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NEWS FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

Hello Maple Hills Family and Friends,

Fall is here! October has come and gone, and I can't believe it's already over. We had a very successful Book Fair, thank you so much to all the families who helped support the Maple Hills Library and the PTA Eagle Reader Program. We also had our first PTA General Membership meeting. A special Thank You goes out to two guest speakers: Jake Cooper, CFO of the Issaquah School District, and Floyd Rogers, Co-Chair of VIS. Both guests at our meeting were a great resource of information for our parents and community members. We also had our much loved Sock Hop on the 16th. It was another amazing night, thanks to our many volunteers and our devoted Chair Molly Caskey! We would not have these wonderful events if it were not for all the helpful and much needed volunteers.

In November, we are looking forward to our PTA Family Math Night on Thursday the 12th at 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Don't forget there is no school for students on the 3rd and 4th for Conferences, 11th for Veteran's Day, and the 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving.

Have a wonderful November. Stay safe and dress warm.

See you in the halls,

Jennie Wildermuth

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MAPLE HILLS PTA MEMBERSHIP

Our wall of hot air balloons is growing in the entrance way thanks to those who have already joined. Help us make our goal of 100% membership for the ninth year in a row! Currently we are at 70% membership. Sign up today to be a member of Maple Hills PTA!

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, DVDs of Class Musicals, Field Day, Art Docents, and many other programs. As a PTA member, you will receive a free student directory and a Membership Card which gives you discount information, resources, and more. So, join the PTA today and show your support for the health and welfare of our children.

Molly Caskey, Membership

MAPLE HILLS SOCK HOP

Thank you everyone for making the Sock Hop a great hit! Eddie, our DJ from Northwest Sound, kept us hopping and bopping with music and games all night. The goodies table was filled with yummy goodies thanks to many, many volunteers. And another big thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the bake sale table, popcorn table, setup, clean up, and lighting. We could not put on this event without all your help. Kim and Matt George helped capture the moment at the photo corner. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us. Thank you to Ashley Montague and Falen Wilkes for volunteering to do face painting at the Sock Hop. They donated their time and made a generous donation of their collection proceeds to the Maple Hills PTA. And one last thank you to our past students who came back to help at the Sock Hop: Rebecca Lux, Kaylyn Caskey, Brenna Hardy, and Megan Friel.

Molly Caskey, Sock Hop Chair

STUDENT DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE NOW!

Maple Hills PTA Student Directories have been distributed to all families who are members of the Maple Hills PTA. If you would like to receive a student directory but are not yet a PTA member, become a member and support the Maple Hills PTA! Membership envelopes were included in the first day packets, and additional envelopes are available outside the school office (by the volunteer sign-in table). Contact your Membership Director Molly Caskey at 425-235-2176 if you have any questions regarding membership.

If you have any questions regarding the student directory, contact Joan Friel at 425-235-5727 or frielj4@comcast.net. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

» A Big Thanks to Ashley Montague and her assistant Falen Wilkes for volunteering to do face painting at the Sock Hop. It was a big hit with everyone and they were busy painting most of the night. Ashley and Falen collected donations for their work, which went directly to the PTA!

Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Submitted by Molly Caskey

» Congratulations to Volunteer of the Month Molly Caskey . Molly organized, promoted and successfully ran the Sock Hop. She put in many hours finding a DJ, getting supplies and decorating the Multi-Purpose Room, all for the fun of the kids! There were lots of happy dancers that night! Molly also had a lot to do during this month as the PTA Membership Chair. As the Membership Chair, she inputs the names and addresses of all the PTA members into the database for the Council. That's over 300 people so far!! Thanks for all your hard work Molly!

Submitted by Laura Norris

» Congratulations to Kristi Kirschner and Kelly Cain, who worked tirelessly to plan the Camp Colman experience. They put together a memorable time for all of the 5th graders.

» They were WONDERFUL to work with and made the camp experience outstanding for everyone involved. Their organization and sense of humor made my job much easier.

Submitted by Pam Stucky and Patti Flanik

You too can nominate a "Volunteer of the Month"

Each month we collect the nominee forms and pick two or more special people who have given great service to Maple Hills by volunteering. The forms are outside the office door by the volunteer sign in sheet. Just fill it out and drop it in the box.

Thank You to everyone who has filled out and turned in the volunteer sign-up forms. And **Thank You** to all of you who will be turning them in soon. We appreciate everyone for your hard work and your valuable time.

*Kim George
Director of Volunteers*

EAGLE READER

Eagle Reader Clubhouse for October minutes will be on **Thursday, November 19** before lunch recess in the main hall. November calendars have been sent home and are also available on the PTA website. Happy Reading!

Dana Warner, Eagle Reader Chair

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS!! WE NEED CAMP COLMAN PHOTOS!

Hello Parents! We are already working on the Yearbook and would love to have some photos of Camp Colman from YOU! We have 2 pages dedicated to the 5th Graders Trip to Camp Colman, so if you would like to contribute any photos, please email them to: dawndiamond@comcast.net or put them on a CD and send them via KidMail to the office (and they will get to the yearbook staff). We really appreciate any photos you can send!

Thank you!
Dawn Peschek
Yearbook Chair

GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER FOR THE VARIETY SHOW!

The Variety Show auditions are scheduled for January, but it is never too early to remind your child to start thinking about what kind of act they may want to put together for the show. There will be 2 performances - one during a school assembly and one in the evening for parents and families. The show will consist of student-initiated acts of almost any nature (i.e. singing, playing an instrument, dance, gymnastics, drama, etc.). Acts are no more than 3 minutes in length. Something NEW this year for singing acts: If your child is going to be singing to a pre-recorded CD, please make sure to get the "Karaoke" version of the song for their performance (the song without the vocals). In the past it has been hard to hear the students over the voice on the original CD. We look forward to having a really fun, entertaining show this year! Any questions, please email Dawn Peschek at dawndiamond@comcast.net or call 425.277.2770.

Thank you!
Dawn Peschek
Variety Show Chair

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON UPCOMING LEVIES!

There are 3 levies of importance on the February 9th ballot – make sure you vote:

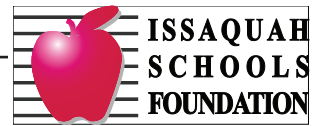
1. M & O: Basic general classroom and operational needs – teachers and classified staff
2. Capital: Technology and critical repairs
3. Transportation: 41 new safe, clean, and efficient buses

Did you know that...

- ...65% of Issaquah School District residents DO NOT have kids K-12?
- ...only 50% of parents in the ISD are currently registered to vote?
- ...only 35% of those registered to vote will actually vote?
- ...it costs VIS \$70,000 to run the campaign?
- ...it costs the ISD \$250,000 to get the issues on the King County ballot?

These are considered renewal levies – they will renew existing and expiring levies. The passing of these levies will not raise the local schools tax that is part of your property tax. The average homeowner will pay the same or lower taxes over the lifetime of these levies (4 years).

So get the word out to all your neighbors, friends, and family – Vote in January on the THREE Issaquah School District LEVIES!



[Calling for Kids Returns Hit All-Time High](#)

More donors and more dollars made *Calling for Kids*—the fall edition—a record-breaking success, raising over \$235,200 for our students and schools. The Foundation extends a huge thank you to every person who gave to the campaign... especially our hard-working PTSA Representatives and the hundreds of high school students who called over 10,000 district families. Your efforts will ensure the continuation of the Foundation's current slate of programs and pave the way for investments that will further prepare our students for success in school and in life.

If you have not yet made your *Calling for Kids* donation, it's not too late. The Foundation's ultimate goal is 100% participation. Log onto www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org/donate to make a secure online donation today.

[Shop for Issaquah Schools Foundation](#)

Holiday season is upon us and with it an increase in online shopping. Did you know that you can make two gifts with one click when you shop at amazon.com? Simply add this link, [Earn \\$ for ISF @ Amazon](#), to your bookmarks and use it as your portal to the amazon.com site. ISF will earn up to 8% on every purchase you make. There is no cost or obligation to you, yet your purchases will automatically raise funds for ISF!

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FINE TUNES WSPTA PLATFORM; ADDS TWO NEW ISSUES

On October 2nd and 3rd, 275 fervent WSPTA members assembled in SeaTac to consider some modifications and additions to our current two-year agenda and to collaborate on how we can work together more effectively in moving these ideas from platform to legislative action. Following a vigorous and very thoughtful debate, delegates approved two amendments to current top five issues (mostly to recognize the successes we achieved last session) and one amendment to our Legislative Principles. In addition, the delegates adopted two new issues, one dealing with arts and education, and the second urging increased funding for highly capable students. For the full results of the Assembly's actions, check out the WSPTA website at http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/headlines/Issue_Results_2009_Leg_Assembly.pdf. In addition to voting on issues, Delegates were able to attend classes that ranged from novice level explanations of the state legislative process to updates on the current status of the implementation of House Bill 2261. Don't forget to mark you calendar's for next year's Legislative Assembly, to be held October 8th and 9th, 2010 at the SeaTac Marriott Hotel.

Dawn Peschek
Maple Hills Legislative Chair

ART ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE FORMING



A committee is being formed to decide on how to best utilize \$8,000 in donations raised specifically for Art Enrichment at Maple Hills through "Raise the Paddle" at last year's Auction. This committee will evaluate current needs, explore best options, and determine how these funds should provide art enrichment for students at Maple Hills. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Lana Matson at lanaandbob@comcast.net or 425-391-0417.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

The Reflections Program is underway at Maple Hills. What is it? Reflections is a national PTA program that encourages students to create works of art. The program challenges students to create a piece of art based on a theme. This year's theme is: **"Beauty is..."** Students can paint, draw, or collage a picture; write a poem or a story; take a photograph; choreograph a dance; create a film; or write a piece of music. All work must be the work of the student (no parent input), and student work must be individual (no group efforts). Provide your student with an opportunity to get creative with submitting a Reflections entry. Deadline: November 13th at 3:38p.m. Please make sure the official entry form is completely filled out and signed by a PARENT and submitted with the entry. Check the Maple Hills PTA web site for links for the official rules and to download the official entry forms, or pick up an entry packet in the office. Any questions: contact Lana Matson at lanaandbob@comcast.net or 425-391-0417.

THE MAPLE HILLS GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP

Dear Volunteers:

We have scheduled two garden clean up days:

- Monday, November 9 from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



We will be weeding, pruning, and generally cleaning up after a bountiful summer. We will invite students to join our work party if we have enough volunteers to supervise. Giving kids a chance to experience gardening is our mission!

No tools necessary...please email me at csschalkle@comcast.net or call 206.935.7818 by November 6th if you can join us.

Hope to see you there!
Cathy Schalkle
Garden Docent

**SIGN UP ONLINE TO
RECEIVE THE MAPLE
HILLS PTA NEWSLETTER!!**

Want 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. Join the Maple Hills PTA e-mail group and get up-to-the-minute updates on events and important PTA news when it happens!

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GO TO:
WWW.MAPLEHILLSPTA.COM
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*There will be a limited number
of printed copies available
each month outside
the office*



CALENDAR

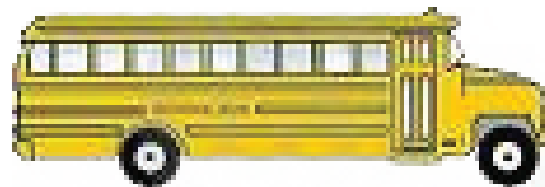
NOVEMBER 2009

- 3-4 Elementary Conferences,
NO SCHOOL
- 11 Veteran's Day,
NO SCHOOL
- 12 PTA Family Math Night
6:30-8:30 pm
- 13 Veteran's Day Assembly,
2:00-3:15
- 17 Site Council
- 17 4th Grade Musical Rehearsal,
9:30-11:00
- 18 PTA Board Meeting 9:30
- 19 Eagle Reader Clubhouse
- 20 4th Grade Musical Rehearsal,
9:30-11:00
- 24 4th Grade Musical,
9:40 and 7:00 pm.
- 25 Report Cards sent home
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Break,
NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2009

- 2 Student Council Meeting
1:20-3:00 pm – 200 Activity
Room
- 4 Popcorn Friday
- 11 Soaring Eagle Luncheon
- 17 Honor Chorus/Percussion
Ensemble Concert 2:45 &
7:00 pm
- 18 Popcorn Friday

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



The deadline for December newsletter submissions is December 16th!
Please email Stephanie Nored
at newsletter@maplehillsppta.com
if you have an article or a comment
about the newsletter.