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*"Making a Difference"*

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## NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



October flew by like the falling leaves and November is here with a chill in the air. The cold weather has not only brought out the beautiful colors of the falling leaves but also our winter coats and scarves. Take this time to remind your children to wear their coats to school every day, even though the sun comes out the temperature is still dropping. Daylight savings time is upon us once again. Please remember to have your children walk together to and from school.

October was a very busy month, with the first PTA General Meeting, the Scholastic Fall Book Fair and pajama read aloud night, vision and hearing screening, the Issaquah Schools Foundation luncheon, Sock Hop, picture retakes and the Kindergarten Scarecrows on parade and Black and Orange day. In November we look forward to our Veteran's Day Assembly, Conferences, and Thanksgiving. I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving season. See you in the halls.

*Jennie Wildermuth*  
 Maple Hills PTA President

## STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking started on Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Every Tuesday morning before school there will be student banking. I went around to all of the classrooms and sent home information about this wonderful program. We had a lot of new bankers sign up. This program is open to anyone at Maple Hills. You can join at anytime. I still need volunteers to help out on Tuesday mornings. Please contact me if you are interested.

*Susie Smith, Student Banking Chair*

## GET YOUR POPCORN!

Popcorn is Here! We've had two great days of popcorn sales so far. Here's the schedule for the year, so you don't miss out!

November 7th	January 30th	April 17th
November 21st	February 20th	April 24th
December 12th	February 27th	May 15th
December 19th	March 13th	May 29th
January 16th	March 27th	June 5th



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## REFLECTIONS REMINDER

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**W**hat makes your child say, 'WOW!' Help them brainstorm and figure out how to put that concept in words or bring it to life in a photograph or art piece, and submit their entry to the 2008 PTA Reflections Program! Literature, visual arts, and photography entries responding to the 'WOW!' theme must be submitted to the office by 4 p.m. Friday, November 7. Get more information on this great program, and download the entry form and guidelines from <http://maplehillsppta.com> (click on the Reflections button). Want your questions answered in person? Call or e-mail Marcy Rand at 425-227-8393 or [ograymar@msn.com](mailto:ograymar@msn.com). If your child plans to enter, mark your calendar for the Maple Hills PTA Reflections Program reception at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 24th in the Multi-Purpose Room. We'll admire the wonderful entries, enjoy an ice cream sundae bar, and announce the 12 entries from our school that will move on to be judged at the District level.

*Marcy Rand, Reflections Chair*

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## OFF, OFF BROADWAY! AT MAPLE HILLS ELEMENTARY VARIETY SHOW AUDITIONS

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**O**n Wednesday, December 17th at 1:30p.m. we will be holding auditions for this year's Variety Show. The Variety Show will take place on Friday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. This show can include acts of almost any nature, i.e., singing, playing an instrument, dancing, gymnastics, drama, etc.

Participation in the show is subject to the following guidelines:

1. Acts must be fully prepared and well-rehearsed at the time of audition.
2. Acts must be no more than 2 minutes in length, with the act quality more important than full use of the time allowed, and must be appropriate for all ages.
3. Any pre-recorded material must be cued and provided at the time of audition.
4. All acts must include ONLY students from Maple Hills Elementary (Parent accompaniment OK)
5. The only props/equipment available from the school are: microphones, CD/Tape player, and gym mats. Any other equipment must be provided, and setup on the 13x13 stage by the act.

It may seem that the audition date is far off, but December 17th will be here before you know it! When we get closer to the date, we will be sending home Signup forms. Have your little "Stars" start rehearsing now, so they are prepared for the big day! It is sure to be a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing you all on the big night!

If you need more information, please contact Dawn Peschek, Variety Show Chairperson at 425.277.2770 or email [dawndiamond@comcast.net](mailto:dawndiamond@comcast.net).

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## EAGLE SALES UPDATE

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**E**agle Sales: Thank you to everyone who ordered new shirts, bags and lanyards. Your items will be delivered to your student in mid-November. We will have another opportunity to order in March. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Montague at 425-277-1093 or [mkmontague@hotmail.com](mailto:mkmontague@hotmail.com).

## OH, BOY! FORTY TO GO!

**W**e only need 40 more new PTA members to reach our goal of 100%! Our school of fish is growing in the entranceway thanks to those who have already joined. If you still are planning on joining the PTA, please send in your membership envelopes as soon as possible. If we make it to 100%, that will be eight years in a row! Such an honor and such a great cause. Many programs for Maple Hills' students are made possible by the PTA, including Eagle Reader, Science Fair, Math Club, Pizza Bingo Night, Ice Skating Party, Student Banking, Field Day, Art Docents, Bus Greeters, and many more. As PTA members, you will receive a free student directory and membership card. So, join the PTA today and show your support for the health and welfare of our children.

*Sheryl Beeman and Lori Boots, Membership*

## BOOK FAIR A BIG SUCCESS!

**T**he Fall Book Fair was a huge success. Our total sales were \$8363.38. We receive 50% of that amount, which is a total of \$4121.92 that goes to our library and Eagle Reader program. That's just amazing. Our Pajama Party Read Aloud was also a big hit. There were lots of kids and parents who participated, and a special thank you to the staff who stayed late to read books to everyone: Mrs. Beane, Mrs. Fujioka, Mrs. Wiess, Mrs. McCulloh, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Rosamond and Mrs. Haberman.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out at the Book fair without your support things would not run smoothly. A big thank you to all of you parents and kids who came to the book fair and purchased books and fun stuff to continue to help support our school.

Thanks Again!

*Susie Smith, Bookfair Chair*

## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

**C**ongratulations to our November Volunteer of the Month **Lisa Kutz!** Lisa works two jobs, yet still finds time to volunteer in the classroom, which she has been doing for the past 6 years! Thank you, Lisa for your dedication to our children at Maple Hills!

**C**ongratulations to our November Volunteer of the Month **Lana Matson!** Lana has committed herself to the Art Program here at Maple Hills for the next 2 years while going back to school for her Masters. She has already injected much life back into the program by pumping up the art docents, reorganizing available work areas and supplies, producing a fabulous handbook for the art docents and tracking down outside opportunities for our children. She is an inspirational bundle of energy who will rejuvenate this program. Thank you, Lana, for stepping up to the plate to bring much needed energy and life into the Arts here at Maple Hills!

*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*

I hope the students were excited about starting the Eagle Reader program and that October was filled with many minutes of reading! The first Eagle Clubhouse will be on November 19, 2008 at lunchtime for grades 1-5. Eagle Clubhouse will visit the Kindergarten classrooms directly. We have a great selection of books for the students who earned the Regal Effort award to choose from. Please make sure to turn your calendars in to your teachers on the last day of the month.

Happy Reading!

*Dana Warner, Eagle Reader Chair*

## 2008 AUCTION UPDATE

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Hello Everyone!

A quick update on our up and coming auction. Here are some very important calendar additions.

- ~ Auction Date: May 30, 2009
- ~ Where: Spirit of Washington Center; Renton, WA
- ~ Auctioneer: John Curley
- ~ Theme: Education: A World of Possibilities
- ~ Chairs: Co-Chairs Lisa DeVogel and Kelly Applegate

The next few months will focus on filling our open spots for Chairs and Auction Helpers. We also will be focusing on PROCUREMENT!!! The Procurement campaign will be going on through March 2009. Everyone can help with this!! Each month the Procurement team will be putting forth a "point of focus" for Procurement to get the entire school jazzed up!! Be ready! It is all going to happen so fast and it is SO IMPORTANT!!!



**Education: A World of Possibilities**

Remember: EDUCATION: A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

*Lisa and Kelly, Auction Co-Chairs*

On October 5th & 6th nearly 300 delegate members came together for the WSPTA Legislative Assembly in SeaTac where we developed and established our priorities. Through a process of discussion, caucus, debate, and voting, delegates create a legislative platform for the next two years. The top 5 issues, listed below, make up the priority legislative platform for the Washington PTA.

Priority issues are those which receive the most focus. We first consider what needs to be the next step(s) in moving these issues forward. Then, we take actions to accomplish this. For example, we may, as we have already done in the case of education funding, create a task force to help mobilize our members in support of the issue. We may also actively seek partners to work on developing legislation. Some issues require that we follow the work of a task force or committee before legislation can be proposed.

Thanks to each and every one of you who took the time to turn in those issue surveys! The results were counted and Maple Hill's Legislative Representative, Dawn Peschek, used the results for voting on the PTA's behalf at the Legislative Assembly. Four of the issues Maple Hills voted as their top 5 priorities made the WSPTA's Top 5.

For 2008-2009, WSPTA's top five priority issues are:

1. Basic Education Funding
2. Strengthen Math and Science Curriculum
3. Washington State Assessment System Improvements
4. Support State Board of Education Core 24 Framework
5. Support Rational Approaches to Teacher Compensation

The remaining issues that didn't make the "top 5" will be "supported" by the association. Supported typically means that if another group proposes a bill related to one of these issues, we will track progress of that bill. We would also testify if there is a hearing.

Learn more about the WSPTA legislative platform by visiting the WSPTA website at:

[www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm](http://www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm)

If you would like to receive updates on the status of bills which are relevant to both priority and supported issues, you can sign up for the Grassroots Connection by going to this link: [www.wastatepta.org/programs/Legislation/listservs/grassroots.htm](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/Legislation/listservs/grassroots.htm)

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend PTA Legislative Focus Day in Olympia on February 26, 2009. Join PTA members from throughout the state and meet with your legislators to talk about our priorities. Members are also encouraged to keep up to date with the latest legislative happenings by visiting the WSPTA website's legislation page and signing up for PTA e-mail Action Alerts.

Contact your Maple Hills Legislation Chair, Dawn Peschek at 425.277.2770 or email [dawndiamond@comcast.net](mailto:dawndiamond@comcast.net) for more information!



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The deadline for the  
**December 2008 Eagle's Nest** is :  
**Wednesday, November 19th.**

Please e-mail submissions to  
Leslie Waltzer at  
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(425) 392-4334

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2008

10<sup>th</sup> Conferences – No School for  
Students  
11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's day – No School  
12<sup>th</sup> Conferences – No School for  
Students  
13<sup>th</sup> Third Grade Musical Rehearsal  
17<sup>th</sup> Third Grade Musical Rehearsal  
19<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting 9:45am  
19<sup>th</sup> PTA Newsletter Deadline  
20<sup>th</sup> Third Grade Musical 10:00am  
and 7:00pm  
27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> No School – Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER 2008

17<sup>th</sup> Variety Show Auditions  
17<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting 9:45am  
17<sup>th</sup> PTA Newsletter Deadline  
18<sup>th</sup> Honor Chorus Concert  
(Afternoon TBD)  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Break

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

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### ISF COLLABORATES WITH THE DISTRICT TO TAKE TEACHERS FROM GOOD TO GREAT! !

Issaquah School District students already enjoy learning from some of the best teachers in the state. With the advent of a new partnership between the Issaquah Schools Foundation and the Issaquah School District, staff may now pursue the pinnacle of pedagogical excellence – National Board Certification—without raiding their piggy banks. In recognition of the tremendous benefits National Board Certified staff brings to the classroom, the Foundation and the District have collaborated to underwrite nearly all costs associated with pursuing this critically lauded program. Candidates are now eligible for zero interest Professional Loans from ISF and the District ranging in amounts from \$900 to \$1,500. Together, the two loans can cover the entire \$3,000 cost of certification. Once certified, staff must agree to remain with the District for two years. At that time, both loans will be forgiven.

Twenty-four Issaquah School District staff have signed on to pursue the rigorous National Board Certification process this cycle. If successful, they will boost the number of Nationally Board Certified teachers in the District to 54. To

learn more about the benefits a Nationally Board Certified teacher brings to your child, log onto the National Board Certification website at <http://www.nbpts.org/>.

*Kellie Batali, Issaquah School Foundation Chair*