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Calling All Moms and Dads! (Grandparents too!) We Need You!

Did your child attend a PTSA event that was so much fun they can't wait to go again next year? Are they still talking about the Fun Run? Harvest Carnival? Pancake Breakfast and Book Fair?



These are all events that are managed by PTSA volunteers. Many of those volunteers are leaving Hazelwood for middle school. Many of them left last year. If we are going to continue our Hazelwood traditions, we need people, like you, to help out. Please consider chairing an event for the 2015/16 school year. We have binders full of information to help you succeed as well as a supportive Executive Board and PTSA community. This year's chairs are available to answer any questions before the end of the year.

For a full list of events, please go to our website www.hazelwoodptsa.org. Contact Leah Battin at President@hazelwoodptsa.org with any questions.

Mark your calendars Mustangs!

Feb 27	Chess Club Session 2 Begins
Feb 27	Family Fitness Fridays Winter Session Begins
Mar 7	Special Needs Resource Fair
Mar 10	School Photos
Mar 17	PTSA Meeting
Mar 20 - Apr 3	Yearbooks on Sale
Mar 28	Ice Skating Party
Apr 6 - 10	No School (Spring Break)
Apr 17	Talent Show
Apr 16	Getting Ready for Kindergarten Event
Apr 21	PTSA Meeting

Save the Date!



Hazelwood Ice Skating Party
Saturday, March 28th
6:15pm - 8:15pm
Sno-King Ice Arenas in Renton

\$10 per skater, this includes skates (kids under 5 are free). Plus Hazelwood PTSA receives 50% of the proceeds!

Hazelwood's Got Talent! • April 17th

Our school Talent & Variety show is back and set for Friday, April 17th. Flyers went home in Kid Mail with details about the show and the type of performances we would love to see. Tryout dates have also been publicized. Pick a time/date that works for your student(s) and we look forward to seeing them there.

We are also in need of parent volunteers for the Talent & Variety Show. The volunteer opportunities can range from "behind the scenes" help to supervising rehearsals. Please email Nakisa Salashoor and Audrie Starsy at Talentshow@hazelwoodptsa.org with any questions or if you'd like to help with this event.

The Highline Special Needs PTA, with support of Auburn and Federal Way Special Education PTA's, and Kent and Tahoma Special Education Committees, is holding its Second Annual Special Needs Resource Fair on Saturday, March 7th, from 10am to 1pm at Marvista Elementary in Normandy Park. Local therapists, support groups, health care providers and other resources will be present to provide students, families and educators of special needs students with resources in South King County. For more information, visit <http://hsnpta.org/>.

Hazelwood PTSA Recognition Awards and Scholarship

Hazelwood PTSA is now accepting nominations for the "Golden Acorn," "Outstanding Educator," and "Outstanding Advocate" local unit PTSA awards. The awards recognize individuals who have provided outstanding volunteer service, outstanding educational opportunities, and outstanding advocacy work on behalf of children and youth. Nominations are due **no later than May 1st, 2015**.

Hazelwood PTSA will also award a \$1000 scholarship to each of two Hazelwood Elementary School alumni who are graduating from high school this spring. The scholarship is applied toward the winners' first year tuition at any accredited college or university. Applications are due **no later than April 17th, 2015**.

Forms are available at www.hazelwoodptsa.org/awardsscholarships/ and outside the main office. For questions, contact the Awards/Scholarship Committee at Awards@hazelwoodptsa.org.

Thank You for coming to the Hazelwood Book Fair & Pancake Breakfast



What a fantastic turn out! Thank you to everyone who stopped by. Over 650 books were purchased with 184 being donated to our teachers' classrooms!

**A really BIG thank you goes out to our volunteers!
Without their help we could not have done it!**

Special thanks to our 5th graders (Lainey & Caroline) who helped out with our "guest stars" and our spectacular emcee Jolene Gensheimer!

Our annual Pancake Breakfast was a great success. Thanks to all our volunteers that helped with every aspect of putting on this breakfast! An extra special thanks to our fabulous staff who took time out of their busy weekend to greet our families and serve up some pancakes! Our kids loved seeing Mrs. Luecke (with special guest Mr. Luecke), Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Smajic, Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Nielsen, Ms. Franco, Ms. Strong and Mrs. Naylor there, and the PTSA appreciates your support! Also, thanks to Coal Creek Starbucks, Hawks Landing Starbucks and 44th Street McDonalds for their generous donations. Please show your appreciation by frequenting these local businesses. Hope you enjoyed yourselves and will come back again next year!

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

- Hosted an Hour with the Principal at the January PTSA General Membership meeting.
- Coordinated the GameTime Fundraiser with Super Bowl XLIX programs available for purchase.
- Organized the Pancake Breakfast with all you can eat pancakes and lots of family fun!
- Held the "Under the Sea" Book Fair with visits from Clifford the Big Red Dog and Geronimo Stilton!
- Purchased over 70 books for Hazelwood classrooms.
- Continued the All School Classroom Box Tops Content with a goal of 10,000 Box Tops!
- Attended school staff meeting to hear ideas on spending PTSA money raised through fundraising.
- Organized volunteers to help with lunch in classrooms during the Jump Rope for Heart event.
- Worked with afterschool Academic Enrichment program participants to complete a vendor satisfaction survey.
- Hosted 4th grade Bus Buddies luncheon to recognize their work helping Kinders get to their buses.
- Coordinated the second session of Chess Club on late-start Fridays.
- Kicked off the winter session of Family Fitness Fridays with the YMCA.
- Used 25,000 Labels for Education to purchase PE and playground supplies.

Your Hazelwood Executive PTSA Board Members

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