



## Happy Winter Season...

Dear Families,

Unfortunately, the Hour of Code was cancelled, however we can be assured that the Teachers and Administrators at Newport Heights always consider safety first. Hopefully we will re-schedule, however, no news yet.

Just one more week before our long awaited break. We hope your students finish strong and continue to enjoy each day.

Whether you are wishing for snow or hope for warmer and more moderate weather... we wish you a warm and cozy weekend with your family and friends.

Thank you for your support for NHE,  
Anne Wilson and Ronda Woodcox  
NHE PTA Co-Presidents

## Up-to-date info on Facebook



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## Upcoming Events & Dates

### Staff Cookie Exchange

Hello NHE Parents!

One of our biggest events of the year is coming up, during one of the busiest times of the year. It is the Annual Staff Cookie Exchange for all staff members. Every year, the PTA puts together a cookie exchange for our wonderful staff as a way to say "Thank You" for all that they do for our kids. Cookies are donated & each staff member gets to choose a dozen wonderful cookies to take home and enjoy during their break. We will be collecting the cookies in the staff room the morning of Friday, December 16th. We need close to 80 dozen cookies! Please consider baking some extra cookies to donate for this much appreciated event. As always, store bought cookies or other baked goods are welcome. We request NO NUTS, please.

If you would like to help? Contact: [hospitality@nhe-pta.org](mailto:hospitality@nhe-pta.org)

Please sign up at this link:

<http://nhehospitality.pleasebringit.com/public/4jWTM7DvqKI>

Thank you for your help!

Erika Clifford

PTA Refreshments Committee Chair

## 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

### CALENDAR

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

**January 16** - NO School - Martin Luther King Day

**January 20** - School Dance

**January 30** - No School - Professional Day

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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 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!

## 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](mailto:Dance@cornerstonestudio.com)

Phone - 425-401-5291

Website - [www.CornerstoneStudio.com](http://www.CornerstoneStudio.com)

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

# Bellevue Ski School

SKI AND BOARD SATURDAYS/SUPPORT YOUR PTSA! Join the Saturday Bellevue Ski School Program.

All levels welcome, 2nd through 12th grade. Transportation provided by BSD. Support your school and 5% of every enrollment goes to your school's PTSA. For more info, visit [www.bellevueskischool.com](http://www.bellevueskischool.com).

## Directories are in...

Directories will be distributed to all PTA member households next week. Also, a car decal to show your NHE spirit.

Thank you for your membership!!

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

Email Lori Meyers and Sarah Oliver at [auction2017@nhe-pta.org](mailto:auction2017@nhe-pta.org) with questions.

## Yearbook-- Early Bird Discount!

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](mailto: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](mailto:megumi.tsukue@gmail.com) to help.

## Library Helpers

Please consider helping out in your child's assigned Library time. Join the Team of parent volunteers who become trained to assist in the Library. More information and training to come. Please contact Christine at [eklof921@yahoo.com](mailto:eklof921@yahoo.com) to sign up or to seek more information.

Here are the classes that still need volunteers:

2nd Ms. McCoy 12:15-12:55 Mondays

1st McCoy 1:40-2:20 Mondays

4th Anderson 9:35-10:15 Tuesdays

2nd Pudlitzke 12:15-12:55 Tuesdays

2nd Whitfield 8:10-8:50 Thursdays

3rd Eckhardt/Bergman 10:20-11:00 Fridays

K Ormiston/Hubert 12:55-1:35 Fridays

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## School News

### Parking Reminder

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

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## 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 [infonhpt@gmail.com](mailto:infonhpt@gmail.com) for more information or to register. Space is limited-- register by December 16th 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 [infonyhtp@gmail.com](mailto:infonyhtp@gmail.com) for more information or to register. Space is limited--register by **December 16th** to hold your spot!

\*A limited number of scholarships are available and granted on a first come, first serve basis. Please email [infonyhtp@gmail.com](mailto:infonyhtp@gmail.com) for more information.

## Boys Lacrosse Grades K-8

BOYS LACROSSE GRADES K-8 Would you like to experience the fastest growing sport in the country? NEW and experienced lacrosse players welcomed! Register now at [www.silacrosse.org](http://www.silacrosse.org) for Spring Season starting in February and qualify for an early bird discount if you register by December 31st, 2016.

## Girls Lacrosse

GIRLS LACROSSE Informational Meeting on December 12th, 2016 at 6:45 PM at the Lake Hills Library 15590 Lake Hills Blvd. Bellevue, 98007 For more information, check out [www.nsilacrosse.org](http://www.nsilacrosse.org).

## 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](http://www.BellevueDowntown.com/events/magic-season).

## WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE THROUGH THE BELLEVUE YMCA

League Dates: December 5-March 4, 2017 This is a co-ed league designed for kids in grades K-6 to have fun and compete in a relaxed environment. The focus is to teach basic bball skills while learning self-confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship. For more info visit [bellevuemca.org](http://bellevuemca.org)

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