

MAYWOOD PTSA NEWS

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CALENDAR

MAY

2nd-6th: Staff Appreciation Week

11th: ISD School Board meeting 7:00pm at Admin. building

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

24th-26th: Scholastic Book Fair at School

25th: ISD School Board meeting 7:00pm at Admin. building

JUNE

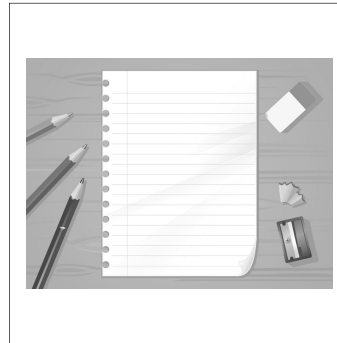
8th: ISD School Board meeting 7:00pm at Admin. building

16th: Last Day of School

22nd: ISD School Board meeting 7:00pm at Admin. building

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

I don't know what is harder to believe; the fact that my oldest child is going to be an 8th grader in 6 weeks or the fact that my two years as PTSA President at Maywood is coming to an end. As I am sure many of you have experienced, the years are flying by and our babies are becoming teenagers and young adults faster than we can keep up. It is hard to let them go out on their own and become their own person. I am feeling a little bit of the same sadness about letting go of the May-



wood PTSA. I have worked very hard over these two years to get our PTSA up to the level that it is at and I am proud to say that we are a PTSA who now meets all the WSPTA Standards of Excellence. My work is done and it is time to let others move in and take over. Others who I

trust to continue the hard work of our PTSA at providing financial assistance to our school and fun activities for our students while maintaining the level of standards all PTAs are expected to maintain.

I want to thank all the students, staff and parents of Maywood who have helped to make my two years as PTSA President a fun and positive experience for me. I am proud of our PTSA and look forward to seeing it continue to excel over the years to come.

Kimberly Montague
PTSA President

WE DID IT!

Maywood PTSA has received the WSPTS Local Unit Standards of Excellence Award! Achieving this award signifies that our PTSA is exercising Best Practices and serving the needs of our students, families, and school community. To achieve this award, our PTSA had to send in an application to included examples of our Standing Rules, Mission and Goals, Budget, Financial Review, programs we do for our students, ways we help our school, proof that our board members attended trainings, and much more. Maywood PTSA is one of only about 30 schools who received this award from the Washington State PTA!

2011-2012 OFFICERS ELECTED

On Monday, April 25 the PTSA membership elected the following persons to be the Officers for the 2011-2012 school year. Please take a moment to congratulate them the next time you see them.

Co-President: Tina Waters
Co-President: Leslie Kahler
Treasurer: Kim Weiss
Secretary: Angie Moawad
Co-VP of Volunteers: Elaine Hanson
Co-VP of Volunteers: Debbie McAllister
VP or Membership: Jackie Robinson



PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2011-2012 APPROVED!

At the April 25 General Membership meeting those in attendance approved the preliminary budget for the 2011-2012 school year. You can view this budget at: <http://maywoodptsa.org/Budget.html>

APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

At the April 25th general membership meeting, Maywood's PTSA members elected officers who will lead the PTSA for the 2011-2012 school year. Next year's officers are: Co-Presidents Leslie Kahler & Tina Waters, Co-VP Volunteers Elaine Hanson & Debbie McAllister, VP Membership Jackie Robinson, Treasurer Kim Weiss and Secretary Angie Moawad. A proposed budget was discussed and agreed upon as well as changes to the organization's Standing Rules. The budget for 2011-2012 and new Standing Rules are posted on the PTSA website. Karen Odegard, Liberty PTSA president welcomed incoming 8th grade parents and explained a bit more about what to expect at Liberty. Thank you to all the members who were able to attend the April meeting. The next PTSA Board meeting will be May 23rd at 7pm in the library. All members are welcome to attend board meetings and find out more about what is happening in the PTSA.

A lot of business was taken care of at our April 25 General membership meeting. For a recap of the meeting follow this link to find the power point presentation: <http://maywoodptsa.org/News.html>

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Maywood is a great school not only because we have the best staff but also because we have the best volunteers! There are so many people working behind the scenes to make sure all of our PTSA programs and events run smoothly. These people should be thanked every day but seldom are. I'd like to take the time now to thank them all at once and hope that you will thank them personally the next time you see them in the halls.

6th Grade Pizza/Bingo

7th Grade Ice Skate

All School Write

Awards/Recognition

Book Fair

Charger 100

Emergency Preparedness

Financial Review

ISF Representative

Advocacy (Legislative) Rep

Logo Wear

Reflections

Staff Appreciation

Staff Birthdays

Student Directory

Walk About

Tina Waters

Erika Hammond

Raelynn O'Connor

Trish Guthrie

Sandy Cobel

Rebecca Carter

Susie Smith

Elaine Hanson

Heather Hill

Cindy Ross

Robbi Hollister

Chad Magendanz

Barb Parilla

Beth Koontz

Robbi Hollister

Carolyn LaValley

Marcy Rand

Nicole Hendrickson

Shana Daum

Trish Guthrie

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

National Staff Appreciation Week is May 2-6 this year. Please encourage your student to thank his/her teachers. A handwritten note means so much to the recipient and takes only a few minutes to do. Don't forget the office staff, custodial staff, kitchen staff, counseling staff, and bus drivers, too!



MAYWOOD'S OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

Maywood PTSA would like to recognize this year's Outstanding Educators. We received many nominations, making it very difficult for the committee to choose the recipients. This year we decided on three very deserving recipients. Each award recipient is given an award pin and his/her name is added to a plaque in the main office. In addition, our PTSA contributes \$65 in the recipient's name to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships for post-secondary students.

Our first recipient is Mrs. Briggs. She was selected because she goes out of her way to help kids learn math! Nomination forms consistently said that she is enthusiastic about math and willing to make time before school, after school, or during SDR to help students. Here is a quote, "Mrs. Briggs makes math fun! Her enthusiasm is contagious and the kids in her class will learn! She is amazing!"

Our second recipient is Mr. Gegwich. He was selected because he really wants kids to understand science. He helps them by giving them information and opportunities for hands-on learning. He encourages everyone and students feel comfortable asking questions. Mr. Gegwich is great at conveying the science concepts and doesn't just rely on the textbook. He teaches students how science is applicable to their everyday life. Here is a quote about Mr. Gegwich, "He treats all students with respect and encouragement making his classroom a wonderful place for students to learn."

Our third recipient is Mr. Eggers. He was selected because he makes 6th grade humanities fun and interesting. He makes himself available and is really there for the students. Mr. Eggers is particularly great at motivating students and making them accountable. He is also the director of our amazing sports program at Maywood. Here is a quote about Mr. Eggers, "He was my son's favorite teacher in 6th grade. What he taught my son really laid a foundation for his success throughout middle school. His dedication to student is truly appreciated."

Be sure to congratulate these amazing teachers. Thanks!

SPRING BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be at Maywood, May 24th - May 27th, Tuesday (evening only) thru Friday. Your student can pick up some great summer reads at the fair.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact:

Mary Nelson: maryjjj@comcast.net or Susie Smith: mrssmith@q.com. Thanks!



8TH GRADE FAMILIES LEAVING MAYWOOD

We will dearly miss our 8th graders and their families as they move on to bigger and better things at Liberty. I know you will find that the Liberty PTSA has a lot to offer you and your students, including their own email distribution list for all things PTSA. If you will no longer have a student at Maywood and would like to be removed from our email distribution list, please send a request for removal to unsubscribe@maywoodptsa.org.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislators returned to Olympia today, Tuesday, after a three-day weekend for a special session that will focus on resolving differences in the House and Senate versions of the operating and the capital budgets, and to pass policy bills to support budget spending changes. The two-year spending plan must close a projected \$4.8 billion budget shortfall in the fiscal year that begins this July and ends June 30, 2013.

K-12 education is hit harder in the [Senate budget](#) than the [House budget](#), with proposals to make deep cuts in employee salaries, transportation, and separate programs designed to help student achievement, teacher development, and system improvements. This is also on top of suspending I-728 (class size) and I-732 (COLA), changing bonuses for national board certified teachers, and eliminating K-4 class size reductions, for more than \$1.2 billion this upcoming biennium.

Also in the crosshairs is alternative learning experience (ALE) programs, with both the House and Senate proposing cuts of funding for ALE students. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which has sustained significant cuts to its operating budget in the previous biennium, also is tapped for at least another \$2 million in reduced appropriations.

On the plus side, the Senate proposal adds \$64.3 million for K-3 class sizes in high-poverty schools, nearly \$40 million more than the House. Both fund existing all-day kindergarten programs, although the House has a small 1 percent bump in FY12 and FY13. Both budgets include funding for the teacher/principal pilot programs that started last year. The House version includes an incentive fund for school districts that apply to be "early adopters," but the fund isn't offered in the Senate proposal.

According to our district CFO, the net impact to the Issaquah School District is less severe with the House budget (\$3.1M) than the Senate budget (\$5.3M), so we clearly hope that the House version prevails. However, we are planning for the worst case, and that strategy is reflected in the reduction in force announcement made by the school board last night, which identified 36 teachers in the district who won't be guaranteed a spot next year. Ideally, we would have waited until a budget was final, however our collective

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bargaining agreement requires notice by the last school board meeting in April. If the final budget ends up being an improvement on the worst case, we will recall some of those teachers that have received pink slips.

One policy bill worth tracking in special session is House Bill 1443, which started as a set of recommendations from the Quality Education Council, but was amended in the Senate to include the following:

- Would prohibit school districts from restricting the number of online courses or access to online courses by a student, and would require school districts to award credit for online courses that are offered by an approved multidistrict online provider and meet the school district's graduation requirements.
- The Compensation Working Group created in ESHB 2261 (2009) would be directed to look at how a new compensation system would be used for educational attainment, years of service, performance under the new system, service in high-demand fields, and national board certification. The group would also be tasked with recommending how to eliminate grandfathered salaries and use school-based incentives to reward school-wide improvements.
- Each school district would be required to adopt a policy for reductions in force due to enrollment decline or revenue loss where the lowest evaluation-rated teachers and principals are to be non-renewed first and recalled last. All collective bargaining agreements entered into or renewed after the effective date must be consistent with the process.
- School districts would be required to adopt a policy and collective bargaining agreements that prohibit assignment of a classroom teacher to a school in the lowest tier of the State Board of Education's accountability index unless agreed to by the hiring principal or hiring authority.

It's unclear at this point whether the House will bring HB1443 to the floor during the special session, but if you have an opinion you should [contact your legislators](#) to weigh in on these issues



Got Science?

Issaquah School District elementary students need it. State budget cuts are getting in the way. That's why your PTSA, the District and the Issaquah Schools Foundation are collaborating in an unprecedented effort—the Elementary Science Initiative Campaign—to raise \$500,000 to pay for a new K-5 Elementary Science curriculum. The \$500,000 in community contributions will serve as a match to the District's \$700,000 commitment and enable a roll-out of the entire, three-domain curriculum to every K-5 student in the Fall of 2011. A suggested donation of \$50 per child, per elementary family will ensure that the campaign goal is

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met. To make your contribution and learn the 'how's and why's' of the campaign, please visit www.issaquahscience.org.

Nourish Every Mind

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our PTSA community for helping to produce ***Nourish Every Mind*** and for attending in droves. The Issaquah Community Center was jam packed on Thursday, April 28. When lunch was finished and speeches given, over \$539,000 had been raised to support Issaquah Schools Foundation programs and initiatives. Please join us in congratulating Co-Chairs Kristin Behn and Susan Griffin (Sunset), our incomparable Table Captain Chair, Cathia Geller (Cascade Ridge) and their fabulous committee. To view the ***Nourish Every Mind*** videos, please visit www.isfdn.org

PARENT EDUCATION

The PTSA purchased a subscription to a parenting newsletter for the school called the Middle Years. Take a moment to follow this link to the monthly newsletter on the school website. <http://www.maywood.issaquah.wednet.edu/Pages/MYWTFSS.htm>