



Answers to your questions...

- How do I get involved?
- Where do I buy a Yearbook?
- What events are this month?
- What is the PTA?
- Where does the money go?
- How do I get reimbursed by the PTA?

Check out our website: nhe-pta.org
Email us: president@nhe-pta.org
Next general Membership Meeting: February 9,
2017

-Anne Wilson and Ronda Woodcox

Nominating Committee Needed

Calling all PTA Members: we need your help to continue the tradition of creating a strong PTA Board for next year!

We are currently searching for 2 members (we already retained one) to make up our Nominating Committee. As a Nominating Committee member you will have a direct influence in the PTA by helping to recruit for the open positions in our NHE PTA Board.

The time commitment is relatively short (approximately 2-3 months, starting in February) and extremely manageable (weekly time commitment varies, but expect at most an hour per month).

A benefit of this position is having the flexibility to work with your committee from school or home, whenever best fits your schedule. Therefore, people who may normally be restricted in their ability to volunteer due to daytime or evening commitments won't find that a problem!
It should be noted that you won't be alone, and will be thoroughly supported to be successful. As a PTA, we are ALL responsible for finding interested members to serve!
Questions? email us at president@nhe-pta.org

Up-to-date info on Facebook



Like us on Facebook for up-to-date information

Upcoming Events & Dates

Lost and Found - Donated Today!

CALENDAR

January 23-February 3 - Bellevue Kindness Challenge (Expanded the dates!)

January 30 - No School - Professional Day

February 7 - Kindergarten Information Night 6:30 pm

February 9 - PTA General Membership Meeting 7pm in Library

February 9 - Kindergarten Registration Starts (Office)

February 10 - Family Art Night 6:30 in Gym

February 20-24 No School - Midwinter Break

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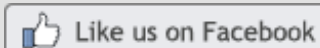
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Items will be donated today at 3pm!!!

- Come and check it out to find out if anything is yours!



[Shop Amazon.com](#)



BLAZE THE TRAIL - Auction 2017

Get ready to kick up your heels and Blaze The Trail for our kids! Please join us for the 2017 NHE Auction and help raise money to benefit our students.

- Friday, March 24, 2017
- Roundup: 6:00 pm for Cocktails & Silent Auction followed by Dinner and Live Auction
- PICKERING BARN 1730 10th Ave NW, Issaquah, WA



Individual: \$60
 Couple: \$120
 Sponsor a teacher or staff ticket: \$40
 Ticket at Door: \$75

[Purchase Tickets, Donate and Learn more Here](#)

Saddle up in your denim & boots and get ready to join the party...we can't wait to see y'all there!

If you are unable to attend? You can still make a difference and help your child Blaze The Trail by:

- Make a donation online [Here](#)
- Procuring an Auction item
 - Donate an item Online [Here](#)
 - Donate an item with [Procurement Form](#)
- Sponsor this event
 - [Sponsorship Form](#)
 - Online Sponsorship [Here](#)

Family Art Night

Date: Friday, February, 10th

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: NHE Cafeteria

Smart with Art will be at Newport Heights Elementary to teach us a valentine owl chalk pastel project that will be matted. Take home the project that night! Cost is \$10 with early online registration, \$15 at the door.

[Register Here](#)

[Family Art Night Flyer](#)

Bellevue Kindness Challenge

January's Virtue is "Kindness" therefore, Newport Heights and NHE PTA are partnering with the Bellevue PTSA Council and Camp Kindness Counts for the first annual Bellevue Kindness Challenge.

Our job is to collect items for RASKC (Regional Animal Services of King County) during the week: January 23rd- February 3rd... Dates added!

[Click here for list of items](#)

Items can be brought in during the weeks of January 23-February 3rd



and placed in a Box in the office labeled "RASKC"

If you have any questions please contact president@nhe-pta.org

No monetary donations can be taken, only items for RASKC.

PTA News

Directories are in...

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

Yearbook

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

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 Yearbook Here](#)

PTA Volunteer Opportunities- Join the Team

Watch D.O.G.S.

Kick-off Event - Dads and Donuts

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is a national program that supports parents, particularly fathers coming into their child's school for a day.

Your time will be spent helping in the overall management of the students as well as having time in your child's classroom.

If you've been looking for an opportunity to be more involved with your child's NHE experience, this is your chance!!

We hope you will join us in the morning on January 24th for coffee, donuts, and a short presentation.

Sign up NOW for your day: [Click Here](#)

Questions? Go to WatchDogs or email us at president@nhe-pta.org



Dads of Great Students

Please note: If you have not previously completed a Volunteer Application with NHE you MUST do so before you can volunteer at the school. This is a simple form that will take 5 minutes to complete and it will be available to you at this event. Please come prepared with your ID Card, as we will need to take a photo copy to send with your application.

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.

After School Programs for Winter 2017

NEW Classes for all Students!!!

New programs will be added to NHE's after-school options!

Mondays: Coding with Kids

- Beginner- Intermediate (Grades 3-5) Starts February 6th 2:35-3:35pm , 9 sessions, \$179
- Do you play games and wonder how they are created? Would you like to build your own computer programs? Come learn how at the Coding with Kids Academy! In this fun after-school class, BEGINNERS will be introduced to the core concepts of computer programming, including loops, conditionals and variables. INTERMEDIATE students will move on to more advanced concepts, such as nested conditionals and functions with parameters. Using the Scratch development environment, you will learn how to create a variety of programs, from simple animations to multi-level games. With new projects each session, you will be able to express your creativity and advance as a coder!
- Register: www.codingwithkids.com/session/2250

Tuesdays: Yoga Club

- Grade 1-5, Starts January 24, 2:30-3:30, 8 sessions, Cost: \$135
- Introduction to the practice and benefits of yoga and mindfulness. Students will learn asana (posture) and pranayama (breath work), mindfulness, and meditation through fun and engaging activities, journaling, and more! Some of the benefits of yoga for kids include: improved body awareness, self-control, flexibility, and strength; release of tension and stress; increase concentration, focus, and attention span; and a greater sense of well-being and respect for others. Yoga mats, journals, and all supplies provided!
- Register: **Class is full - Register early for next session**

Wednesdays:

- **Chess4Life**
 - Wednesdays: K-5, Starts February 1, 12:05-1:05, 8 sessions, \$129
 - The Chess4Life After School Chess Club is designed for students of any ability. Our Chess Clubs are taught by certified coaches who tailor the curriculum to meet the needs of the students. Learning and playing chess at school provides a host of benefits including improved memory, problem-solving skills, an enhanced ability to think ahead, and potential performance improvement in math and science. We strive to ensure that all of our students learn life, improve at chess, and have fun.
 - Register: www.chess4life.com
- **Coding with Kids**
 - Wednesdays: K-2 Grade, Starts February 8, 12:15-1:15, 9 sessions, Cost: \$179
 - Jump start your child's STEM education with Coding with Kids' Little Coders class! Students will develop their computational thinking skills and build their own creative programs. Our curriculum combines a blend of fun activities - both "on-screen" and "off-screen" - to keep students engaged and excited about coding. This class will give students a strong foundation on coding basics, such as loops and conditionals, that can be built upon in our other classes. Kids will be introduced to these programming fundamentals in a variety of ways appropriate for this age group, from coding puzzles and board games to hands-on programming using online drag-and-drop tools, such as Scratch (scratch.mit.edu).
 - Register: www.codingwithkids.com/session/2249

- **Smart with Art**

- Starts February 1, 12:05-1:45, K-2 and 3-5 Grade, 8 Sessions, Cost: \$168
- Bite into Art with us this session as we design original works of art all relating to different types of cuisine! Students will create unique projects exploring a wide variety of mediums like printmaking, oil pastel, paint, watercolor, and collage. We will have a feeding frenzy over famous works of art and style while exploring new techniques. Learn how to draw a wacky self-portrait out of fruits and vegetables inspired by famous artist, Archimboldo. Paint and draw candy in the style of Burton Morris. Design your own watercolor food truck with a pop up side door. Create a painted air-dry clay on canvas board ice cream cone inspired by sculpture artist, Claus Oldenburg. Whatever your favorite foods are, whatever new foods you've tasted, or junk food you crave every student will salivate over these tasty art projects you'll get to create this session. And as always, Dress for Mess! [Join us for the session as the parent volunteer and get 75% off your child's tuition.]
- Register: smartwithart.net

Thursdays:

- **Lego Club**

- Thursdays: K-2, Starts February 9, 2:30-4:15, 8 Sessions, Cost: \$144
- Ratchet up your imagination with tens of thousands of LEGO®! Build engineer designed projects such as Motorcycles, Castles, Airplanes, and Monorails. Then use special pieces to create your own unique design! New and returning students can explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor. There is no prerequisite for this course.
- Register: <http://play-well.org/> (Look up through zip code and Newport Heights)

School News

Day of Solidarity

Dear Newport Heights families,

You may have heard about the Day of Solidarity planned for Tuesday, January 31, 2017. On this day, some students, and educators in the Bellevue School District are showing their support for historically marginalized student groups through the wearing of t-shirts. Understanding our role of influence with students, staff members who choose to participate in the Day of Solidarity through displaying messages in support of social movements or causes are prepared to explain its meaning, should those conversations surface, using age-appropriate language.

While the Day of Solidarity is not a district or school sponsored event, at Newport Heights Elementary, we strive to include all students each day to support Bellevue School District Board of Directors' newly reaffirmed resolution that states:

"Therefore be it resolved that the Bellevue School District Board of Directors reaffirms its commitment to provide an equitable educational opportunity and treatment for each and every student in all aspects of the academic and activities without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veterans or military status, sex, sexual orientation (gender expression or identity), marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability AND to fostering a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, parents/legal guardians, volunteers and community members that is free from harassment, intimidation or bullying."

Sincerely,
Cathy Leaver
Principal, Newport Heights Elementary School

Principal Leaver's Latest Blog...

Hear from our Principal...

Go to her latest blog from January 9th:
[Sharing the Great Things of Newport Heights](#)

Kindergarten Registration

- Kindergarten Registration opens on February 9th at the NHE office
- Kindergarten Information Night is planned for February 7th, 2017 at 6:30

Parking Reminder

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

5th GRADERS - STRIKE A POSE!!

Help us make this years 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

District News

Kindergarten Early Entrance

Parent Information Night
Early Entrance to Kindergarten (EEK)

For: Parents of a child who turns 5 years old between Sept 1st and Nov 30th

When: Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 from
5:30-6:30 pm

Where: Educational Service Center (ESC) Room 200
12111 NE 1st St, Bellevue, WA 98005

What: Topics include research on child development, readiness skills, the application packet, and testing

It is strongly recommended that parent(s) attend this meeting if considering applying for testing this Spring.

- Must be Bellevue residents
- Parents only due to limited space, please arrange for childcare
- More info on BSD website, click on Kindergarten

Bellevue School Foundation - Spring for Schools Luncheon

Mark your calendar for
Friday, March 24, 2017

Have you had a chance to attend Spring for Schools yet? If not, you've been missing out! Each spring, Bellevue Schools Foundation hosts a spectacular 1,000+ person Annual Benefit Luncheon to celebrate and support Bellevue students. Parents, friends, colleagues, and the community gather every year at this inspirational and fun event.

This year, we are excited to personally invite you to attend and get to know more about Bellevue Schools Foundation and the school district community. The event includes:

- Education Showcase--Arrive to the venue any time after 11 a.m. to see the many Bellevue School District programs that Foundation donors make possible, from Robotics and ground-breaking Computer Science education to music enrichment and VIBES volunteers.
- Inspirational speakers--students and staff will talk passionately about the personal impact of innovative and critical programs made possible by Foundation donors.
- A room full of 1,000+ like-minded people who share your passion for education!

Attending Spring for Schools with your Foundation Ambassador or PTSA representative is a great way to get to know and increase your connection within your own school community as well.

Learn more about the event and the Foundation at the [Bellevue Schools Foundation Website](#).

Community News

Mid-Winter Break Drama Camp

Mid-Winter Break Drama Camp with Newport Hills Theatre Project!

Adventures with Shrek and Fiona!

Join Terence and Angela Kelley this mid-winter break for an exciting week of drama! We will play fun theatre games and participate in acting exercises that help us grow as individual actors and as an ensemble. Be ready to bring the comedy, have some laughs, and sing and dance a bit as well! We will end with our own short adaptation of Shrek to perform for family and friends on the last day of camp. Please pack a water bottle, snack and lunch.

Who: Children in 1st through 8th grades

When: February 20th-24th

Time: Monday- Friday, 9:30am-2:30pm

Note- Friday will end with a presentation at 2:00pm followed by a celebration.

Where: Newport Hills Community Church- 5833 119th Ave SE Bellevue

Cost: \$150. each additional sibling- \$125.

Limited partial and full scholarships available. Email Angela @ infonhnp@gmail.com for information.

Space is limited, so register soon to hold your spot! Payment is due by cash or check on the first day of camp. Please make checks out to Angela Kelley.

Email form or information requested below to infonhnp@gmail.com to hold your spot. Please confirm by February 13th.

Thunderbird Little League

Registration is now open for Bellevue Thunderbird Little League. Boys and girls from age 5 and up can register to play Baseball or Softball in our T-Ball and upper divisions. The typical commitment is only two days per week from April - June.

Playing team sports has many benefits. It promotes both physical skills and an active and healthy lifestyle while helping to develop leadership through cooperation and teamwork. Team sports also creates a sense of belonging and team membership through social interaction and helps in

developing a child's self esteem, discipline, patience and perseverance. The most important goal of our league is that each child have fun and have an opportunity to bond with not only their teammates, but their parents as well. If you are interested in registering for the upcoming 2017 Spring season, please go to www.BellevueThunderbird.com and sign up.

Bellevue Thunderbird Little League is a non-profit organization committed to enriching the lives of our boys and girls and fostering a love of the game by providing a fun and safe environment in which to play baseball and softball, regardless of a player's ability.

Newport Lacrosse

Boys lacrosse season starts soon and registration is open now! Grades 3-8. New players receive \$100 off!

Learn more here: <http://newportlacrosse.com/Registration/>

We're also inviting anyone considering boys lacrosse to join our season kick-off event! Meet and hear from our coaching staff, including Program Director and Varsity Head Coach Kitchel Daniells and new Youth Co-Director Nick Riley. Learn more about boys' lacrosse in the Newport HS area. Pizza will be provided! Invite a friend and spread the word!

WHEN: Tuesday, January 31st at 6:00 pm

WHERE: Newport High School Commons

More details at newportlacrosse.com and here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1910633419151979/>

Newport Soccer Camp

Introducing Newport Soccer Camp! These clinics (located in Bellevue) give children from the ages of 5-10 a unique opportunity to learn soccer for the first time or enhance their skills. These clinics are run by local high school aged soccer stars with a passion for teaching tactics and teamwork in a fun, safe, and comfortable environment. Our camps are now open for enrollment and scholarships are available so everyone can participate.

Our first camp of 2017 February 4th and runs for seven consecutive Saturdays. Each one-hour session focuses on developing technical skills, agility, and most importantly - fun! Watch your child make new friends, laugh and learn the game during the best, most exciting soccer camps of the year.

Please sign up your future soccer star today! Visit newportsoccercamps.com for more information.

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