



# THE EAGLE'S NEST

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*"Making a Difference"*

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## NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy April and Spring Everyone,

I hope everyone is finding a little "Spring" in their step. March was our science and math month with the Science Fair, Science Center Van and Family Math night. Congratulations to all our student scientists and their wonderful projects. I learned that regular Kirkland batteries are better than the more expensive brands and that not all pop products spray the same amount when you shake them. Thank you to all the Science Experts that came out and showed our students all the interesting and gooey hands-on projects. It was great to see all those rockets being launched over the fence into the soccer field. We also had Family Math Night on the 26<sup>th</sup> which was a lot of fun and a great success. If you weren't able to make it this year be sure and put it on your calendar for next year. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The Auction is coming and we are all very excited. Many wonderful things are planned and it's all because of the amazing commitment and diligence from our Auction Chairs and their team. The monies raised from this auction will be used for all the PTA programs, events and classroom enrichment for the next **two years**. That is why it is so important for all of us to get involved. There are many ways we can all help; procuring items, helping to create classroom projects, volunteering on the auction team, and attending the auction, to name a few, all benefit our students. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask our Auction Co-Chairs, Lisa DeVogel and Kelly Applegate.

Looking forward to April we have Spring Break the 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Then the WASL for grades 3, 4, and 5 will begin on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please remember all those important tips for preparing your students, healthy breakfast and a good nights' rest. The PTA Third General Membership Meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the school Library we will be discussing Budget issues for the 2009-2010 school year and electing the Executive Board. The Kindergarten Musical is on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Have a great April, and hopefully all those April showers will bring our May flowers.

See you in the halls,

*Jennie Wildermuth*

*Maple Hills PTA President*



## CONGRATULATIONS ACORN AWARD RECIPIENTS!

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Joan Friel is a 7 year member of the Maple Hills PTA. She has been on the Board of Directors for 3 years – 1 as Secretary and 2 as Treasurer. Over the years she has helped on numerous committees and worked at most of our PTA events. When Joan is not working on PTA things, she is volunteering weekly in her child's classroom. She has also gone on numerous fieldtrips as a chaperone. Outside of the school community Joan is a Girl Scout leader and very involved in her church.

Dawn Peschek is a 2 year member of the Maple Hills PTA. She has been on the Board of Directors for 2 years as the Legislative Representative. Even though her oldest child is only in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Dawn has worked on several committees as well as chairing a few. She has also volunteered at most of our PTA events. Between her PTA commitments Dawn volunteers weekly in her child's classroom and chaperones many fieldtrips. Outside the school community she is a Girl Scout leader and on the Maple Hills Community Board of Directors.

## APRIL VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

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*Congratulations to our April Volunteers of the Month:*

***Laurae Briggs and Nancy Gunderson***

Hip, Hip, Hooray to Laurae Briggs and Nancy Gunderson for organizing this year's Science Fair! The Science Fair was a huge success thanks to their efforts. Thank you, Nancy and Laurae, for giving your time and energy so that we could enjoy a fun night of learning together.

*Do you know someone that's given extraordinary service to Maple Hills through advocacy, education and volunteering?*

*We welcome your nomination for this award. Nomination forms are available in front of the office,  
or e-mail Leslie Waltzer at [Waltzer LA1@aol.com](mailto:Waltzer LA1@aol.com)*

## SCIENCE FAIR THANK YOU!

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**T**he Science Fair was fantastic fun once again! We saw many creative and well-thought out student investigations and had a blast visiting with the guest scientists at the Fair. This event is successful only with many helping hands and we would like to extend our thanks to the parents who helped with setting up tables, the parent 'scientists' who chatted with the students about their projects, those who were able to help out the night of the fair, and also with the certificates for the kids. Most of all we would like to thank the parents who helped their kids with ideas and encouragement or even assembling the boards late at night! This is a great learning experience that your kids will long remember.

Science Fair Co-chairs,  
Laurae and Nancy

## AUCTION NEWS!

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Only 10 more weeks until our school Auction – Education – A World of Possibilities! Save the date if you haven't already – May 30, 2009. Invitations will be coming home in three weeks, so keep an eye out!

Special thanks to the Auction Team for all the hard work that is being done! Everyone has been working very hard and it shows. Please continue to procure and send in your auction donations. If your items are not yet ready, please send in your form with a detailed description as soon as you can so we can continue to stay on top of the game. The deadline for procurement descriptions is April 4, 2009. Please do your best to get them in by this date or sooner. Thank you to everyone for the procurement items that have been received to date. We have received some great items so please get psyched for Auction night!



Education: A World of Possibilities

Kelly & Lisa  
Auction Co-Chairs

## GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP NEWS

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Dear Parents:

Thank you, Thank you! We had a wonderful turnout for our March 18 Clean Up Day.

We had enough adults to supervise the kids who wanted to work in the garden during recess, and they turned out in "hoards"! Did I mention it was a beautiful sunny day?

Special thanks to the following volunteers:

Fred Langley	Kathleen Curdi
Trish Quam	Even Schalkle (our loyal kindergarten gardener)
Cheri Murch	
Tanya Schneider	
Lynn Mack	

Please don't forget our next date on Wednesday April 22 from 9:00 to 1:30pm!!

*Cathy Schalkle*  
*April Stevens*



BEAVER LAKE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

## PARENT EDUCATION

Body Image and Eating  
Disorders**Date:**Thursday, May 21st,  
2009**Time:**

6:30 pm — 8:00 pm

**Location:**Beaver Lake Middle  
School LibraryFebruary 22-28 is (NED) National Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2009  
<http://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org/>

Erin will assist parents in this evening session with describing signs and symptoms of eating disorders and how the media influences our perception of body image. Body image and eating disorders affect both girls and boys for a majority of different reasons. Erin will identify ways of being a model of having a healthy self-esteem and body image by choosing how to speak with respect and appreciation. With this knowledge and awareness, it is a goal to reduce the stigma associated with body image and recognize the pressures, attitudes and behaviors that shape the eating disorders. Resources will be available at this presentation to assist parents with access to information and treatment.

The ISD welcomes guest speaker: *Erin Gist*, a Mental Health Clinician with Sound Mental Health - School Based Services. Erin will share her personal story and experience surrounding her sister Kristin's Eating Disorder. Erin is a past student of Pine Lake & Beaver Lake Middle Schools, and graduated from Issaquah High. Erin furthered her education at Central Washington University receiving her degree in Community Health, specializing in Health Education and went on to receive her Master's in Counseling Psychology from Argosy University. Erin currently lectures at BLMS to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in their health classes.

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**YEARBOOKS!**

**ARE YOU SURE YOU ORDERED ONE THIS YEAR?**

**PLEASE DOUBLE-CHECK AND MAKE SURE!**

We have had some parents call or email to check if they had already ordered a yearbook – and they were surprised to find that they did not!

Some parents thought they had ordered a yearbook in the Fall, with the first day of school packets, HOWEVER, this year we did not send out the order forms at the beginning of the year, and waited until February to do so.

If you are not sure – please email Dawn Peschek at [dawndiamond@comcast.net](mailto:dawndiamond@comcast.net) or call 425.277.2770 and we can double check our order list for you.

*The yearbook order deadline is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

In the past they have had a color cover and then black and white photos inside – but something NEW you may not have noticed on the flyer is that *for the first time – this year – the Year-books will be printed in FULL COLOR INSIDE AND OUT!!!* And the best news is that the yearbooks are being offered at the **low price of \$14.00** each!

There are great photos of the kids in the classroom and many of the wonderful activities that have gone on all year long. A yearbook is a great way to preserve these memories. It is sure fun to look back when you get older and see what you were up to “back in the day”!

If you are interested in ordering a yearbook, send in your envelope and payment or pickup an order form outside the office door and pay your \$14.00 by April 3, 2009.

Dear Maple Hills Parents,

With only 27 days left in the legislative session, we can't let up.

Two education reform proposals, Senate Bill 6048 and House Bill 2261, are moving through the legislative process. Both chambers passed their respective bills, so now the Senate will consider HB 2261, and vice versa.

We believe the success of education reform efforts this year depends on the Senate. Nine freshman lawmakers, led by Rep. Marcie Maxwell, sent a timely letter to Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown and Senator Rosemary McAuliffe, Chair of the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee, urging them to pass HB 2261.

Of the two education reform bills, we believe the House proposal, HB 2261, is the stronger measure because it would:

- Redefine basic education to include what our children need to succeed in school, college, job training, and life;
- Improve academic achievement by including early learning for at-risk children, all-day kindergarten, and support for struggling students in the program of basic education; and
- Add more instructional time to give students the opportunity to take additional courses so they graduate ready for college, job training and the workforce.

In March, Gov. Chris Gregoire said she would not sign an "education bill that puts in a new definition of education without the funds to pay for it."

In fact, HB 2261 would not impose new burdens on our schools now. It would phase in reforms over time beginning in 2011. The bill would fund the changes by dedicating a portion of the state's growth in revenue to basic education.

Take a minute to help public school children.

You can send our lawmakers in Olympia a loud and clear message that now is the time to update the definition of basic education this legislative session.

Please take one minute to sign this petition online in support of children and schools.

You can go online to:

[www.gopetition.com/petitions/wakidscantwait.html](http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/wakidscantwait.html)

Thank you for your support,

*Dawn Peschek*

*Maple Hills Legislative Representative*



## Looking to become more involved at school but don't know where your skills would fit in?

- Are you enthusiastic about our school and our students?
- Do you have good people skills?
- Are you a PTA member ready to be more involved with the decisions being made for our children?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Maple Hills PTA Board is the place for you!

The Maple Hills nominating committee is looking for people who are willing to give some of their time and effort to run our PTA smoothly and efficiently. This is a great job - - working for your kids to make their school experience the best it can be! Now is your opportunity to become an active part of the team of parents who guide our outstanding PTA throughout the year.

Executive Committee and Special Director Positions for the 2009-2010 school year are open to all current PTA members. These positions are:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer  
Director of One-Time Events, Director of Ongoing Events,  
Director of Volunteers, Director of Membership,  
and Director of Ways and Means.

All positions except Secretary and Treasurer can be held by two people working together.

On the back of this flyer is a nomination form and attached you will find a brief job description for each position as well as the approximate time commitment of the position. Nominations may be e-mailed to Rebecca at [rebeccajc@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccajc@comcast.net) or returned to us via the office in an envelope marked "PTA Nominating Committee".

Thank you,

*Maple Hills PTA Nominating Committee*

*Rebecca Carter, Kim George & Kelly Cain*

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_.

- For the office of;
- President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Director of Volunteers
  - Director of Membership
  - Director of Ways-n-Means
  - Director of One Time Events
  - Director of Ongoing Events

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- For the office of;
- President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Director of Volunteers
  - Director of Membership
  - Director of Ways-n-Means
  - Director of One Time Events
  - Director of Ongoing Events

You may nominate yourself or another PTA member.  
Please feel free to make as nominations as you wish.

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## **Overview of Job descriptions**

(With approximate total time commitment per week or month)

**President:** Oversee and communicate regularly with School Administration, Executive Board & Board of Directors all information that is pertinent to PTA programs. Liaison between the Board and 8 committee chairs whose positions are related to PTA activities. Preside at all PTA meetings. (5-20 hrs a week)

**Vice-President:** Should work jointly with the President and be able to run the PTA in absence of the President. Liaison between the Board and 5 committee chairs whose positions are related to PTA activities. (1-5 hrs a week)

**Secretary:** Take, publish & distribute minutes of all PTA meetings. Send reminders to board in regards to upcoming meetings. Handle official correspondence at the direction of the executive committee. (3-10 hrs a month)

**Treasurer:** Keep all financial records in order. Prepare a monthly & year end financial report. File all tax forms and registrations. Promptly pay invoices and collect/deposit all funds. You will have to go to the school 1-3 times a week to collect & distribute checks. (3-5 hrs a week)

**Director of Volunteers:** In the fall gather, update & distribute the data base of individuals who have volunteered to assist with PTA programs. Liaison between the Board and the 6 committee chairs whose positions are related to volunteer activities. Attend monthly board meeting. (2-5 hrs a week in Sept., 2-3 hrs a month remainder of year)

**Director of Membership:** In the fall/winter lead a membership drive. Handle all aspects of entering and maintaining data base of membership as well as filing state required form once we achieve 100% membership. Liaison between the Board and the 5 committee chairs whose positions are related to membership activities. Attend monthly board meeting. This position is great to share with a friend. (1-3 hrs a week in the fall, 2-3 hrs a month Jan-June)

**Director of One Time Events:** Liaison between the Board and the 12 committee chairs whose positions are related to PTA events that occur once a year. Attend monthly board meeting. (2-3 hrs a month)

**Director of On Going Events:** Liaison between the Board and the 7 committee chairs whose positions are related to PTA events that occur regularly throughout the year. Attend monthly board meeting. (2-3 hrs a month)

**Director of Ways-n-Means:** Liaison between the Board and the 5 committee chairs whose positions are related to PTA fundraising events. Manage passive fundraising items such as eScripts, Albertsons & PACE. Attend monthly board meeting. (2-4 hrs a month)



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The deadline for the  
**May 2009 Eagle's Nest** is :  
**Wednesday, April 15th.**

Please e-mail submissions to  
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(425) 392-4334

## CALENDAR

### APRIL 2009

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Break  
13 – 5/1 WASL Testing Grades 3, 4,  
and 5  
15<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting 9:45am  
15<sup>th</sup> PTA Newsletter Deadline  
21<sup>st</sup> General PTA Meeting  
7:00 pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Musical  
10:30am and 7:00pm

### MAY 2009

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Staff Appreciation Week  
18<sup>th</sup> Honor Chorus/Percussion En-  
semble 2:45pm and 7:00pm  
20<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting  
9:45am  
20<sup>th</sup> PTA Newsletter Deadline  
20<sup>th</sup> —  
6/5<sup>th</sup> Second Grade DRA Testing  
22<sup>nd</sup> No School  
25<sup>th</sup> No School  
30<sup>th</sup> PTA Auction 6-8pm

**Please Note that this  
Calendar is  
Subject to Change!**

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**A**re you looking for a volunteer position that you can do at home? Need a creative outlet? Searching for a place to use your skills or would like to learn a new one? The Maple Hills PTA is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to fill the following positions for the 2009-2010 school year. No experience is necessary! We can train you!

**Newsletter Editor**

**Maple Hills PTA Website Webmaster**

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Leslie Waltzer at 425-392-4334 or [Waltzerla1@aol.com](mailto:Waltzerla1@aol.com).

