



## Welcome to Newport Heights Elementary 2016-17 School Year

### It's not too Late to become a PTA Member...

**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

- Become a PTA Member, Pre-order a Yearbook, Donate, sign-up to Volunteer and much more in one place...
- Click [here](#) to get started. Make sure you "sign-in" if you have an account already, or create a new account.
- Not new? Update your student's information and your information too!
- Do you want to check out your order history? Click on "My Account" (bottom Left hand corner) on the nhe-pta.org site -OR- [click here](#)

### Up-to-date info on Facebook



Like us on Facebook for up-to-date information

## Upcoming Events & Dates

### Walk and Rollathon- Fundraising Update

As of October 6th, we have raised \$11,891!! Keep collecting those donations, Dolphins!

- Recommended Donation is \$50. All money supports the programs, academic events and curriculum needs of our school... and much, much more. [How was the PTA money spent in 2015-16?](#)
- The top three classrooms that have raised the most money so far are:

#### CALENDAR

October 13 - Picture Day

October 13 - PTA General Membership Meeting 7pm

October 20 - Vision Screen

October 14 - NO SCHOOL  
(Professional Day)

October 28 - Pumpkin Carving Night 6:30

November 4 - Movie Night 6:30

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- The grade level that has the highest percentage of families who have donated so far is: **1st Grade** at 40.45% of first grade families have donated
- [Donate Here](#)
- Prize Tables will be at morning Recess on October 13th and 20th. Your child will receive prizes for donation participation of any amount!



## NHE Volunteer Badge Pictures

Picture day is **October 13th**. Any NHE volunteers that need their own photo ID volunteer badge can come to picture day any time between 8:00-2:00 to get their picture taken.

## 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)

[Order Here](#)

## Pumpkin Carving Night is coming...

**When:** October 28th at 6:30 pm

**Where:** NHE Gym

**What:** Bring a "cleaned out" pumpkin to carve with friends and family. Games, prizes and music. Arrive in Costume if desired. This is not a Drop off event.

Would you like to help or learn more? Please email Heidi at [heidischmitten@gmail.com](mailto:heidischmitten@gmail.com)

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## PTA Volunteer Opportunities- Join the Team

### Vision Screen Helpers needed...

- October 20th in the morning.
- **One day to assist our Nurse, Cori Ponte with vision screens. Help escort classroom students to the vision screen area.**
- Interested in helping? Contact [president@nhe-pta.org](mailto:president@nhe-pta.org)

### Needed: Book Fair Chairperson

Do you like the Book Fair? Help us make it happen this year! Looking for an organized and motivated parent at NHE to lead this wonderful event that supports our NHE Library. You would work in collaboration with our Library Teacher, Ms. Asmann. We need a leader, there are many workers ready to support you. To sign up click [here](#)

Questions or comments, please email [president@nhe-pta.org](mailto:president@nhe-pta.org)

## Needed: Assemblies Chairperson

Looking for someone to collaborate with Teachers and Administration to schedule and plan Assemblies for our students throughout the year.

To sign up click [here](#)

Questions? Please email [president@nhe-pta.org](mailto:president@nhe-pta.org)

## 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

4th Anderson 9:35-10:15 Tuesdays

2nd Pudlitzke 12:15-12:55 Tuesdays

2nd Whitfield 8:10-8:50 Thursdays

4th Fleming 9:35-10:15 Thursdays

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

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

## Office Helpers

Each year our office would like a few helpers in the morning to check students in and do other office related duties. Please consider joining the Team of office helpers. Contact Megumi at [megumi.tsukue@gmail.com](mailto:megumi.tsukue@gmail.com).

## PTA Classroom Liaisons

This Team of parent volunteers involves communicating important information between the PTA and your classroom parents. Please consider joining this Team or with questions contact Shannon at [shantom2@comcast.net](mailto:shantom2@comcast.net).

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## After School Programs

### TechVenture Kids

New Code Club Schedule!

SCRATCH Animation and Game Design  
MONDAYS, Oct 17 - Nov 21 (6 weeks)  
2:30pm -4:00pm (90 minutes)  
Grades: 3,4 and 5  
Fees: \$177

In our code clubs, kids explore how to design and program their own games and animations, using MIT's SCRATCH, a visual drag and drop programming environment on computers we provide. Engaged in fun coding projects, mini challenges and a BIG PROJECT kids take their first

steps into learning to program.

Register at [www.techventurekids.org](http://www.techventurekids.org)

## Smart With Art

Visual Arts: Road Trip USA

- Wednesdays 12:05-1:35 pm
- 9/28 - 11/16 (8 classes)
- \$168 registration (free tuition for one parent who volunteers for the duration of the class - first come first serve)
- K-2, 3-5

We will drive down to the Grand Canyon to explore chalk pastels, then we will swing by some wacky roadside attractions that will be sure to pop off the page. Rock out with us when we drive through Nashville, home of America's country music and create a musically inspired marker collage, and watch out for snapping alligators in the everglades, when we create painted relief sculptures on canvas. There is so much to create and explore around the U.S.A. with markers, watercolors, paint, collage, oil pastels, chalk, sculpture and more! Don't miss out on this creative journey from coast to coast! Join us this Fall to expand your artistic skills as we road Trip around the USA! And, as always, Dress for Mess!

Register at [www.go.smartwithart.net/Newport](http://www.go.smartwithart.net/Newport)

Questions??? Call 425.420.2677 or E-mail: [office@smartwithart.net](mailto:office@smartwithart.net)

## Chess 4 Life

- Wednesdays 12:05-1:05 pm
- 9/28 - 11/16 (8 classes)
- \$129 registration for the session

Open to any student interested in learning or increasing his or her knowledge of chess. Chess study has shown to:

- Increase math skills, memory, and self-confidence
- Improve patience, concentration, and sportsmanship

Register at [www.chess4life.com](http://www.chess4life.com)

Questions??? Call the Chess4Life Center at (425) 283-0549 or email [kids@chess4life.com](mailto:kids@chess4life.com)

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## Community News

### Green Clean at Home: Free Workshops from the City of Bellevue

The City of Bellevue is pleased to offer six special green clean workshops. All events are free!

Workshops:

Fun, hands-on classes that cover information on avoiding toxic cleaners and resources for making your own green cleaners. Attendees will receive a free green cleaning kit to take home. Adults and children over 7 are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend, registration is required.

Please email us at [recycle@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:recycle@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6932 to register. Spaces are limited to 20 people per session. First come, first served.

Workshop dates/locations:

Tuesday, October 18th, 2016

7:00-8:00PM  
Newport Way Library 14250 SE Newport Way  
Registration required. Limited to 20 people.

Monday, October 24th, 2016  
7:00-8:00PM  
Lake Hills King County Library 15590 Lake Hills Blvd.  
Registration required. Limited to 20 people.

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016  
7:00-8:00PM  
Bellevue Downtown Library 1111 110th Ave. NE  
Registration required. Limited to 20 people.

Thursday, November 10th, 2016  
7:00-8:00PM  
Newport Way Library 14250 SE Newport Way  
Registration required. Limited to 20 people.

Wednesday, November 16th, 2016  
7:00-8:00PM  
Lake Hills King County Library 15590 Lake Hills Blvd.  
Registration required. Limited to 20 people.

## DANCE CLASSES AT CORNERSTONE STUDIO!

Fall enrollment is now in full swing at Cornerstone, located nearby in the Newport Hills Shopping Center. With classes for ages 3 - adult, there's something for every age group. We offer training in ballet, break dancing, tap, hip hop, contemporary & much more.

Cornerstone Studio is a place of passion - for dance, learning, and kids! We're a dance studio, but what we provide is such a self-reflective experience that most kids walk out of the classroom having learned more about themselves than even the dance steps they were taught. They are given room to think and create. The training we give is superior, but more than that, Cornerstone is like one big family.

It's never too late to start dancing, so join us today! Show us a copy of this newsletter and receive a free trial class (new students only). Visit us 24/7 at <http://www.cornerstonestudio.com>

## Tyee Middle School Presents SCREENAGERS Growing Up in the Digital Age

Thursday, October 20th, 7 PM, at Tyee  
Viewings of this film have been selling out nationwide, so purchase your tickets today on Eventbrite!  
<https://www.eventbrite.com>

SCREENAGERS is an important film for parents, teens, tweens, and educators. The film "probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world."  
- <http://www.screenagersmovie.com>

## Bellevue School Foundation NEWS...

October 24, Noon - 1 pm

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Forum with Erin Jones and Chris Reykdal.  
Rainier Room, WISC Building (address)  
Free, Registration Required  
Lunch included

Bellevue Schools Foundation and the Bellevue PTSA Council have partnered to bring you this opportunity to learn more about the candidates who are seeking Washington public education's top job. You'll hear their visions for OSPI and get answers to your questions.

[Register Now](#)

October 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

An Evening with Houston

Rainier Room, WISC Building, address

Light snacks served

Hear a high-energy presentation on creating lives filled with character, purpose, and compassion by Houston Kraft, a professional speaker, leadership consultant, and kindness advocate. Kraft, who speaks to middle schools, high schools, colleges, and businesses across the country, will inspire and provide you with hands-on tools that will leave you energized for lasting and sustainable change. His presentations for Bellevue School District are in support of the donor-funded Social Emotional Learning initiative in our schools.

Please contact us at [info@bsfdn.org](mailto:info@bsfdn.org) if you have any questions about the events.

## Click for Kids and Text for Kids

Get ready to Click for Kids and Text for Kids in Bellevue Schools Foundation's annual fall fundraising drive. Look for parents, kids, and volunteers outside your school on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 24-25, then go 'All In' by making a donation online at [BellevueSchoolsFoundation.org](http://BellevueSchoolsFoundation.org) or by texting KIDS to 71760. Whether you can give \$5 a month or \$1,000 a year-your donation makes the difference between basic education, and the best education. Thank you

[BSF link to Learn More](#)

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