



Launch into 2017

Dear NHE Parents and Guardians,

As we look through the 2016 Fall Calendar and reflect on all that has been accomplished, we are encouraged by our resilient students, energetic parents and enthusiastic leadership.

We have accomplished much. Here is an abbreviated list:

- 1st NHE Ice-cream Social, Walk and Roll-athon, Walk to school Day, Pumpkin Carving Night, Movie Night, Family Game Night, Book Fair and Hour of Code Week.

Our students have also benefited from our Reflections Art program, Typing Club and after school enrichment programs.

The PTA has added special grants that will total \$4000 for our school, students and teachers. So far, we will add "bee-bots" and Mindstorm for our robotics and STEM activities.

We have served the teachers with 3 delicious luncheons, cookies for winter break, supported them through Library helpers and other classroom needs. We are tapped to support the teacher's with \$14,000 for classroom needs this school year. We have supported the school with emergency equipment and office helpers.

These are just a few things the PTA has accomplished. We have high hopes for 2017. Here are a few NEW items to expect:

- A new and improved Watch Dog program
- Continued Typing Club for 3rd Graders
- A new "Art Night" for families
- Free parent education classes in the Spring
- Bringing back our Cultural Fair

We will continue to keep all the old favorites too: Movie Night, Science Fair and Field Day.

What else would you like to see? Let us know!

Wishing you all a healthy and successful 2017!

-Anne Wilson and Ronda Woodcox
NHE PTA co-Presidents
president@nhe-pta.org

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CALENDAR

January 9 - Kindergarten registration Starts (office)

January 10 - WatchDogs Kick-off (coffee and donuts) 7:30-8:30 am

January 12 - Hour of Code 6:00 pm

January 12-14 - Reflections artwork displayed at Crossroads Mall

January 16 - NO School - Martin Luther King Day

January 20 - School Dance 6:30 pm

January 30 - No School - Professional Day

February 7 - Kindergarten Information Night 6:30 pm

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Watch Dogs Kick-Off

- Tuesday, January 10th
- 7:30-8:30 am
- Newport Heights Cafeteria/Gym
- Coffee and Donuts



Dads of Great Students

WatchDogs 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 10th for coffee, donuts, and a short presentation.

See you there!

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

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

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.

Hour of Code Rescheduled to January 12th

Hour of Code Night is coming to Newport Heights! Mark your calendars for January 12th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the NHE Gym and Library and join us to try coding using everything from Star Wars to Moana and Frozen to Angry Birds! There will be something for every age and skill level. See you there!

- January 12th at 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm
- In Library and Cafeteria
- Not a drop off event

Questions? Check out code.org
Or email Jason Clark at clarkj@bsd405.org

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 of 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 making a donation.

[Donate Here](#)

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

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.

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](#)

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](#)

Reflections Artwork Display

The Artwork by Newport Heights Students will be displayed at Crossroads Mall on January 12-14th. Come look at our students' artwork and other artwork from the District. Congratulations to our Artists!

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.

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 7th 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 (details yet to be determined)

- Grade 1-5, Starts February 8, 2:35-3:35, 9 sessions, Cost: TBD
- Description and registration: TBD
- email thriveyogaforyouth@gmail.com

Wednesdays:

• Chess4Life

- Wednesdays: K-5, Starts February 1, 12:00-1:30, 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 9, 2:35-3:35, 9 sessions, Cost: \$179
- Jump start your child's STEAM 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: <https://www.codingwithkids.com/#!/signup?session=2249>

• Smart with Art

- Starts February 1, 12-1:30, K-2 Grade, 8 Sessions, Cost: TBD
 - K-2 Grade Session description: TBD
- Starts February 1, 12-1:30, 3-5 Grade, 8 Session, Cost: TBD
 - 3-5 Grade Session description: TBD
- Register: smartwithart.net TBD- for registration start

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/> (Registration open date: TBD)

School News

Principal Leaver's Latest Blog...

Hear from our Principal...

Go to her latest blog from January 1st:

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

Kindergarten Registration

- Kindergarten Registration opens on January 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!

District News

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

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.

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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