

# MAYWOOD PTSA NEWS

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## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

**12th:** Region 2 Mid-Year Conference

**14th:** 7:00pm PTSA Board meeting in library

**21st-25th:** No School

### MARCH

**28th:** 7:00pm PTSA Board meeting in library

**29th:** 6:30pm Issaquah Council Awards Ceremony

### APRIL

**4th-8th:** No School

**25th:** 7:00pm PTSA General Membership meeting in library

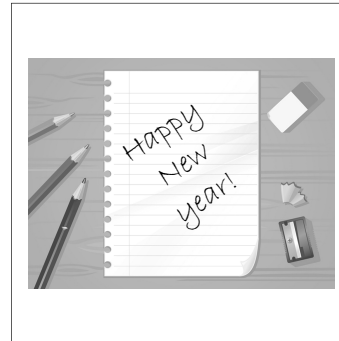
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**23rd:** 7:00pm PTSA Board meeting in library

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Maywood PTSA volunteers are continuing to work hard to make sure that all students have the best experience possible at Maywood.

Charger 100 continues with another celebration at lunch for the end of the 2nd Trimester. I'm sure you will hear all about the yummy ice cream sun-



daes.

The Overlake Hospital Super Sitter Babysitting class "graduated" its first group of students

in December, and the second group will complete the course in late March.

You can find out more about PTSA events and programs in the pages of this newsletter and on our website, so be sure to read it all and visit [www.maywoodptsa.org](http://www.maywoodptsa.org) to get the whole scoop.

~Kimberly Montague  
PTSA President

## PTSA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

At the January 18th general membership meeting, Maywood's PTSA members elected a nominating committee and made small adjustments to the budget. The Nominating Committee will be working to find leaders for the PTSA's elected offices for next year. The Nominating Committee will provide a suggested list of officers for PTSA members to vote on at the next general meeting on April 28th.

The PTSA also added a line item to this year's budget to provide \$150 to the health room to purchase needed items. Thank you to all the members who were able to attend the January meeting. The next PTSA Board meeting will be February 14th at 7pm in the library. All members are welcome to attend board meetings as well and find out more about what is happening in the PTSA.

## PTSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDS YOU!

Looking for a fun way to connect with other parents and make a difference at Maywood? Then we have the ticket for you! Elections for Maywood PTSA officers for the 2011-2012 school year will be held April 25th. The nominating committee is seeking candidates for each office (co's are encouraged for all offices except for secretary and treasurer) as well as shadows for each position to learn the ropes for the following year. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor the night of elections. Positions include; President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Volunteers and Vice President of Membership. Term of office is for one school year. You must have paid your PTSA dues for the year to run for office. PTSA officers meet once a month to discuss activities, grants and other items that affect our students. If you are interested, please contact any of our Nominating Committee Members: Tina Waters at [Waters.t@comcast.net](mailto:Waters.t@comcast.net); Staci Schnell at [staci@maildrop.org](mailto:staci@maildrop.org), Leslie Neighbor at [ldneighbor@comcast.net](mailto:ldneighbor@comcast.net), Michelle Whiteley at [whiteleym@comcast.net](mailto:whiteleym@comcast.net), or Sally Smith at [badandsilly@hotmail.com](mailto:badandsilly@hotmail.com).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It's that time of the year to vote for the **Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Advocate** awards for Maywood Middle School!

- The **Golden Acorn** is an award given to a PTSA member who has given exemplary volunteer service to children and youth in our school community!
- The **Outstanding Educator award** recognizes educators that go above and beyond their job requirements to enhance the education of children in our community!
- The **Outstanding Advocate award** honors a volunteer who advocates for kids' welfare, safety and education! The nomination deadline is Friday, February 18.

Please go to our website at [www.maywoodptsaawards.com](http://www.maywoodptsaawards.com). Please feel free to contact Kim Sherman at (206) 819-3770 or Tina Waters (425) 255-2674 if you have any questions. Once again, the nomination deadline is Friday, February 18, 2011

Below are the past recipients who have received the Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Advocate awards.

Past Honorees:

### Golden Acorn

2010 - Kimberly Montague, Staci Schnell  
 2009 - Denise Cramer, Kim Bales, Sandy Cobel  
 2008 - Holly Hollinger, Suzi O'Brien, Lynn Willhelm  
 2007 - Kirsten Solly, Denise Cramer, Jodi Pickering

### Outstanding Educator:

2010 - Jane Harris, Marla Crouch, Amy Allison  
 2009 - Ross Matheny, Katie O'Neill, John Gillingham  
 2008 - Dick Luther, Nancy Lindeberg  
 2007 - Denise Kersten, Jean Schreiner

### Outstanding Advocate:

2010 - No award was presented  
 2009 - Chad Magendanz

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In the event that you missed the news during the holiday frenzy- the legislature cut funding to education. The funding cuts that were implemented resulted in a \$ 1 Million cut directly to the Issaquah School District. This move to cut funding midyear is unprecedented and will force the ISD to utilize the Reserve account to cover current expenses and obligations that can't be renegotiated due to contracts with the various unions. As the current session progresses we anticipate that there will be additional cuts in the supplemental budget.

### Legislative Committee Appointments:

House K-12 Education Committee: Reps. Glenn Anderson (5<sup>th</sup>) & Marcie Maxwell (41<sup>st</sup>)  
 House Education Appropriations & Oversight: Reps. Glenn Anderson & Marcie Maxwell  
 House Ways & Means: Chair Rep. Ross Hunter (48<sup>th</sup>)  
 Senate K-12 & Early Learning: Senators Rodney Tom (48<sup>th</sup>) & Steve Litzow (41<sup>st</sup>)  
 Senate Ways & Means: Senators Rodney Tom & Cheryl Pflug (5<sup>th</sup>)

**FOCUS DAY FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> IN OLYMPIA!** We are still waiting on the details from WA STATE PTA as to the agenda for the day but the rally on the Capitol steps will be at noon and kids are encouraged to attend.

The League of Education Voters has just released their 2011 Report Card on Washington State Education so please click on the link below to read the report. Some key facts for Washington:

40% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders are proficient in math  
 Less than 75% of students graduate from High School in 4 years  
 We spend \$8567 less per student than the national leader  
<http://www.educationvoters.org/2011-report-card/>

**Remember to stay involved! Contact your legislators and let them know your thoughts. They want to hear from you. You can make a difference!**

To find out who your legislators are visit: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>



### Things We Love!

1. Our students whose endless creativity, curiosity and love of learning make our job of raising funds for their education a pleasure.
2. The District for being a supportive, collaborative partner.
3. YOU—Parents, donors and PTSA members—for your unwavering commitment to the cause.

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## BABYSITTING CLASS

The final babysitting class of the school year will be Tuesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 31 from 2:15-4:30 in Room 316. The cost of the two-day class is \$30. Pre-registration is required. To register for the class please contact Kimberly Montague at [mkmontague@hotmail.com](mailto:mkmontague@hotmail.com).

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## NOURISH EVERY MIND LUNCHEON IS COMING

Mark your calendar and save the date ...April 28, 2011 is the Issaquah Schools Foundation's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon. Co-Chaired by PTSA members and Sunset parents Kristin Behn and Susan Griffin, this year's event will feature John Curley as Master of Ceremonies, inspirational testimonials from ISF grant recipients, teacher displays, a silent auction and the chance to socialize with 900 civic leaders and friends. The doors open at 11:00, lunch begins at noon, and the program ends at 1:00 pm. To add your name to the invite list, please email [mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org) or call us at 425.391.8557.

**100 Table Captains Needed** –Table Captains are essential to the success of *Nourish Every Mind*. The job is easy, low pressure and fun. You need only invite nine friends to join you at your table, communicate via email with your guests, and be a charming and gracious host at the Luncheon. **You will not have to collect money in advance.** The Foundation is hosting a **Kick-Off event for Table Captains on Friday March 11**. Please join us! For more information and/or to register to become a Table Captain, contact Michelle Weldon at ISF, [mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org), 425.391.8557.

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## WHY PAY A TUTOR—USE AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK LABS AND CLUB

Help your middle or high school student start 2011 at their academic best. Remind them to use the Issaquah Schools Foundation's FREE After-School Homework Clubs and Labs. Most sites offer teacher assisted tutoring in core subject areas. Your student can receive help for classes at all levels, from remedial to AP and IB. Some teachers even offer make-up classes and tests during this time. Check your school's website for information on meeting days, times and subjects.



LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

# PARENT EDUCATION

## Adolescent Stress and Anxiety: A Parent's Guide.

Lecture and Discussion  
By Chris McCurry, Phd

### Date:

Wednesday,  
February 16, 2011

### Time:

6:30- 8:00 PM

### Location:

Liberty High School  
Theatre

Parenting a teen through pressure and anxiety can be stressful for everyone involved. Dr. McCurry is a licensed clinical child psychologist with a successful practice in Seattle. He is the author of *Parenting Your Anxious Child with Mindfulness and Acceptance*. Please join us to hear this engaging and informative speaker address the following the following topics:

- The origins of adolescent anxiety and other forms of distress.
- When to be concerned and seek professional help.
- Strategies for responding to your teen's distress.
- Tools for promoting resilience in your teen and yourself.

This program is aimed at parents of middle school or high school students. We hope to see you there!

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## SHOPPING ONLINE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?

Valentine's Day is coming. If you plan to shop online, **remember to log on to amazon through the ISF website.** You'll earn up to 8% of your purchase price for the Foundation. There is no cost to you...just shop as normal. The donation will automatically be calculated and forwarded to ISF upon checkout. Make it even easier to remember by adding this link [Amazon - 8% of purchase to ISF](#) to your bookmarks. Thank you!

