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## Staff Appreciation Events



### Two Events Coming Up

- **March 6th - Staff Appreciation Luncheon by our Kindergarten & 2nd Grade Families &**
- **May 7th - 11th Staff Appreciation Week by our entire NHE community**

#### To our Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Families:

The NHE Staff is looking forward to its next staff luncheon on **Tuesday, March 6th**. All the details about the event are below.

The PTA would greatly appreciate your support with any of the volunteer opportunities listed in the Sign up Genius link. [Sign Up Here](#)

**What:** March Staff Luncheon.

**Theme:** INTERNATIONAL BUFFET This event is very much appreciated by 75 to 80 hard working staff members at NHE.

**When:** Tuesday, March 6th - Lunch Served between 11am and 2pm

**Where:** Newport Heights Elementary Staff Room

**Who:** 2nd Grade and Kindergarten Parents

**What we need help with:** 7 Volunteers & Food and Beverage Donations

**Details:** Bring out your favorite Ethnic Dish. (CHINESE, INDIAN, MEXICAN, ITALIAN, Etc.

Anything goes) Food Items can be purchased, do not need to be homemade. All items need to be dropped off at the Staff Lunch room by 10:00 am on the 6th and it is best if they are in disposable containers. Please label your dish.

**Organizer:** Thank you for all your support!!

Any questions please feel free to reach out to: Kara Stout [don-kara\\_st@msn.com](mailto:don-kara_st@msn.com)

#### To our entire NHE Community

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK - MAY 7-11

Staff Appreciation week this year is May 7-11. We are seeking a group of volunteers to be on a team to come up with some new ideas and help run the week! If you would like to find out more information about what is involved please follow the link: [Sign up here](#)

# Coffee with Cathy

## Overview and notes from last meeting

BSD's Safety and Security team gave a presentation to the NHE community members in attendance last Friday morning. Here are some notes and links to find more information:



- The team is the only known dedicated, full-time safety and security team in the state of Washington.
- They are responsible for training all staff within the Bellevue School District (BSD), and have so far conducted 2200 person-hours of training.
- Training "all staff" means: Administration, Teachers, Playground Staff, Cafeteria, Custodial, Bus Drivers, and anyone who is an employee of BSD and spends any amount of time within the school.
- The team is responsible for assessing each school and even each classroom and providing training for threat response based on the unique lay-out of these spaces.
- Each school conducts 1 Emergency Preparedness Drill per month.
- The school has emergency food and medical supplies on-site at each school.
  - These supplies are designed for use in a "shelter-in-place" emergency response. There are enough supplies for all students for several days.

The top things parents can do to help increase security at the schools

- **#1 - SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE AND GET A BADGE ON BEFORE YOUR ENTER!**
  - This simple process is vital to knowing who has been cleared to be in the school and who has not. Please help by taking the time to do this. A visible badge is an important safety tool.
- **#2 - DURING SCHOOL HOURS, DO NOT COME ONTO SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT CHECKING IN AT THE OFFICE.**
  - Even if your student has gone to this school for years, and even if you're frequently in the building and/or volunteering, you still need to check in through the office before being on or around the campus.
    - The reason is that an unknown person on campus, or walking around the outside, or parked nearby, or driving by slowly is one of the THREAT ALERTS the staff have been trained to watch and react to.

For more information, resources, and additional ways to be involved please go to:

[BSD](#)

[School Safety Information](#)

[FAQ's - Safety & Security BSD](#)

[BSD Safety & Security Home Page](#)

## 5th Grade Committee News



- Save the Date! 5th Grade Graduation on June 20th at 8:30 am at the NHE gym
- Please send photos for our Ceremony slideshow to: [nhe.slideshow@yahoo.com](mailto:nhe.slideshow@yahoo.com) -or- [Upload to 5th grade google drive](#) -or- send in hard-copies in an envelope (labeled "5th Grade Slide show) to school. Due date is February 28th!!
  - Current photo of your 5th Grader
  - Baby photo (1-2 years old) of your 5th Grader
  - Any group photos of your student with other NHE students over the past years at Newport Heights
- More information click here: [5th Grade Events Information Page](#)
- Donate to the 5th Grade Graduation Fund: [Click here for Donate link](#)

Questions? contact Anne Wilson at: [annwilson92@hotmail.com](mailto:annwilson92@hotmail.com)

## NHE Play



### Pinocchio news & schedule

Week 5 Rehearsal Schedule: March 5th - 9th - [Click Here](#)

A few more volunteers are still needed.  
Mainly we need Extra Performance Support people.

#### Job Description:

If your child is a cast member, please sign up on his/her specific group volunteer page. This is for any NHE parent who wants to lend a hand with costumes/make-up support. You will be assigned a room that is short

volunteers.

[Click Here to sign up](#)

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Even if you don't have a child in the play, your help is still needed and very appreciated.

- Help with Costumes: Our costume designer will need to purchase items at Joann's or Michael's. We would love to arm her with as many coupons as possible to make our small costume budget stretch. If you have extra coupons for these places that you won't be using, please send them to the school office. Thank you!

If your child is part of the play and you have not received an email from me, please email me right away so that I can get your correct email address entered into the database. (kristi.knobloch@gmail.com) Several emails have been sent so far and if you haven't received one, it means your email is entered incorrectly into the play database.

Thank you to all of the adult volunteers who have helped out so far. It really makes a big difference!

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Play Performances - March 22nd and 23rd - 7 pm on the NHE stage.

For more information and answers to your questions, click the links below.

- Frequently Asked Questions - [FAQ's Here](#)

## PTA News

### Nominating Committee members needed

We need people who are currently general members of the PTA to join the Nominating Committee. This is a short-duration volunteer position that is critical to filling the board positions for next year.

If you would like more information please

[send us an email](#)

### PTA board position vacancy updates

#### Executive Board

President

Secretary

#### Board of Directors

Director of:

Communications



### Chair positions

Updates will be available in the next newsletter.

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You are welcome to self-nominate. If you're interested, please let us know. Our goal is to have our board and chair people reflect the wonderful diversity of our community. Please consider being a part of this PTA. There are many opportunities to be involved and we welcome you to join. Express your interest by emailing: [nominatingcommittee@nhe-pta.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@nhe-pta.org)

## General News & NHE Updates

### Lost and Found

Lost and Found has been relocated.

- It is now located just outside the main doors of the school.
- Items seem to be recovered more frequently at this location likely because students see it on their way in and can easily check it.

Please encourage your student to check it for any missing items.

- Most items do not have names. But we get so many things that the rule we suggest following is, if your student is missing an item and there's one in lost and found that matches, take it! It's most likely theirs.



### A message from our Librarian

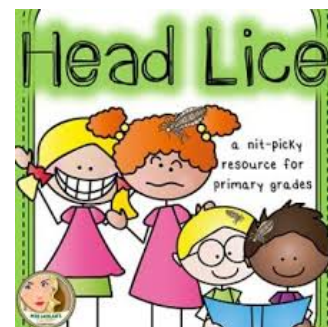
Congratulations to Newport Heights Global Reading Challenge Book Worms!

This team represented our school wonderfully at the inter-district challenge on March 1st. All of our 41 students worked hard this season and really came together as a team. They were positive, hard working and supported and celebrated one another throughout all the challenges. Thank you to our PTA for helping support our group!

### Head lice is common in schools. Find out what to do about it.

No one likes to think about it, but it's very common for students to get and pass around head lice.

Here is a helpful brochure for you to learn how to watch for them and what to do if you find them on the head of your NHE student.



[Click Here for the brochure](#)

# Fundraising for NHE

## We love our BoxTops donors!

To make it even easier for you, here are some new collection sheets to use. [Click Here](#)  
We collect them all year long. With your help we have increased the income in this area tremendously!  
We aren't done yet so please keep them coming!



## Amazon Smile & NHE PTA

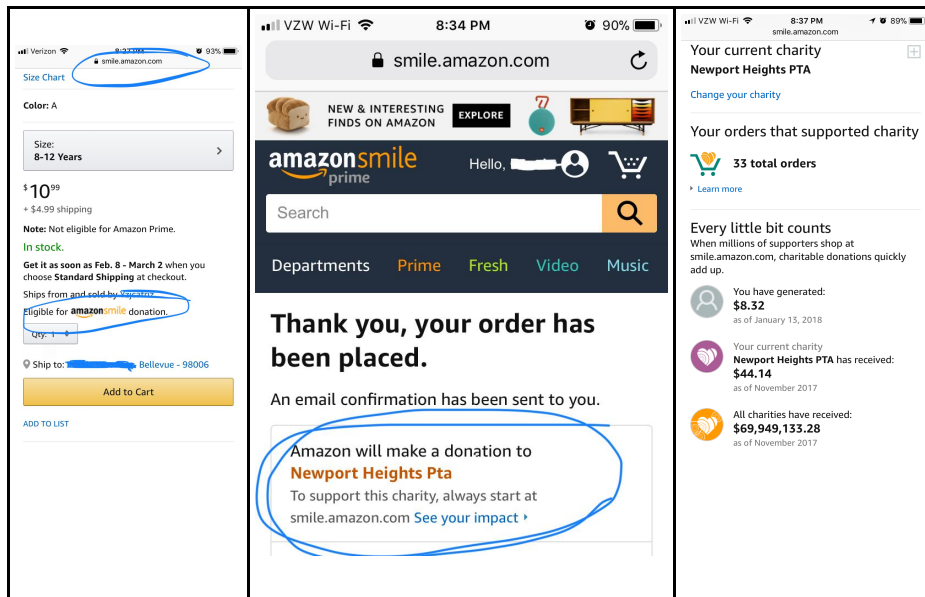
Does your Amazon account make you smile?  
Does it tell you if the item you're buying is eligible for Amazon Smile donation?  
Does it give you that warm fuzzy feeling by showing how much your purchases have generated every time you shop?

If not, you should fix that!

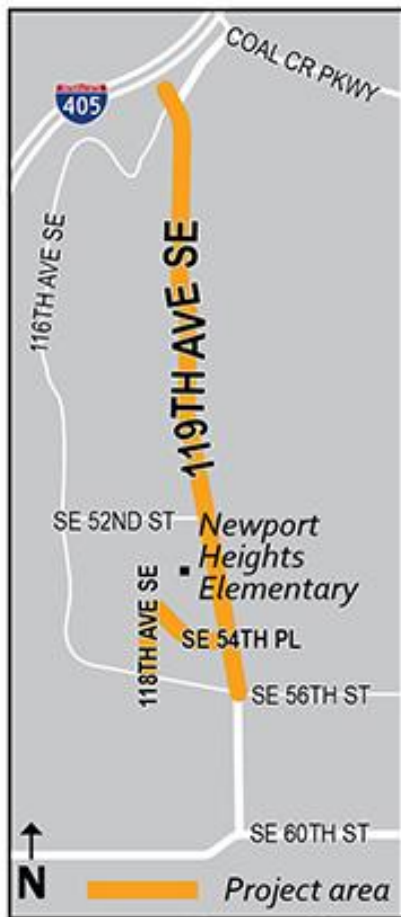
Support NHE's school PTA doing something you're going to do anyway. Many of us spend a lot of money (maybe a little too much if you ask my husband) on Amazon.com. Why not give NHE the financial benefit by going through Smile.Amazon.com.

### Easy step-by-step Directions

- Get started using AmazonSmile and and more information about the AmazonSmile Foundation [Link Here](#)
- Find the correct NHE PTA. Screen shot [Link Here](#)
- Change the icon on your mobile device to make it easy to find again [Link Here](#)



## Newport Heights traffic safety improvement project meeting March 6th at NHE beginning at 6:30



Newport Heights Traffic Safety Improvement Project

**Save the date:** Concepts will be developed based on community feedback and shared on March 6, 2018, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Newport Heights Elementary School library, 5225 119th Ave. SE. Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services is developing a traffic improvement strategy for the area around Newport Heights Elementary

[Information page on CoB website can be found here](#)



## Local Programs, Sports, and Summer Camps

**\*\*No new updates since last week\*\***

**UPDATED WEEKLY:** There are many programs, community, and special events as well as classes offered in our area by various organization. **These are NOT held at, or sponsored by NHE.** To help keep you informed, we have the flyers in one location on the PTA website for you to get more information.

Summer Camps - newly grouped together and listed with the type of camp / Boys & Girls Club - they offer various sports, activities, and facilities rentals / Lacrosse / Music / Reading / Golf / Theater / Swimming / Math / Karate / Piano / TaeKwonDo / STEAM learning / Wrestling / Adult Volunteer Work Opps & Free classes

[ALL FLYERS CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)



## YMCA Foster care is looking for additional homes in Bellevue

The YMCA Foster Care division came to the Bellevue PTA meeting last week to share information with us and ask for our help. The need is great. It may be surprising, but Bellevue has a great and growing need for foster homes.

If you or anyone you know would like to look into the possibility of providing a foster home, please use the link below to go to the Y

[Link Here](#)

Or:  
Contact [Fosterparenting@seattlemca.org](mailto:Fosterparenting@seattlemca.org)  
Call 206-382-5340

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Thank you for reading the Dolphin Dispatch.  
We hope you have a great week.

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