

Movie Night showing "Wonder" - Friday, October 5th
Read-a-thon - October 8th - 19th
Walk to School Day! - Monday, October 10th
No School - Friday, October 12th (BSD Professional Day)
Dolphin Chat - Thursday, October 18th 6-7
Picture Day- Thursday, October 25th



Note from the PTA President

Hello All,

The school year is under way and fall is in the air, I can't believe October is almost here! In an effort to best utilize our volunteers and respect their time we will be changing up the newsletter. We will be providing all the great information that you come here for yet in a different format. We will be giving you all the news yet removing the photos that traditionally have accompanied them. It takes a good amount of time to add those photos and I would much rather have those individuals take that time and spend it with family. I think you would agree.



Elizabeth Kerns
NHE-PTA President

Read-a-thon

Our first ever READ-A-THON will begin October 8th and end October 19th

- This is our Fall Fundraiser that takes the place of the Walk & Roll-a-thon for this year.
- The focus will be promoting and increasing the time students spend reading each day.
- An information packet will come home some time this week. Please keep an eye out for it.

Your financial support for this is vital to the PTA's ability to provide an enhanced education to our students at Newport Heights Elementary.

Dolphin Chat

Some of you remember our "Coffee with Cathy" from last year. This year the NHE Principals and the PTA will be bringing you "*Dolphin Chat*". This will be a time for you to hear from the principals and ask questions. They will be held in the mornings and in the evenings through the year. The evening chats will be followed by our general PTA membership meetings. We value the time you take to come to these events and wanted to allow for one evening for both events.

Our first **Dolphin Chat** is scheduled for:
Thursday, October 18th
6pm-7pm
NHE Library
(light refreshments will be served)

PTA General Membership Meeting

Immediately following the **Dolphin Chat**, the PTA will hold a **general membership meeting** for all PTA members to attend. Stay and see what's happening and hear plans for what the PTA has in store for this school year.

Thursday, October 18th
7pm-9pm
NHE Library

Movie Night - Is this week - Oct. 5th

THIS FRIDAY
October 5th at 6:30pm

Come and watch
WONDER
for FREE at NHE

(part of the PTA's Family Fun Night Series)



Bring your blankets, pillows and low-to-the-ground chairs to the NHE gymnasium and enjoy a watching the movie *Wonder* for free.

For those of you that have not yet seen *WONDER*, it is a story about a 5th grader with a facial difference. The movie has clear positive messages about choosing kindness, appreciating everyone for who they are (rather than what they look like), true friendship, empathy and perseverance.

Watch the Trailer



Wonder (2017 Movie)
Official Trailer -

We encourage all children to read the book before the movie!
"We are all Wonders" - RJ Palacio (Picture books for K-2)
"Wonder" - RJ Palacio (Novel for independent readers)

We are also encouraging those who attend the movie night to demonstrate kindness and empathy by donating to **Sophia Way**, a not-for-profit organization that houses homeless women in Bellevue.

Sophia Way provides both nightly beds, showers and meals as well as transitional housing assisting women seeking a permanent housing solution for women in Bellevue. They are seeking items such as

- women clothing (underwear, socks, leggings, sweaters, tennis shoes either new or lightly used)
- small sized toiletries
- canned food
- kitchen supplies

See the full list at: <https://sophiaway.org/shelter-needs/>

Sophia Way also appreciate donations of time and meals, please see their website if you or your family would like to get involved: <https://sophiaway.org>.

All children who donate to the charity at the movie night will be entered into the raffle to win a prize which will be drawn at the conclusion of the movie. If you are unable to attend the movie night but would still like to donate there will be a collection box outside the office every day next week (1-5 October) before and after school.

This is NOT A DROP OFF event. An adult MUST stay to supervise their own children.

- Free popcorn and snacks will be provided by the PTA.

See you there!

****Please note the date change from the PTA calendar****

From: November 2nd

To: October 5th

National Walk to School Day!

Walk, Scooter, or Bike to School!
Wednesday, October 10th

National Walk to School Day began in 1997 as a one day event. Now this day is

celebrated in all 50 states and in more than 40 countries. We ask that you walk, scooter or bike to school with your student (where feasible). This brings into focus healthy habits, time with your student, how we can help reduce our impact on the environment and of course FUN!

National Walk to School Day
Wednesday, October 10th
Newport Heights Elementary School

Yearbook

Early Bird Discount for Yearbooks!

This is a *great deal* and get it before it's gone.

Order before December 21st for \$18.

That is a steal for a year's worth of memories! Prices go up on December 22nd to \$25.

Don't miss out on the early bird discount!

Annual Sign Up Packet

Annual Sign Up Packet is live!

Each school year PTA memberships need to be renewed. If you haven't had the chance or if you're new to our school, we invite you to join the NHE PTA.

This packet also has easy ordering for additional items you may want such as yearbooks, and donations.

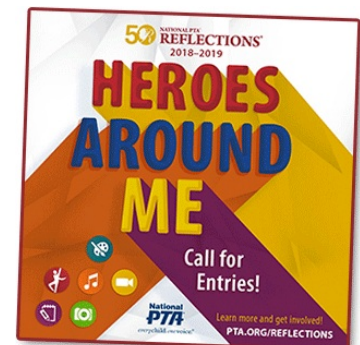
[Click here](#) to be taken to the packet.

Reflections Art Program

Calling all artists!

Explore the Arts and Express Yourself

For 50 years, the PTA's Reflections program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.



Each year, hundreds of thousands of students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create and submit

original works of art in one or all of the available arts categories.

Arts Categories

- Dance Choreography
- Film
- Literature
- Music
- Photography
- Visual Arts

For more information, please view this video clip



2019 Reflections Call for Entries

Or visit [PTA.org/Reflections](https://www.pta.org/Reflections)

The NHE PTA will accept entries beginning October 1, 2018

Volunteer Opportunities

Director of Communications Needed for PTA Board

This position is over the communications vertical. Within this vertical are the following Chair positions each done by other volunteers: Social Media, Newsletters, NHE PTA Website, Classroom Liaisons, Legislation, Phone Directory, Nominating Committee, Family and Community Engagement and Awards

This is a Board Member position on the Newport Heights PTA, oversee all aspects of PTA communication. 10 hours per month time commitment. Monthly board meeting attendance required (held 7pm-8:30pm @ NHE). 3 times a year a General Membership meeting held in conjunction with the board meeting.

Spring Fundraiser Committee Members Needed for April

In the spring a bi-annual fundraiser is planned. The Chairperson Committee position is made of a group of people, sharing the workload. Decide on the venue, theme, and details of the evening. If you've wanted to be an event planner, this is a great opportunity. Lend your skills, gain knowledge & experience, all while helping NHE.

Please express your interest in any of these above opportunities by sending an email to:

President@nhe-pta.org

Fundraising for Newport Heights PTA

Bring in your BoxTops and drop off in groups of 50
The basket is located inside the main office.



To make it even easier for you, here are some new collection sheets to use. [Click Here to download and print the sheets](#)



Support NHE while you shop!

When you shop on Amazon, remember to use the Newport Heights portal. Our school gets a portion of the money you spend. This is the link to our page: [Click Here](#)

After School News

Local Programs, Sports, and Events

Somerset PTSA is hosting a parent education session on the Washington GET program. We'd like to invite Newport Heights parents to attend too. Here's the sign up:

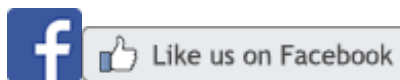
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/somerset-phd-washington-get-program-tickets-50583679146>

UPDATED AS NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE:

There are many programs, community, and special events as well as classes offered in our area by various organization. **These are NOT held at nor 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.

Foster Care Parenting / 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 / Basketball

[ALL FLYERS CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)



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