



Happy Winter Season...

Wishing you a restful and happy winter break with family and friends. Health and happiness as you begin 2017!

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Upcoming Events & Dates

Save the Date - Watch Dogs Event

- Tuesday, January 10th
- 7:30-8:30 am
- Newport Heights Cafeteria

Volunteer for a day at Newport Heights Elementary! Come to the WatchDogs kickoff event on January 10th from 7:30-8:30 AM for our Dads and Donuts party! WatchDogs is a nationwide school-based father involvement program that supports education and safety. NHE will use the WatchDogs Walk-About model and the program will run from mid-January until the end of the school year. The walk-about model will give you the opportunity to help at recess, lunch, drop-off & pick-up as well as provide you some time to be in your child's classroom if you choose to do so.

Come for coffee, donuts, and to sign-up. Meet other Dads and listen to a presentation to learn more about this fantastic program. See you there!

Questions? Go to [WatchDogs](#) or email us at president@nhe-pta.org

5th Grade Fundraiser



It's not too late to support our 5th graders! Online sales remain open until December 31, so check out all the cool products at the Mixed Bags web site and place your order soon! Please make sure our ID# 388206 is entered in the top right corner. Online orders will arrive directly to the

CALENDAR

December 19-January 2
-- NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

January 10 - WatchDogs event 7:30 am

January 16 - NO School - Martin Luther King Day

January 20 - School Dance

January 30 - No School - Professional Day

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buyer's home based on the shipping method chosen.

We are also accepting direct donations. You can [Donate Here](#) or pay by check payable to NHE PTA, specifying "5th Grade Fundraiser" in the notes. Drop donations off at the school office.

Thank you so much for your support!

5th GRADERS - STRIKE A POSE!!

The holidays are a busy time of year but also the perfect time to capture your 5th grader's festive spirit. Help us make this year's graduation slideshow fantastic by sending us a current photo of your child as well as your favorite baby picture of those cherished memories. Please take a little time to start searching for the following:

1. A baby or toddler picture of your soon to be graduate
2. Current picture of your child
3. Group pictures of our 5th graders through the years - from field trips, classroom parties, school events. Please no pictures of birthday parties, outside events or non-NHE 5th graders.

Photos can be digital or prints, however digital images are preferred.

ORIGINAL prints should be sent in an envelope to the attention of your child's teacher and will be returned by the end of the year.

DIGITAL images must be in a JPG file format with a resolution of at least 300 dpi or greater. A larger size and higher resolution will be better viewed on a large format screen. Email digital files to 5thgradeslideshow@nhe-pta.org

Please send pictures by early February and thanks in advance for your help! Questions? Contact Sara Terry and Sharon Levy at 5thgradeslideshow@nhe-pta.org

Cornerstone Studio Presents THE NUTCRACKER

Support Some of your Classmates... Watch them perform in the NUTCRACKER!

Cornerstone Studio presents its annual production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker. With a cast of talented dancers portraying the beloved characters of Clara, the Nutcracker Prince, Sugar Plum Fairy, and more, our show is a favorite holiday tradition. Magical surprises like an action-packed battle scene, where the Nutcracker and his tap-dancing army battle the Mouse Queen and her rat pack, as well as the enchanting Land of Sweets, where Clara is entertained by guest break dancers and ballerinas, make this show different from the rest. It's a full-length production that is fun for the entire family! Gorgeous costumes and sets make this timeless performance truly unforgettable.

This year's production features Samantha Weissbach, of Intrepidus Dance, and Jeromeskee and Sean Steady, of the world-famous Massive Monkees crew, and will be held on Saturday, December 17th and Sunday, December 18th at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM at Carlson Theater in Bellevue. Tickets can be purchased online through Brown Paper Tickets here:

<http://cornerstonenutcracker2016.bpt.me> Reserved seating starts at just \$15!

Questions About Our Show? Contact Cornerstone Studio:

Email - Dance@cornerstonestudio.com

Phone - 425-401-5291

Website - www.CornerstoneStudio.com

<https://www.facebook.com/CornerstoneDanceStudio>

PTA News

Directories are in...

Directories have been distributed this week to all PTA member households.

Thank you for your membership!!

Can't remember if you are a member? [check here](#) or contact president@nhe-pta.org

Become a PTA member to receive a Directory, Car decal and [other benefits](#).

[Become a Member Here](#)

It's Not Too Late to Join the PTA

Who: Parents, teachers, grandparents, and community members are all welcome!

Why: PTA supports teachers, parents, and the community through Curriculum Funds for Teachers, Assemblies, Staff Appreciation Week, and Field Trips, just to name a few.

How: Join online at nhe-pta.org
\$15 for Individual and \$25 for Family

NHE PTA Auction 2017 Teams are Forming

Auction 2017 is planned for March 24, 2017

- Join an Auction Team by emailing auction2017@nhe-pta.org
- Do you own a company and can donate a service or item? Click [here](#) for a Donation Procurement Form
- Do you want to help the procurement team? Email us at procurement@nhe-pta.org

Email Lori Meyers and Sarah Oliver at auction2017@nhe-pta.org with questions.

Yearbook-- Early Bird Discount ends today!!!

Order your child's yearbook before the prices go up.

Early Bird \$19 (order by December 16)

Sale Price \$25 (order by February 17)

Last Chance \$30 (order by April 1)

You can't remember if you ordered one? [click here](#)

[Order Here](#)

Nominating Committee

Be a part of NHE PTA's future. Be a part of the Nominating Committee

- Recruit our Board members for the 2017-18 school Year
- Attend one or more General Membership meetings: February 9, 2017 and/or May 11, 2017

Questions? Contact Anne and Ronda at president@nhe-pta.org

Sign up [Here](#)

PTA Volunteer Opportunities- Join the

Team

Office Helpers still needed!

Are you available to help the office staff for a short time after drop-off? Checking in late students and helping with office tasks... It's easy! We need help during the month of November.

Please contact Megumi Tsukue at megumi.tsukue@gmail.com to help.

School News

Principal Leaver's Latest Blog...

Hear from our Principal...

Go to her latest blog from December 5th:

[Sharing the Great Things of Newport Heights](#)

Parking Reminder

Remember to stay respectful to our NHE neighbors. Please do not block driveways or mailboxes!

District News

Bellevue Schools Foundation

Dear families,

Winter Break is almost here! Before our thoughts turn to parties and presents, I ask that you take a moment to consider adding the Bellevue Schools Foundation to your holiday gift list. The Foundation is a true partner to our schools. Their investments-made possible by donations from parents like you-make a difference for our students every day. From the arts to computer science, STEM, college planning, mentoring and more, our schools remain ahead of the curve because of donor-funded investments. **Right now, only 14% of District families contribute.** I believe that together, we can move the dial. Whether you can give a little or a lot, consider participating in the All in for Kids Annual Fund. It's a gift that will benefit your child for years to come. You can learn more and donate at www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org!

Community News

Theater Games

Pre-Holiday Fun with Terence and Angela at Newport Hills Theatre Project!

Parents, need a few hours kid-free for those last minute Holiday preparations? Terence and Angela Kelley, directors of NHE school plays for the last 18 years, will keep your kids busy with fun and entertaining theatre games, improvisation exercises, and art projects. They will provide a festive snack as well.

Who: Children in 2nd through 8th grades When: Thursday, Dec 22nd, 11:00am - 2:00pm Where: Newport Hills Community Church - 5833 119th Ave SE Bellevue Cost: \$30 (\$5 discount for siblings) Please email infontp@gmail.com for more information or to register. Space is limited-- register TODAY to hold your spot!

Theater Winter Camp

Wrap-up 2016 with NHTP Winter Camp!

Terence and Angela Kelley are back to lead you in a fun and exciting Theatre Camp! Join us as we play theatre games, sharpen our acting skills and then use them as we take a classic fantasy tale from the page to the stage! We will perform our own short adaptation or scenes inspired by YOU and the written word. The story we decide on will be determined by the ages and numbers of cast members. It's a mystery now, but one thing is for sure... it will be action packed and filled with fun and laughter! Who: Children in 2nd through 8th grades

- When: Dec 26th to Dec 30th,
- 10:00-2:00pm
- Where: Newport Hills Community Church- 5833 119th Ave SE Bellevue
- Cost: \$160 (\$25 sibling discount available)

Please email infonhntp@gmail.com for more information or to register. Space is limited--register by TODAY to hold your spot!

*A limited number of scholarships are available and granted on a first come, first serve basis. Please email infonhntp@gmail.com for more information.

Day Coder Camps

No School? No problem! Spend the day at the Coder School, we'll be reverse engineering a game in Snap! Like Flappy Bird, break it down, understand how it works and build it back up with the kids' own twist! End of day, kids will be able to build and show case their own version of Flappy Bird. If time permits, we'll be working on some tech talks such as an introductory to machine learning or a foosball tourney. Space is limited!

When: January 16th and 30th 9 am-3:30 pm

Price: \$99

<http://www.thecoderschool.com/>

When registering parents can enter a coupon code 1DAYCODER2016 for \$20 off.

CHESS 4 LIFE

is offering a variety of day camps for Veteran's Day and Winter Break in a variety of Eastside locations.

December 19th - 23rd ~ December 26th - 30th ~ January 2nd
BELLEVUE

All Day Chess
Art PLUS Chess
Badminton PLUS Chess
Drama PLUS Chess
LEGO PLUS Chess
Robotics PLUS Chess
Table Tennis PLUS Chess

REDMOND

All Day Chess
Art PLUS Chess
LEGO PLUS Chess
Robotics PLUS Chess

ISSAQUAH

All Day Chess
Art PLUS Chess
LEGO PLUS Chess

Robotics PLUS Chess
CROSSROADS EVENT: PASSPORT TO CHESS
Saturday, November 12th
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Fun, interactive chess event for everyone! Come play and win prizes
KIDS@CHESS4LIFE.COM | WWW.CHESS4LIFE.COM | 425-283-0549

Downtown Bellevue Ice-skating

The Bellevue Downtown Association is thrilled to once again be providing a turn-key fundraising opportunity for your school at the 2016-2017 Bellevue Magic Season Ice Arena presented by Alaska Airlines Visa Signature® Card and Mileage Plan. The ice arena is a production of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization.

The ice rink is built every year as a temporary structure, and our temporary home for this season will be at Ashwood Park (adjacent to Bellevue Library). This is due to construction at our normal home, the Bellevue Downtown Park. It features a partial open-air facility, a tent covers the rink surface for those days when it is raining. In addition, there is a heated tent adjacent to the rink for those who would like to visit without skating can enjoy watching while keeping warm.

Admission to the rink is \$12/person (includes skate rental), \$9/person for those eight and under. We would like to offer \$3 from every paying visitor from your school who notify our rink staff upon paying what school they are affiliated with. We will tally the total number of visits from the dates listed below and provide a check to your organization at the end of the season. For example, if you have 50 people skate on December 3, 5 on December 11 and 45 on January 8 the BDA will cut a check in the amount of \$300 and get it to you by the end of January.

Interested in learning how to skate? Visit the ice arena on December 13, 14, 15 and January 3, 4, 5 between 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. courtesy of Overlake Medical Center, to learn how to skate from the pros! Skating instructors will be on-site to give complimentary skating lessons. Normal admission rates apply for each skater.

All we ask is that you provide the dates below to your group and encourage all members to visit the rink as frequently as possible!

November 25-December 16, 2016 & January 3-8, 2017

Ice skating opens to the public on Friday, November 25 and closes on Sunday, January 8 and is a part of the Bellevue Magic Season. Families can make it a night of holiday fun with a visit to Snowflake Lane at The Bellevue Collection and stroll through Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. More information about the Bellevue Magic Season can be found at www.BellevueDowntown.com/events/magic-season.

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