



# THE EAGLE'S NEST

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*"Making a Difference"*

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## NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello Maple Hills Families and Friends,

All those wonderful April showers have brought our beautiful May flowers. (We'll just ignore we saw any of that white stuff on the ground last month.) May is here and we can hardly wait for all the end of the year activities. Still to come this month is Staff Appreciation the 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, no school on the 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day and Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> is the Maple Hills PTA Auction. We are very excited and can't wait to see all the wonderful classroom projects and the many amazing items that have been procured over the last several months. We hope to see you all there, it's a great time to get to know more parents and enjoy a delicious meal with some "bidding" entertainment.

The weeks are passing more quickly now, June will be upon us soon so be ready for the last few school and PTA events. Scholastic Spring Book Fair June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Spring Dessert and Art Walk Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, Pizza Bingo Family Fun Night is Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, and last but not least is the all school Field Day on Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to take this time to say Thank You to the many wonderful volunteers who have put in over 6519 hours of their time. Because of all that hard work and dedication from parents, family members and our community members, the Maple Hills PTA has received the 100% Membership Award and the Standards of Excellence Award, Thank You!

One final note, I would like to say Congratulations to the following teachers. Through their hard work and dedication to our students they have received grants from the Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF). Karen Works, Mary Jo Haberman, Trudy Watts and Sarah Dudgeon for their Read at Home Program and Betsy Sanford for Promoting Literacy Achievement through School-Home Connections. Congratulations to you and Thank You for all you do for our kids.

Happy May everyone, see you in the halls.

*Jennie Wildermuth*

*Maple Hills PTA President*



## EAGLE READER

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The Eagle Reader Clubhouses in February, March and April were very successful. Students earned over 200 books during each calendar period, with nearly half the school participating in the program. The last Eagle Reader Clubhouse date is May 20<sup>th</sup> for April calendars.

Please continue to encourage your student to read, mark their minutes and turn in their calendars at the end of the month.

*Dana Warner, Eagle Reader Chair*

## FIELD DAY IS COMING!

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This is a fun and energy-filled event that students look forward to all year long. It celebrates the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. Field day will be held Monday, June 15th. Mark your calendar and volunteer to help! Please e-mail Marsha Kauzlarich at [kauzt-m@msn.com](mailto:kauzt-m@msn.com).

*Marsha Kauzlarich, Field Day Chair*

## FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS

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For our annual Field Day event this year the PTA will be selling "Field Day 2009" t-shirts that students can have signed by fellow students and staff. Watch for order forms coming home soon.

*~Kimberly Montague*

## MAY VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

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**Congratulations to our May Volunteers of the Month:**

***Jackie Wood, Leanna Hayes and Jen Nelson!***

A very special thank you goes out to three outstanding volunteers. **Jackie Wood** has assisted with anything that was needed. **Leanna Hayes** always shows up to assist when needed, even when her child is not involved. **Jen Nelson** has put a lot of time and hard work into the Kindergarten Musical. Thank you to all three of you wonderful ladies.

*— Mary Perry-Hardin*

*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)*

## AUCTION NEWS!

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Hello Maple Hills Parents, Teachers and Guardians!

Our bi-annual Auction is only 6 weeks away!!!! Invitations have gone out and RSVP's need to come in ON OR BEFORE May 4, 2009!!!! Please do not forget to RSVP - we are all counting on it!!

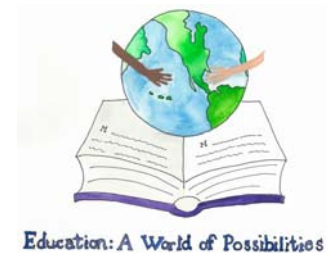
We still have work to do as the Auction is approaching! PROCUREMENT - We still need donations!!!! Have you all asked you favorite restaurant for a donation? Have you asked you hairdresser, your barber, your local grocery store, your lawn care service, your house cleaning service, your friends and family. We need everyone to help!!! Donations are due by Friday so please make sure you get them in!

The Auction night volunteers are almost full -THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE STEPPED UP!!! Positions are still open for Computer operators during Auction (3) and we desperately need (2) Spotters. Please consider these if you haven't yet supported the Auction or even if you have. WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP WITH THIS TO FUND OUR CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT!!! Also we are IN need of 2 laptops to borrow Auction Night. We have two but need two more. Does anyone have a laptop to lend???? Call Kelly Applegate on 425 228 4638 or email at [kflyeapple@hotmail.com](mailto:kflyeapple@hotmail.com).

Thank you again and again for our wonderful Auction Staff!!! We are so appreciative of all the hard work and creativity this staff as provided. Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!

Kelly and Lisa

\*\*\*\* Remember contact either one of us if you have any questions ([kflyeapple@hotmail.com](mailto:kflyeapple@hotmail.com)) and ([devogel@earthlink.net](mailto:devogel@earthlink.net)).



## IT'S TIME FOR RECOGNITION!

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This is the time of year we recognize individuals for outstanding work with our students. We are looking for nominees for Outstanding Educator and the Maple Hills Eagle Award. Nomination forms can be found at the end of this newsletter, on the PTA website "Forms" page, and by the volunteer sign-in counter. Please note that Outstanding Educator is not just for teachers; the nominees can also be EAs, custodians, bus drivers, and volunteers.

## GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP NEEDS FRIENDS

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**WEDNESDAY MAY 20 FROM 9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM** is our next garden clean up day. We will be weeding and covering paths with new bark. No tools necessary...

Please email me at [csschackle@comcast.net](mailto:csschackle@comcast.net) if you can join us.

*Cathy Schackle-  
Garden Docent*



\*\*\***SAVE THE DATE**\*\*\*

June 15th

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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.

BLMS PTSA PARENT ED  
REPRESENTATIVEFor more information, contact  
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## 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 [rebec-cajc@comcast.net](mailto:rebec-cajc@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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  - Treasurer
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  - 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)

## SOME FACTS ABOUT HB 2261 WHICH PASSED THE LEGISLATURE IN OLYMPIA LAST MONTH:

Dear PTA Members / Parents:

There has been a lot of speculation about House Bill 2261, which passed the House and Senate last month in Olympia. The bill now moves to the Governor to sign into law. There is some confusion - - some thinking that the state will be funding all of the items on this bill right away, even with the state in a current financial crisis. This is not the case. The Funding Working Group will be examining possible revenue sources in the future. I have also heard that some people think this bill has something to do with the current financial crisis, and teachers being cut, because of this bill being passed. THAT IS NOT TRUE.

HB 2261 was never going to bring immediate money to our schools. It was never expected to mitigate the impact of current economic crisis, but will work towards bringing more education funding in the future years under a broader definition of "Basic Education". It is the LONG-TERM solution on how to fix an underfunded educational system. HB 2261 redefines what is "Basic Education" because "Basic Education" is protected in our constitution. For example, if "smaller class size" would have been part of the constitutional definition of "Basic Education" instead of being an 'initiative of the people' then it wouldn't have been cut.

HB 2261 gives us a new prototypical funding model or "plan" for schools in simple terms. As it stands today they use complex funding formulas that no one can make sense of. Also, HB 2261 will increase high school graduation requirements, fund a 6<sup>th</sup> period at the secondary level, include full-day Kindergarten and early learning for those at risk. All of this is to be phased in over time (see below). HB 2261 will define our road to recovery when money comes back into education.

Here is the specifics of the bill, which does the following:

- Redefines Basic Education to include: increased instructional hours, from the current 1,000 to 1,080 for secondary schools, the opportunity to complete 24 credits for high school graduation, all-day kindergarten, highly capable programs, targeted early learning and a new transportation funding formula. These new pieces will not be added all at once, but will be phased in according to an implementation schedule to be developed by the Quality Council, with a completion date of 2018.
- Implements a prototypical schools funding model. The model will create a "core" allocations using easy to understand categories with enhancements for certain staffing categories, including highly capable, career/technology, and AP/IB programs.
- Creates the Quality Education Council as an on-going oversight entity. The Council, comprised of eight legislators, representatives from OSPI, the governor's office, the State Board of Education, the Professional Educator Standards Board and the Department of Early Learning, would recommend and assist with the on-going implementation of an evolving program of Basic Education and financing.
- Creates four work groups on: Finance (to develop recommended revenue sources); Supplemental Funding (to develop recommendations on local levies and levy equalization); Compensation (to develop new Salary Allocation Model recommendations); and Early Learning (to develop recommendations for a new program of early learning as Basic Education).
- Establishes a K-12 Data Governance Group, within OSPI, to assist in the design and implementation of a data improvement system for financial, student, and educator data.
- Directs the State Board of Education to create a system of accountability to identify schools for recognition and additional support for schools and school districts.
- Directs the Professional Educator Standards Board to adopt performance standards for effective teaching and recommend other modifications for educator certification.

The PTA community was very active in Olympia during this Legislative Session in an effort to support future education funding. These efforts should make a difference in the next decade.

Dawn Peschek, Legislative Chair, Maple Hills Elementary

*Condensed from reports from Kim Howard, Government Relations, WA State PTA; Anne Moore & Kelly Munn, Issaquah PTSA Council Chairs; Carol Stamper, Issaquah PTA; Chad Magen*



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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

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The deadline for the  
**June 2009 Eagle's Nest** is :  
**Wednesday, May 20th.**

Please e-mail submissions to  
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## CALENDAR

### MAY 2009

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Staff Appreciation Week  
18<sup>th</sup> Honor Chorus/Percussion Ensemble 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 Second Grade DRA Testing  
25<sup>th</sup> No School  
30<sup>th</sup> PTA Auction 6-8pm

### JUNE 2009

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Spring Book Fair  
10<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting 9:45am  
12<sup>th</sup> PTA Pizza Bingo Family Night 6-8:30  
12<sup>th</sup> Last day of School for Half day Kindergarten  
15<sup>th</sup> Last day of School Full Day K 1-5

*Please note that  
school is in  
session May  
22nd!*

***This Calendar is  
Subject to Change!***

## 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 position for the 2009-2010 school year. No experience is necessary! We can train you!

### **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).

