



Hazelwood Elementary PTSA

7100 116th Avenue SE, Newcastle Washington 98056
<http://hazelwoodptsa.org>

2020-21 Donation - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why am I being asked to donate?

We have a challenging year ahead of us. The PTSA needs to raise money in order to provide continuity of support not just this year, but in the next.

We need funding to support our children's education and this is the most straightforward way to raise funds. Our PTSA is an organization that is majority funded by parents' donations. Limited public funds support core curriculum and district wide projects. Your donations support numerous school-wide academic enrichment programs and community building events.

How do I donate?

Donations are made at: <http://hazelwoodptsa.org/flat-donation-for-hazelwood-ptsa/>

If donating by check, please make your check payable to: **Hazelwood Elementary PTSA**
Checks may be mailed to:

Hazelwood Elementary PTSA
7100 116th Ave SE
Newcastle, WA 98056

What if I cannot afford to donate?

We understand and that is absolutely okay. Donating your time and/or input are just as valuable. Join the PTSA and be an active participant. We would love to hear from you! Please reach out if you would like to become a member but are facing economic hardships.

What does my donation fund?

PTSA spent ~\$175 per child last year. The PTSA funds a wide variety of programs for Hazelwood Elementary including grants for software licenses, such as i-Ready, purchasing supplies and equipment, supporting Community Events... and much more!

Already this year PTSA provided funds for i-Ready, Mystery Science, SeeSaw, take-home books, and reimbursement for academic materials.

What is the PTSA's projected budget shortfall?

Historically, the Fall Fun Run provided approximately \$34,000 in income to fund PTSA. This estimate was used in allocating the 2020-21 PTSA budget. Without this fundraiser we have a \$34,000 deficit.

What happens if PTSA cannot raise enough funds?

PTSA will need to make difficult choices to cut programs to ensure the financial health of the organization.

Will my child still get a Fun-Run t-shirt?

We hope so. PTSA values the school community building that the shirts provide among the children. Current plans are for PTSA to provide each Hazelwood child a Hazelwood t-shirt that will be associated with an event in the spring. However, this is all dependent on funding.

Is PTSA eligible for corporate matching contributions?

Absolutely! We rely on getting as many matched donations as possible. If your company offers a charitable matching program, please submit the request at your place of employment so that we can receive the match. If you aren't sure if your company has a matching program, ask your human resource department. Here are a few local companies that have charitable matching programs:

Alaska Airlines	Hulu	Safeco
Boeing	Microsoft	Starbucks
Costco	Nintendo	Symetra Financial
Expedia	Nordstrom	T-Mobile
FedEx	REI	Wells Fargo

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes! Hazelwood Elementary PTSA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Tax ID/EIN for Hazelwood PTA is 91-1188820.

My child is in the 5th grade. Why should I still donate to this drive?

Our school community has always operated on a “pay it forward” philosophy that has worked with much success. All children’s early years at Hazelwood Elementary were supported by generous donations of families that have come before us. Especially if your child has been at Hazelwood Elementary for the past few years, we hope that you will consider this your parting gift of gratitude for the experience your family has had at this amazing school.

What can I do if I have questions or suggestions on budgeting priorities?

PTSA welcomes all comments, suggestions, and questions. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend PTSA General Meetings. If you have additional questions or feedback, please e-mail Board@hazelwoodptsa.org.

Is it better to donate money or an item?

While it may not provide the same emotional response as providing a physical item, money donations have advantages. Because we are a 501(3)(c) you are able to double your contribution if your employer has a donation match program. In addition, we are able to take advantage of bulk and district pricing thereby stretching your donated dollars to get more bang for your buck and more support to the children. This is similar to the district’s school supply program, where yearly school supplies are purchased for \$30 (\$5 this year) – a fraction of the market price. Any donation makes a difference!

Why do I need to support the PTSA?

Your donations, big or small, will be directly invested to our Hazelwood children. You not only donate, but also invest in our children’s future.