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October, 2015

Mark your calendars Mustangs!

Oct 8	Fun Run
Oct 9	No School (Teacher Training)
Oct 14	RSD Board Meeting
Oct 20	PTSA Meeting
Oct 22	Fall Photos
Oct 28	Hearing & Vision Screening
Oct 30	Harvest Carnival
Nov 6	No School (Teacher Training)
Nov 11	No School (Veterans Day)
Nov 17	Reflections Projects Due
Nov 17	PTSA Meeting
Nov 19 - 25	Conferences
Nov 26 - 27	No School (Thanksgiving)

Ready, Set, Run was...FUN!

Thank you to the volunteers, staff, and spectators who joined us on October 8th to make this year's Fun Run a truly memorable event for our students.

Volunteers distributed T-shirts, prepped snacks, set up the field, tracked laps, and more. We even had a special guest. Blitz took time out from Seahawks practice to cheer on our runners.

A special thank you to our students, who showed their very best Mustang spirit and effort! Results are being tallied. Individual and class winners will be announced soon.

Thank you also to our event sponsors:



The Fun Run is PTSA's fall fundraiser. **It's not too late to turn in your pledges!** You can use the paper pledge sheet that went home in Kid Mail or visit <https://pledgestar.com/hazelwood/> to donate online. For more information, visit the PTSA website or email funrun@hazelwoodptsa.org.

Every dollar raised = more money for our school!



Harvest Carnival • October 30th

Save the date for this year's Harvest Carnival on Friday, October 30th starting at 6:00pm in the Hazelwood Elementary Commons.

Highlights include:

- Dance with DJ from Star 101.5
- Carnival games
- Frank's Franks Hot Dog cart
- Pumpkin decorating
- Plus, the return of the Mustang-favorite Goody Graveyard!

More exciting details to come. Email Jocelyn Smith at harvest@hazelwoodptsa.org to join the fun and help PTSA plan this exciting family event.

Thank You Hazelwood Community!

Many thanks to the Hazelwood community for your generosity in supporting our school. The staff dinner on Curriculum Night was a wonderful success thanks to all the drinks, salads, desserts, and paper goods donated. The Food Drive was also an overwhelming success! Over 700 food items and toiletries were collected for our party! Thank you everyone!

Running Club

The Mustang Running Club is up and running for the 2015/16 school year! We've been having a great time each late start Friday morning with Jaime Greene from Coal Creek YMCA. We are looking forward to running the Seahawks 5K in the spring. A reminder that Running Club starts at 9:15am. Please check your child with a PTSA volunteer upon arrival to make sure we have emergency contact information on file. Running Club is offered FREE for the entire family, courtesy of PTSA. For questions, contact Megan Allison at running@hazelwoodpts.org.

Reflections at Hazelwood • November 17th

Time to get your creative and artistic juices flowing! Let your child know that the submissions for this year's Reflections are due on Tuesday, November 17th. The theme this year is *Let Your Imagination Fly*.



Reflections is a National PTA and Washington PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Students can submit entries in any of six different art areas. Participation is organized by student age and grade levels.

More detailed information is available at <http://www.wastatepta.org/Programs/reflections/index.html> and will be coming home soon in Kid Mail. For questions, contact Kari Marti and Shellee Flint at reflections@hazelwoodpts.org.

Multicultural Festival • December 10th

Save the date for this exciting NEW family event! The Hazelwood Multicultural Festival will be held on Thursday, December 10th in the Hazelwood Commons. Look forward to a night of live entertainment and activities celebrating the many cultures in our community.

Have some great ideas and want to be part of the fun? Email Jason Aqui at multicultural@hazelwoodpts.org to let us know you'd like to help PTSA plan this event.

Save the Date!

For the PTSA Biennial Spring Fundraiser - our 2015/2016 Auction
Friday, March 25th
Newcastle Golf Club

Don't Forget to Join PTSA for 2015/2016

Had fun at the Fun Run? The success of these events depends on your support! Hazelwood PTSA is a non-profit run entirely by volunteers. Memberships help cover our operating expenses so that money raised can go directly to the school. More members = more \$ for our school!

Membership is \$15 per person or \$25 for two (does not need to be from the same household). Download a paper form from the PTSA website (PTSA Info > Forms) or take advantage of the NEW online registration at <https://www.pt-avenue.com/join/>.

Online registration is convenient and easy:

- Select Washington from the pull-down menu.
- Select Renton School District.
- Select Hazelwood PTA.
- Follow the prompts to register and pay!

(Note: Only the \$15 per person option is available online at this time. There is a \$1 processing fee.)

Corporate Match = Free Money

Did you donate for the Fun Run? Don't forget about corporate matching! Matching gifts are free money when you are already making a donation.

Many local companies provide matching gift programs to extend their philanthropy through their employees' charitable giving. A sampling of local companies includes Expedia, Boeing, Microsoft, Starbucks, and Verizon. Find a list of companies at http://nnev.org/downloads/Other/Matching_gifts_companies.pdf. Review your company's HR website to make sure you meet the minimum dollar requirements (typically \$25) and follow the appropriate procedures.

For questions or to check on a donation, email Melissa Roellich at corporatematching@hazelwoodptsa.org.

PTSA Chairs Needed



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Every Child. One Voice

PTSA is still in need of chairs for the following committees. No experience is needed, and we have resources and a system in place to support you. Grab a friend and co-chair; the more folks involved, the more fun it is for everyone! Keep in mind these events and program won't happen without chairs.

Book Fair

PTSA holds an annual themed Scholastic Book Fair every winter. It's scheduled for Saturday, January 30th and brings in thousands of Scholastic dollars for our school. The committee works with our Scholastic rep to plan, set up, display, and clean up the fair. Email VP Tiffany Daraja at vptiffany@hazelwoodptsa.org to learn more.

Pancake Breakfast

Teachers and parents flip pancakes and serve a terrific breakfast to the community. Held with the Book Fair, it's scheduled for Saturday, January 30th. The committee plans and executes this long-standing Hazelwood tradition. Email VP Tiffany Daraja at vptiffany@hazelwoodptsa.org to learn more.

Yearbook

PTSA records all of the fun events and precious moments of our children's school year. We need volunteer photographers for classroom and school event photos. This committee works together to gather all of the material and uses a simple online program to put the book together in time for the end of the year! Email VP Audrie Starsy at vpaudrie@hazelwoodptsa.org to learn more.

New Freebie Fundraiser: Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a wonderful program which gives 0.5% of purchase amount back to our school! Please take 2 minutes (literally) to allow Amazon to "smile" on our school when you make purchases during the upcoming holiday season and beyond!

Hazelwood Elementary PTSA is a non-profit organization, and it takes just a moment to designate us as your charity. Then, go ahead and make your purchases through smile.amazon.com with the same millions of products available as regular Amazon. Questions? Email Heidi Johnston at freebie@hazelwoodptsa.org.

And don't forget that collecting Box Tops for Education is another big freebie fundraiser for our school. PTSA holds an annual classroom competition each winter, but don't wait! Please send into school any Box Tops that are expiring *before* 3/1/2016 or we could lose out on this free money.

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