars!

Questions? Pancake Breakfast Chair: pancakebreakfast@hazelwoodptsa.org

Book Fair Chair: bookfair@hazelwoodptsa.org

Thank You! • Thank You! • Thank You! • Thank You! • Thank You!

Our Mustangs are now sporting their new Spirit Wear T-shirts and sweatshirts! Thank you to committee chairs Cindy Bovey and Danika Claudson for their time and organization in coordinating such a successful Mustang Clothing sale!



The Hazelwood garden is now ready for winter! Many thanks to the work party volunteers who helped to harvest the last of the crops and prepare the beds for winter. This year, we grew peas, lettuce, radishes, strawberries, corn, beans, potatoes, artichokes, to name a few! The Hazelwood School Garden has been in operation for two harvest seasons now. PTSA supports this program with both funding and volunteers. Volunteers work with classes in the garden and care for the garden in the summer. For more information, visit <http://hazelwoodptsa.org/pts-a-programs/hazelwood-garden/>.

A reminder to all Hazelwood visitors and volunteers to sign in and out at the front office. Please also wear a visitor or volunteer badge so that you can easily be identified. This is to ensure the safety of all our Mustang students and staff, as well as your safety while you are in the building. Thank you for your cooperation!

The Power of the PTSA ... see what we've accomplished last month!

- Funded over \$12,000 in direct grants to the school for classrooms, equipment, field trips and more!
- Coordinated volunteers for the School Garden fall work party, preparing the garden for the winter.
- PTSA Executive Team met with staff to hear their ideas for how PTSA could best support them.
- Awarded Fun Run prizes to individual and grade level winners, including 6 ice cream float parties!
- Held the November PTSA meeting with guest Wendy Kirchner, Newcastle Community Activities Liaison.
- Organized and held the Reflections Art Fair, with 14 students advancing to the state level.
- Kicked off the Holiday Gift Drive to provide gifts and gift cards for Hazelwood families in need.
- Provided dinner for staff on the evening of late-day conferences.
- Provided coffee and breakfast treats in the staff lounge the Friday morning of conferences.
- Stocked the staff lounge with paper goods, snacks, and goodies.
- Coordinated and funded the Pacific Science Center Science-To-Go program for all K-5 students.

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