



All About NHE-PTA

Who are we?

We are made up of parents, teachers, caregivers, grandparents, NHE teachers and staff. We reflect the NHE community and work together toward providing programs and curriculum support that directly enriches, empowers and educates our kids, the students of NHE.

What programs does the PTA fund or partner in funding for our kids at NHE?

There are 4 levels of activities/programs that the NHE-PTA supports through fundraising. They can be grouped into the following categories: Family Nights, Student Teams, Assemblies/Field Trips and Curriculum Enrichment.

Family Nights are the most visible of the programs that we support. These are evening family events such as the Harvest Celebration and Pumpkin Carving, Science Fair, School Dance, and Movie Nights. Our School Play falls in this category as well and is produced every other year. These nights are a cornerstone for us to come together as a community. Through these events we are able to meet our children's friends and their families. This gives our NHE family a time to get to know one another and grow stronger.

Student Teams are "opt in" programs for NHE students. These programs foster leadership skills, peer to peer teaching, a sense of community and allow students to volunteer within their school. The teams that are supported by NHE-PTA are Peer Mediators, Green Team, Safety Patrol, Dolphin Pups and Dolph-Friends. Showing that no one is too young to make a difference.

Assemblies are one way to enrich many students at once during the school day while they are at NHE. We bring in groups and individuals to share information. This can take the form of additional information related to the current school curriculum. An assembly can provide an enrichment opportunity for our kids when learning about a new culture, their traditions and heritage.

Field trips take the learning to places outside of the school. They are a hands-on approach to reinforce the teaching that is occurring within classrooms. Many times, kids participate in hands on learning, small group study with experts or have the ability to go behind the scenes to take learning to new heights.

Curriculum enrichment occurs when we are able to partner with programs that can be utilized by our kids in their classrooms. This is true for Raz Kids, an online resource that provides an interactive library for students to use in the classrooms and at home. This program grows and challenges the student at their level and provides additional practice in reading.

Finding Urban Nature is an opportunity in which we partner with Seattle Audubon Society. This program targets 3rd grade students and introduces them to the concept of how their schoolyard shows how biodiversity and interdependence aid in the survival of the habitat. Digging into the scientific process, outdoor investigation techniques and the use of their senses the students learn the importance of urban biodiversity.

Our Staff Curriculum Fund allows our teachers to customize their teaching plans for their students in the classroom this year with additional materials. Speak to any teacher and the one thing that rings truest of all are no two classes from year to year are the same. The ability to have funding in place for this personalization of curriculum for our kids is key to their ability to learn, grow and succeed.

When does this occur?

While all the above and more is provided during the school year, an empowering and enriching education is the foundation for our kids to build on year after year.

Where?

Your donations stay here and support Newport Heights Elementary.

Why?

By supporting the NHE-PTA with donations we are able to fill in the funding gaps for programs that directly enrich, educate and empower our kids.