



THE EAGLE'S NEST

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NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Welcome back to school! Are you as excited for a great year as I am? I am all ready to go with a great Board of Directors, an amazing and supportive staff, and lots of parent volunteers who are all ready to help make this year great.

Mark your calendars for our first PTA event, our annual Sock Hop on Friday, Oct. 17th at 7:00pm. This is a wonderful family event to kick off the new school year. More information will be coming home soon.

Our first General Membership meeting is Thursday, Oct. 2nd from 7:00-8:30pm in the library. This is your chance to know what is going on in PTA and the school.

Be on the lookout for more information about our wonderful year round activities – Art Docent, Box Tops, Eagle Reader, Eagle Sales, Garden Docent, Library Docent, Math Club, Parent Education, Popcorn Fridays, Student Banking and many more. We will also have our annual events – Spring and Fall Book Fair, Family Pizza/Bingo Night, Field Day, 5th Grade Celebration, Ice Skating Party, Math Team, Reflections, Science Fair, Staff Appreciation, Variety Show, and Yearbook.

The big event for the PTA this year will be our Auction on Saturday, May 31st at the Spirit of Washington Event Center. Our Auction Co-Chairs are very excited and have already been hard at work. This is our main fundraiser for the year and we are looking forward to everyone participating in this amazing event.

There is a lot of paperwork to deal with over these first few days. To hopefully make things easier, we have separated PTA stuff from school stuff in two separate envelopes. Please take the time to completely go through both envelopes and fill out all necessary forms. Be sure to return everything as soon as you can to get the year off on the right foot. Your time volunteering for our PTA programs and events is what guarantees student enrichment and a successful PTA. Please take the time to fill out the purple volunteer form and sign up for things that interest you. Another way to support our PTA is through your membership. We have had 7 years of 100% membership – that means 7 years of 100% parent support! That's amazing! Let's make this year #8.

I look forward to seeing you in the school and working with all of you to make this a fun and productive year at Maple Hills.

See you in the halls!

Jennie Wildermuth
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR NEEDED

Below is a list of Committees that we need chairpersons for. If you are interested and would like more information on any of these committees, please contact Jennie Wildermuth at 425-837-0978 or jenniewildermuth@msn.com. All committee chair positions can be held jointly, so ask a friend!

Financial Review

Science Fair

Math Team-4th Grade

Family Pizza Bingo Night

Staff Appreciation

Math Team-5th Grade

Field Day

DON'T DELAY - REGISTER FOR PACE!

In your Monday packets we provided you with information about a new fundraiser at Maple Hills: PACE. Our goal is for every parent to participate! With a PACE membership you help Maple Hills raise thousands of dollars. Over 400 local businesses participate and donate 5% of every purchase to our school. Even better, you save 20% on your first visit at each and every business.

REGISTER BY 9/22/08

Earn your student(s) an Earthball from the Pacific Science Center!

Register right away and help your student earn a cool prize! Earthballs can be picked up at the PACE table on Curriculum Night on 9/11 and 9/18. All of the Maple Hill students will benefit from your individual registration.

Be sure to tell your family and friends to sign up! They will appreciate the tremendous savings and we will raise even more.

AUCTION 2008/2009 NEWS

Hello Everyone! Just a quick note to remind everyone that this is the year of our bi-annual Auction. Over the summer, many volunteers that were recruited last fall have been very busy getting ready to have another successful Maple Hills Auction. Hold the date – **May 30, 2009** for our big event! Our theme is **Education: A World of Possibilities**. We have selected Spirit of Washington Center in Renton as our Venue and we have hired a local celebrity as our Auctioneer. **John Curley** of Northwest Afternoon fame has built a successful business as an Auctioneer and he will be our Auctioneer for our big event! An Auction packet will be forthcoming, so get psyched for an action packed year of Auction mania. Keep in mind that we still can use volunteers, so if you are interested in helping, please contact us. We would love to have you on the Auction team!

Remember, the money made at the Auction is used entirely for our children's educational enrichment. The more we make, the more we can offer.

Cheers!

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WATCH OUR SCHOOL GROW!

When parents are involved with their child's education, the child is more likely to succeed in school. Joining the PTA demonstrates your support of the mission and goals of PTA, shows you are invested in the welfare of all children, and entitles you to "voice and vote." Each year, we aspire to attain 100% membership, which means we must enroll one adult PTA member for every Maple Hills student. We have reached this goal for the past seven years – let's go for eight in a row!! Your membership dues help fund programs that enrich the learning experience at Maple Hills. As members, you will receive a complimentary copy of the Student Directory, an Eaglewear coupon, and a membership card.

Next time you walk into Maple Hills, look left and check out the ocean scene on the board. The more the school of fish grows, the closer we are to our 100% membership goal and the more our kids benefit at our own fabulous Maple Hills Elementary School!

Sheryl Beeman and Lori Boots, Membership

PARENT EDUCATION

Because we are such a busy community that has little time for seminars and parenting groups, I am going to try something different. In addition to educating you about community parenting seminars, I am going to send out a monthly parenting tip. This may be anything from brief words of wisdom passed down from grandma to a book review. Right now I am in the process of collecting topic ideas and would like to know what would be relevant for you and your family. Please send your ideas to me via e-mail me at rebeccaajc@comcast.net

Rebecca Carter

Parent Education Chair

MAPLE HILLS SOCK HOP 2008

The Maple Hills Sock Hop is coming. Time to pull out your poodle skirt, slide on those bobby sox, slick back that hair, throw on that leather jacket and come twist the night away. There will be music, dancing, games and prizes. And when you are ready for a break, come check out the bake sale, popcorn, and root beer floats. And for a keepsake of the night there will be a photographer to take your picture. Hope to see all of you there.

Make sure to save the date: **October 17, 2008 from 6:30-8:30 pm.**

If you have 50's memorabilia that we could display, please let us know:

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AUCTION PARKING

As a reminder the "Auction Parking" spot nearest the steps at school was purchased at our last PTA auction. The purchaser of this parking spot has exclusive parking rights both daily and for all school events this year. Please do not park in this spot for any reason. Bidding for the 2009-2010 and the 2010-2011 school years will take place at our auction in May.



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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The deadline for the
October 2008 Eagle's Nest is :
Wednesday, September 17th.

Please e-mail submissions to
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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2008

OCTOBER 2008

3rd	First Day of School	1 st – 17 th	DRA Testing
4th	1st Day of School Kindergarten	2 nd	PTA General Meeting 7pm
9th	Maywood Curriculum Night	3 rd – 4 th	Legislative Assembly
11th	Curriculum Night 1st, 4th, 5th 6-8:00 p.m.	6 th – 10 th	Scholastic Fall Book Fair
16th	Picture Day	7 th	Vision and Hearing Screening
17th	Newsletter Deadline	13 th	Fourth Grade Musical Rehearsal
17th	PTA Board Mtg 9:45 a.m.	13 th	Third Grade to Salmon Hatchery
18th	Curriculum Night Grades K, 2nd & 3rd 6-8:00 p.m.	15 th	Choral Fest with Liberty High School
23rd	Liberty High Curriculum Night	15 th	PTA Board Meeting 9:45am
24-26th	Camp Colman 5th Grade	15 th	PTA Newsletter Deadline
		16 th	Fourth Grade Musical Rehearsal
		17 th	PTA Sock Hop
		20 th	Fourth Grade Musical Rehearsal
		23 rd	Fourth Grade Musical 9:45am and 7:00pm
		23 rd	Picture Retakes

Please Note that this Calendar
is
Subject to Change!

HELP WANTED!

A non-profit organization is looking for energetic, enthusiastic, and motivated individuals interested in joining our team to support local area youth. Absolutely no previous experience is necessary, training is provided! Concerned parents are strongly encouraged to apply immediately! Rewards and benefits are endless.

The Washington State PTA conducts a continuous Legislative Advocacy program that includes training and education for members and parents on issues affecting our children and community involvement activities. Parents and members are strongly encouraged to use their voices to speak for the youth of Washington State. Find out more by visiting us online at:
<http://wastatepta.org/legislation.htm>.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

An important survey is coming your way! Each year local PTA units, councils, and individual members have the opportunity to submit issues that have state-wide importance for children. We will be sending out a survey in the next couple of weeks to find out what YOU, our members, feel are the most important issues for our Washington State PTA to concentrate on in the next Legislative Session.

The survey will consist of a list of submitted issues (with brief explanations of each issue) for you to cast your vote for the items you deem to be of the greatest importance to the children of Washington State. Your PTA's delegate will attend the Legislative Assembly in October and will use the results of the survey as well as facts presented at the assembly when voting on your PTA's behalf. Those top issues will then become the Washington State PTA's Top 5 Priorities for the next 2 years.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey, your input is very important! Thank you!