



# THE EAGLE'S NEST

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*"Making a Difference"*

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## NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We had a cold start and finish to January so we will all be looking forward to some warmer weather in February. But according to Punxsutawney Phil today, we are in for 6 more weeks of winter. We will also celebrate Valentine's Day, Presidents Day this month and Second Winter Break on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Did you know that February is also National Blah Buster Month, Grapefruit Month and Return Carts to the Super Market Month?

I would like to congratulate all our wonderful performers at Maple Hills. 45 students participated in the PTA Variety Show, Off Off Broadway. We would have had two more but I heard they got the flu the night before, I hope they are able to participate next year. In January we also celebrated the Chinese New Year, you may have seen the wonderful Dragons in the Kindergarten hallway, this is the year of the Ox. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Team also came home with a Second Place award last month, Congratulations.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Maple Hills PTA Ice Skating party at Castle Ice on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember our students are testing the first week of February with make-up testing during the second week, so lots of rest and good nutritious foods for our test-takers.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Second PTA General Membership meeting. We got a lot of information and important business taken care of. The Third and final General Membership meeting will be April 21<sup>st</sup>, so please mark your calendars. Have a wonderful February, see you in the halls.

*Jennie Wildermuth,  
Maple Hills PTA President*

## AUCTION UPDATE

Dear Maple Hills Parents and Staff,

The Auction Kick Off has begun and is in full swing!! We will continue as your Auction Team to keep you informed and abreast of all Auction information. Sponsorships and Procurements are coming in and we can tell this is going to be a terrific Auction year! We are getting the word out several ways. We are posting in the hall by the office (so go check out our Auction Board and informational center). If you are on the Maple Hills e-mail distribution, you should be receiving one or two information e-mails a week. We are sending fliers and Lisa and I are trying to be at the school as much as we can. We also have an Auction icon on the PTA website, so check that out too! Our wonderful teams of volunteers are meeting monthly to continue to stay on top of everything and each committee is meeting outside of the entire team to continue to prosper.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Lisa or me at any time

Thank you all for support this terrific school.

Kelly & Lisa

Auction Co-Chairs

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## SKATING PARTY!

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**D**on't miss the Castle Ice Skating Party on Feb 6th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Admission plus skate rentals will be \$7.00 per person and non-skaters are free. The snack bar will be open. There will be two 'skate patrol' people on the ice. Please bring and wear helmets for extra safety! Hope to see you there!

*Lisa Huntley*  
*Ice Skating Party Chair*

## BOX TOPS

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**I**t's time to turn in your Box Tops! Bring them to your classroom's collection canister by Friday, January 30th. Those little Box Tops add up big. We've already raised more than \$1,000 this year! Thanks for your help with this important school fundraiser

*Molly Caskey, Box Tops Chair*

## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

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### *Congratulations to our February Volunteers of the Month:*

**Dawn Peschek** and **Lori Intonti** just organized our fabulous Off-Off Broadway Variety Show. When snow interfered, Dawn and Lori were able to quickly re-schedule so the show could go on! The kids loved the show and I appreciate the time Dawn and Lori spent to make it such a success. ~ *Trecy Trimble*

**Marsha Kauzlarich** has been such a great resource and help for me as my first year volunteering as Eagle Reader Chair. She shows up at every Clubhouse, answers my numerous questions and even rescheduled the date she was to leave on vacation to California to be at the last Clubhouse. ~ *Dana Warner*

**Linda Sturm** is so dependable and works hard to complete the piles of clerical work I give each week-no matter how big the pile! ~ *Debbie Jones*

**Kim D'Souza** is my art docent and she had provided us with some fabulous lessons. She also went out of her way to get some new glaze for our clay leaves. The leaves are the best result I have ever seen! ~ *Susan Cherry*

## WEBSITE EMAIL SIGNUP

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**W**ant to be kept informed of the latest PTA news and upcoming activities? Don't rely on that crumpled up notice that gets lost in your child's backpack. It's easy! Join the Maple Hills PTA e-mail group and get up-to-the-minute updates on events and important PTA news when it happens! Go to [www.maplehillspata.com](http://www.maplehillspata.com) and fill out your contact information at the bottom of the home page.

## REFLECTIONS UPDATE

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Maple Hills boasted three Honorable Mention awards at the Issaquah School District Reflections Reception--Jay Beeman, David Rand, and Hunter Simpson. Nearly all of our Maple Hills finalists enjoyed a fun evening January 20 with families from all over the district viewing the high-quality WOW! entries. Mrs. Beane was on hand to help celebrate each of our school finalists, who had their names announced on stage. The theme for next year's National PTA-sponsored arts recognition program is "Beauty Is...". Students can start thinking about that theme now and even begin working on their visual arts, photography, or literature pieces any time between now and next fall. Watch for entry information to come home in late September. Lastly, it is possible for us to open up the categories of musical composition, dance choreography, and film production also. I'm willing to do that if I know before September that we have a student or two interested in those categories. So, if you think your student has a talent and interest in any of those three areas and might want to enter next year, could you please e-mail me sometime this school year? Thanks so much for a great year!

*Marcy Rand, Reflections Chair*

## EAGLE READER

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The Clubhouse on January 21, 2009 was a very busy one as we combined the November and December Clubhouse dates. We gave away 201 books for the November calendars and 174 books for the December calendars. Please continue to encourage your students to read, mark their minutes and turn their calendars in at the end of each month. The next Clubhouse will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

*Dana Warner, Eagle Reader Chair*

## MATH CLUB NEWS

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The second session of math club is coming soon. This time around, students will participate in games and activities that help strengthen and support skills learned in the classroom. Look for the flyers to come out the first week of February. Remember to sign up early as spaces fill up quickly.

## GARDEN CLEANUP

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Now that the snow is gone we are looking forward to cleaning up our garden in preparation for classroom planting projects. Please join us on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 18th

Wednesday, March 18th

Wednesday, April 22nd

Bring your favorite garden tools or use ours. No experience necessary. The garden docents and your friends and neighbors will be in the garden from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

See you then,

*Cathy Schalkle (206 935 7818)*

*April Stevens*



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

## Washington State PTA's

# New Focus Day in Olympia

**Feb. 26, 2009!**

**There will be big changes this year** to our member-hosted, annual advocacy event in Olympia. This year we'll be out in the open up front of the Capitol Dome – a noontime **Rally On The Steps!** It is time to be a part of a visible change, and definitely not a time to leave it up to someone else. **This is your time to act with your WSPTA!**

The long anticipated Dec. '08 release of the final report by the legislature's Basic Education Finance Joint Task Force (BEF) will make 2009's Focus day different. This is the year we want the media, people of influence and *everyone* to know where WSPTA stands on their mandate.

**Register your RSVP today**, and check the WSPTA Legislation page for Focus Day updates and resources - <http://www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm>.

The Rally features elected officials and guest speakers. Advocacy partners for children's issues and education will join us too. Bracketing the Rally will be member activities in the Columbia Room (basement of the Capitol Dome), where attendees may meet throughout the day.

Our legislative Top 5 Issues determined at Legislative Assembly are the focus of WSPTA's conversations – *our showing up in Olympia for a public conversation* emphasizes the pivotal role members contribute to their legislator's focus around the issues.

**Mark your calendars for Thu. Feb. 26 for the 12:00-1:00 PM Rally** -- please contact us with any questions or suggestions you have for Focus Day. Thank you for sharing this day, and for all you do every day for your children and communities.

If you are interested in carpooling, please contact your Maple Hills Legislative Representative,

Dawn Peschek at 425.277.2770 or [dawndiamond@comcast.net](mailto:dawndiamond@comcast.net). Our group will be leaving Maple Hills Elementary at 9:30 a.m. on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> and be back in time to pick the kids up when school gets out!

Also, if you are unable to attend in person, you can still help make Focus Day more effective.

All it takes is internet access and two minutes of your time to participate virtually. Please see the following page for Step-by-Step Instructions to the 2-Minute E-mail – Thank you!

## **Get Connected to WSPTA Advocacy**

With timely *CapWiz Action Alerts* that come to you

***PTA = Parents Take ActionAlerts!***

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You can receive timely updates to participate in what's happening in Olympia by signing up for PTA legislative "Action Alerts" – CapWiz comes to you.

While we welcome every member and advocate to attend WSPTA's annual advocacy **Focus Day** in Olympia, our efforts will be more successful if all members *take action* by contacting their legislators via email (or telephone).

And while **CapWiz** lets you send a quick one-time email directly to your senators and representatives, **Action Alerts** are CapWiz emails you can receive directly from WSPTA several times a month during the legislative session (January-March). Each comes with background info and a requested action on a specific issue using either the template provided or your own words to say exactly what you want.

The **Action Alert email** provides a link to the CapWiz site where in 1-2 minutes you can lend your input to a timely issue.

**Your participation is important** – when each member takes the 2 minutes to respond to an Action Alert, the collective response is very influential!

Sign-up online with WSPTA in under 2 minutes at:

[www.wastatepta.org/programs/Legislation/listservs/actionalert.htm](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/Legislation/listservs/actionalert.htm)

The '08 WA Legislative Session begins mid-January!

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

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The deadline for the  
**March 2009 Eagle's Nest** is :  
**Wednesday, February 18th.**

Please e-mail submissions to  
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## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 2009

2<sup>nd</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> Stanford Testing  
6<sup>th</sup> PTA Ice Skating Party at  
Castle Ice 6pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Fifth Grade Musical Rehearsal  
13<sup>th</sup> Fifth Grade Musical Rehearsal  
16<sup>th</sup> No School – President's Day  
17<sup>th</sup> Second Winter Break – No  
School  
18<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting 9:45am  
18<sup>th</sup> PTA Newsletter Deadline  
20<sup>th</sup> Fifth Grade Musical Rehearsal  
24<sup>th</sup> Fifth Grade Musical 9:45am  
and 7:00pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Legislative Focus Day

### MARCH 2009

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Round-Up  
5<sup>th</sup> Read across America @  
Liberty  
12<sup>th</sup> Second Grade Musical  
Rehearsal  
16<sup>th</sup> Second Grade Musical  
Rehearsal  
18<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting 9:45am  
18<sup>th</sup> PTA Newsletter Deadline  
19<sup>th</sup> Second Grade Musical 2:45pm  
and 7:00pm  
20<sup>th</sup> No School – LID  
23<sup>rd</sup> –  
April 1 Second Grade CoGat  
Testing  
30 – 31 Science Center Van  
31<sup>st</sup> PTA General Meeting 7:00pm

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

## ISSAQUAH SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWS

Remember Project GLAD? In the spring of 2008, PTSA members and the community responded to the Issaquah Schools Foundation's call to assist the District in funding this powerful, professional development program. ISF is pleased to report that your contributions have helped enhance student learning across the District. Since May, nearly 175 teachers at 20 schools have impacted 5,000 students with their newfound GLAD skills. Over 95% of staff who participated in GLAD indicate that the training made a dramatic difference in their teaching practices.

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, ISF will conduct a special one-night only phone-a-thon to past donors to raise funds to expand this pivotal program to our secondary schools and sustain it at the elementary levels.

Don't wait for us to call! You can learn more about the Stage 2 Project Glad plans and make an online donation at the ISF website, [www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org). The website also offers videos and testimonials from parent, teacher and student participants of GLAD.

Mentoring a student can mean life-long change not only for the child, but for the mentor. Volunteers with ISF's VOICE Mentor program have learned first-hand its life-affirming benefits. Writes one of our VOICE mentors...

*"I want to share with you how great your program is for both the mentors and mentee. I have had only one meeting with M\*\*\* thus far and I am already sold on the importance of mentoring. I loved my time with her. She was so fun and seemed excited to have me there."*

The Issaquah Schools Foundation asks PTSA members to consider becoming a part of the VOICE Mentor Program during National Mentoring Month. You can learn more by contacting Susan Gierke, VOICE Director at 837.7139, or VOICE [@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:@issaquah.wednet.edu).