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What's Happening in the PTSA?

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HELP US HELP OTHERS!

LUNCH FOR THE BREAK

Did you know that Maywood's PTSA funded Outreach Program has donated food for 10-14 boxes to the fabulous LUNCH for the BREAK (LFTB) Program for *EACH BREAK* over the last year and a half? It is a true community partnership that serves the whole Issaquah School District and is working to make sure all ISD students have enough to eat, even when school is not in session. LFTB provides a FREE BOX OF GROCERY ITEMS for each student in the family that can be used to make breakfast, lunch and snacks.

In Maywood's first ever LFTB food drive, we are looking to UP the number of boxes that our school donates and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Students received a flyer in their SDR class that lists the various food items (assigned by grade level) that are needed in order to complete the boxes. Please consider helping our own Maywood community by donating one (or more) of the items needed. **Students can drop off items in the LFTB bins just inside the school entrance starting Monday, March 27ththrough Monday, April 3rd.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Questions? Contact Outreach Chair, Chris at chrislongfellow17@comcast.net.

Items To Be Donated

- Box Macaroni and Cheese
- Crackers (16oz)
- Fruit or Applesauce cups (4-4.4oz)
- Granola Bars
- Juice and Milk boxes
- Canned tuna/chicken/salmon
- Spaghetti O's or similar canned pasta
- Canned black, pinto, or refried beans
- Cup of Noodles
- Oatmeal or Cereal (18oz canister or box)
- Peanut butter (16oz)
- Jelly (18oz)
- Progresso or Chunky canned soup (18.5-19oz)



Spirit Wear Chair Needed

The Maywood PTSA is seeking an interested Chairperson for the 2017-18 Spirit Wear program. The Chairperson works this spring to set up the program with the vendor; choosing items, reviewing fliers and the ordering web site. The Chairperson also coordinates pertinent information with the school and PTSA, and communicates with staff and parents about orders. This position requires attention to detail and the ability to work on the program off and on from April through January. Typically, the actual sales are August through November, with two delivery windows where the orders are handed out at school. For questions or more information, please contact our current chair, Leslie Kahler at lesliekahler@comcast.net or 425-226-1314. Complete training and program how to's will be available. If you are interested in taking on this position, please contact Kimberly Montague at president@maywoodptsa.org

Board of Director Appointed Positions Open for the 2017-2018 School Year

Advocacy Representative:

The volunteer Board Member Advocacy Representative might be just right for you receives advocacy/legislative updates from WSPTA that can then share with the Maywood PTSA Membership through the newsletter, website and FB page. This individual will also have the opportunity to attend the WSPTA Legislative Assembly in Oct. 2017. As a member of the Board of Directors you will be expected to attend monthly meetings. If you would like more information about this position for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact Kimberly Montague at president@maywoodptsa.org

Board Member at Large (2 openings):

As Board Member at Large you are on the Board of Directors but do not have a specific job description. Your main job is to be a voice and representative for the Maywood PTSA Membership. If you would like more information about this position for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact Kimberly Montague at president@Maywoodptsa.org

Director of Membership:

The Director of Membership inputs and uploads membership information to the WSPTA database, provides monthly membership updates, and helps the Board as needed with membership. As a member of the Board of Directors you will be expected to attend monthly meetings. If you would like more information about this position for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact Kimberly Montague at president@Maywoodptsa.org

Director of Volunteers:

The Director of Volunteers collates, organizes and disperses information about volunteers to the chair person(s) that need the information and maintains contact throughout the school year with chair persons to ensure they have the volunteers they need. As a member of the Board of Directors you will be expected to attend monthly meetings. If you would like more information about this position for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact Kimberly Montague at president@Maywoodptsa.org

PTSA Calendar of Events – dates and times subject to change

Mar. 31 Charger 100 treat day during lunches April 20 Membership Meeting at 6:30pm in library May 3-5 Staff Appreciation Days



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ATTENTION CURRENT 6TH AND 7TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The online course selection is now open in Family Access for parents of current 6th and 7th grade students and will remain open until March 29th at 8:00 AM. Please log in to Family Access to view your student's course requests for the 2017-2018 school year. Contact our registrar Kris Ellis at EllisK@issaquah.wednet.edu with any questions regarding your student's requests.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Liberty High School is excited to welcome your student to high school next year! We want to set them up for success and that starts with requesting the right courses for next year. Students and families can now view their course selections until this Friday at 3pm. If a student feels that they need to make changes to their selections or sign up for an additional course, they can do so during the Course Change Window starting this Friday 3/24 at 4 pm.

LEVY COMMITTEE PARENT REP NEEDED

Every four years, the Issaquah School District asks local voters to approve levies to pay for educational essentials that the state does not fund, including school buses, classroom technology, and about 20 percent of the operations budget. Because our current levies expire next year, the district is forming a community committee now to help plan the renewal levy measures. If you are interested in representing MAYWOOD on the committee, please pick up an application in the main office and return it by March 31st. Committee members will consider the overall need, proposed content, total cost, and tax impacts of the ballot measures and present a final recommendation to the superintendent. The commitment is several Wednesday evening meetings in May and June.

EXCITING NEWS FROM MAYWOOD LIBRARY AND KCLS

A partnership between the Issaquah School District and the King County Library System now provides all ISD students with free access to KCLS's amazing online resources! Premium databases for online research, online homework help from live tutors, e-books, online audiobooks, and more are now available at kcls.org/students. The KCLS Student Account number is ISD's three-digit number 411 followed by a student's seven digit Maywood student ID number. The PIN number is the last four digits of a student's Maywood student ID number. Example student account number: 4110123456. Example PIN: 3456. Select databases can also be accessed directly from the Online Databases section of the Maywood Library Website. These databases include Encyclopedia Britannica Online, Opposing Viewpoints in Context, and Science Online! Please let Mr. Dahlin know if you need any assistance accessing these valuable online resources.

Smarter Balanced Assessment and the 8th Grade Science MSP schedule for the Spring of 2017 is <u>here</u>. For SBA resources please check this <u>link</u>.

Maywood Calendar of Events

Mar. 31: Charger 100 Treat Day during lunches

Apr. 7: Talent Show Assembly



District Award Reception information: Issaquah PTSA Council district wide Awards Reception honoring Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate Award winners from all of our Issaquah Schools is Tuesday, April 4th 6:30-7:30pm at Issaquah Middle School.

Outreach Opportunities: The Family and Community Engagement Program (FACE/Outreach) fosters communication and awareness of both the needs and the resources occurring in the greater Issaquah community. By sharing information from organizations like Issaquah Nourishing Network, the PTSA network can easily bring together those who are seeking assistance with those organizations and individuals contributing resources. For a list of Outreach opportunities click here.

Parent Education Opportunities: The Issaquah PTSA Council has several outstanding opportunities for parents coming up. Find more information about these and other Parent Education events at: http://parentwiser.org/

March 28th Hidden in Plain Sight, 6:30-8:30pm at Liberty High School Commons. Come to a "Hidden in Plain Sight" exhibit of a youth bedroom, and learn what signs of substance use to look for, and what to do if you find something. Includes expert Q&A forum, and a brief professional talk on communicating with youth about at-risk behavior. This is a PARENT ONLY event.

Stronger Together – Defeating Fear through the Power of Storytelling The attached flyer is to inform you of a special event on March 31 being sponsored by our District along with the City of Issaquah, Issaquah Schools Foundation, Issaquah PTSA, King County Libraries, and CISC. The event, featuring TEDx speaker, Luis Ortega, aligns with our District's efforts around cultural competency and includes discussion tables to address and discuss matters of inclusion and empathy. ALL staff, parents, students, and community members are invited.

The Gift of Failure: Fostering Intrinsic Motivation and Resilience in Kids by national keynote and author, Jessica Lahey. April 25th 7pm at Issaquah High School Theater. In today's culture, do we coddle our kids enough? Too much? Jessica Lahey summarizes the current research on autonomy-supportive parenting and teaching, competence, rewards, praise, and failure, and gives us advice on how to allow students to succeed over the long term. Join our community book read starting now, and help bring about this cultural change! For parents of K-12. Click here for an information flyer.

The NextGenEd Online Conference: With the click of a button, enjoy 28 talks from the brightest minds in parent education, from the comfort of your own home. Our personal favorites are Dr. Dan Siegel, Dr. Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Patty Wipfler, and Dr. Shefali Tsabary. Audio downloads are also included if you want to listen on the go. If you were to buy this individually it would cost \$147 per person, but with your Issaquah school's PTA membership, it's FREE!



Nourish Every Mind Luncheon: Thursday, May 11 at 12:00 at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue **Nourish Every Mind Breakfast:** Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30am at Eastridge Church in Issaquah

If you would like to attend either event, please contact Maywood's ISF Representative: Kara Mulqueeney kmulqueeney@msn.com

Find out more about ISF <u>here.</u>





Do you know of anyone that loves working with students, can manage a class and follow safe work practices and procedures?

Along with a bachelor's degree, they can be an Emergency Substitute Teacher right here in the ISD.

We are looking for Emergency Substitute Teachers. The requirement is a bachelors degree. Their first step is to complete a <u>certificate substitute application</u> using the online application system. Go to the <u>Career Opportunities</u> page off of the <u>ISD website</u>.

If you know of anyone, have them contact Karen at 425-837-7063 for more information!



ADVOCACY IN ACTION: CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATORS

Currently, WSPTA does not have a template/form letter for contacting legislators. However, in this busy time of the session, it is recommended to send an email or call your legislators directly to express support or concerns that are on our high priority list. You can find your legislator's contact information here.

Remember to keep the tone respectful, limit the topic to one per email, ask your legislator for their position, ask for their support or assistance to change the bill, and provide contact information so they can verify that you are a constituent. It is good practice to ask them for a response and/or contact you, but realize that they are entering the half-way point in session, so activities start to speed up.

If you call your legislator, keep the message short: who you are, why you are calling, specific bill number (if appropriate) and the best number to reach you. Speak slowly because the legislature uses a program that translates your call into an email; sometimes the results are very funny. Keep it short, to the point, and ask for a return call.

104th Annual WSPTA Convention

April 28-30 | SeaTac Hilton Learn more **here**.

Find out more about Washington State PTA here.

See all your membership benefits with WSPTA <u>here</u>.

WSPTA provides information on parent involvement, suicide prevention, childcare, healthy and safe schools, academic standards, internet safety, and much more. Find it all here.