

MAYWOOD PTSA NEWS

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

11th: No School
25th-26th: No School
29th: 7:00pm PTSA Board meeting in Library

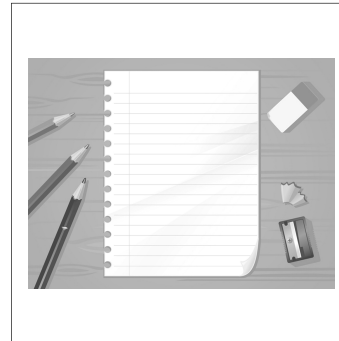
DECEMBER

7th: 2:15-4:30 Babysitting Class - Pre-Registration Required
9th: 2:15-4:30 Babysitting Class - Pre-Registration Required
13th: 7:00pm PTSA Board meeting in Library
18th-31st: No School

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

F all has settled in and so has the rain and dark mornings. Now that our kids are walking to the bus stop or school in the dark each morning, they need to take steps to make themselves more visible to cars. Putting a reflective sticker on a coat or backpack can make all the difference in the world when it comes to a driver being able to see a pedestrian in the dark.

Even though our kids are in Middle School, we need to remind them to be aware of



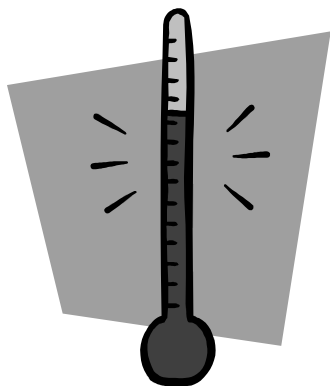
their surroundings and less of a target for persons who might be up to no good. Remind them to walk in a group to and from the bus stop and/or to and from school. Even in the day light, this is a great way to stay safe.

Please take a moment to talk to them about these things, it will

make you feel better and will remind your kids just how much you care about them.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you around Maywood.

*Kimberly Montague
Maywood PTSA President*



We're at 75% membership!
Help us reach our goal of 100%!

PTSA MEEETING UPDATE

At the October meeting, the PTSA Board approved a grant request for \$3640 for all 7th grade Humanities classes to

go on a field trip to the Seattle Underground. Earlier grants approved this year include: \$786 for 7th grade science magazines, \$1690 for

digital cameras for 8th grade Humanities, \$2500 for Math Lab, \$1100 for musicians in the classroom,

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and \$210 for an electronic parenting newsletter. Community members are always welcome to attend the PTSA Board meetings. The next board meeting will be held on November 29th at 7pm. Minutes from the October 25th meeting will be available on the PTSA's website www.maywoodptsa.org



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MEET OUR FREEDOM FROM FUNDRAISING GOAL

Maywood Middle PTSA raises money by donation without involving a series of fundraising activities. All money donated goes directly to Maywood PTSA for student, staff and community benefits, all for the enhancement of student learning. The more money we raise, the more we can help the school.

We are still \$3,000 below our goal was to raise \$10,000 in our Freedom From Fundraising campaign for this school year. We have been receiving several enrichment grants from the Maywood staff and want to be able to keep funding requests that enhance the educational experience of our students. So, if you didn't get the chance to donate at the beginning of the year please consider helping us reach this goal! We will gratefully accept and use whatever you can donate. Please make your check payable to MMS PTSA and mail to 14490 168th Ave SE Renton, WA 98059.

Matching Funds are an important part of our fundraising. Please obtain Matching Funds forms from your employer if available and complete the employee section. PTSA will complete the rest.

We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and your donations to PTSA are tax deductible.

Questions? Please contact Tina Waters, Director of Finance, Maywood Middle School PTSA at Waters.t@comcast.net.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Come to the book fair to find all the latest titles of books that middle schoolers want to read, cook-books, adult bestsellers, reference materials, and don't forget the stocking stuffers. The money we raise goes directly to our library to buy more books for our students. The fair dates and hours are:

November 3rd Wednesday: 10AM to 4 PM

November 4th Thursday: 8 AM to 4 PM

November 5th Friday: 7:45 AM to 3 PM

NEWS FROM ISF: 10 THINGS DONORS ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR



Kept Innovation, Creativity and the Arts Alive

Competition for 2010-2011 year Academic Enrichment Grants was stiff. The Foundation received 60 applications from elementary, middle and high school staff. Thanks to donors, 31 grants were funded in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$10,000. During the next school year (2010-2011), donor dollars will fund a Learning Garden at Endeavour Elementary, numerous art docent programs (*our elementary schools do not have certificated art teachers*), books, school-wide intervention programs, music equipment, kindergarten reading assessments, technology and so much more.

Helped Fund a New Chemistry Adoption

What's new in the world of chemistry? Our high school students wouldn't have discovered this information in their old books. Donor dollars made it possible for the Foundation to help the District update the chemistry curriculum by replacing outdated books and equipment.

Built a Library

Can you believe that for years, students at Tiger Mountain High School had no formal library? Foundation donors made sure the situation was remedied. With assistance from \$15,000 in Academic Enrichment Grants, TMCH Librarian Joy Allison was able to transform an old storage space into a beautiful new library for her students. Joy made sure that the new space would be teen friendly by enlisting the help of her students for both book and furniture purchases. The result...a space where teens can relax and find books selected by their peers. The library has been so successful at encouraging students to read that the schools WASL/HSPE reading scores rose from 18.8% to 66.7%.

Improved Classroom Effectiveness by Doubling the Number of National Board Certified Teachers in Our District

Donor dollars enabled the Foundation to collaborate with the District to underwrite almost 100% of the costs of obtaining National Board Certification (NBC). NBC is one of the most highly regarded professional development programs in the nation. Teachers who graduate are equipped with tools and strategies to reach and help every child excel...a particular bonus as classroom sizes increase.

Helped Sophomores & Juniors Take the First Step of Their College Journey

By bringing the PSAT test to the students during the school day, the number of District students taking the test rocketed from 21 to 74%. The PSAT puts students on the road to college by connecting them to post-high school institutions and providing them with an overview of their educational strengths and weaknesses. Foundation scholarships ensured that no student who wished to participate was turned away.

Transformed lives through the VOICE Mentoring Program

During the 2009-2010 year, the VOICE Mentoring program paired 188 students in need of academic, social, and/or personal support with 155 community mentors at 19 Issaquah District schools. Mentors, who

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come from every walk of life, make a tremendous impact on their mentees' lives. Mentors have encouraged students to learn to read, participate in classroom activities, stay in school, pursue college, work harder, and reach higher. Next year, we hope to have VOICE Mentors at every school. If you are interested in being one of them, please contact: VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu.

Nurtured Academic Achievement

Over 7,300 middle and high schools students had access to FREE tutoring from classroom teachers at After-School Homework Clubs and Labs. From Humanities to AP & IB Classes, Science and English, After-School Homework Clubs and Labs helped students catch up, stay on track, or move to the head of the class. [Click Here](#) to hear comments from PLMS Homework Club participants.

Made Nourish Every Mind 2010 a Record Breaking Success

On May 13, 2010—after an 18-month hiatus—*Nourish Every Mind* made a triumphant return. Over 800 parents, community and business leaders converged at the Issaquah Community Center to hear first-hand the impact that donor funded Foundation programs have on our students and schools. When asked to give, the audience responded in record setting fashion...raising \$406,000 in support of current programs and new initiatives. [Watch the videos that inspired our audience.](#)

Clothed, Fed and Provided Assistance to Students in Need

Imagine trying to concentrate on math when you haven't eaten breakfast and are lacking the necessary class supplies? Every year, some Issaquah School District students find themselves in this unfortunate situation. With donor support, the Foundation is able to make an annual grant to the Nurses Fund. Run by District nurses, the Fund provides students with basic living staples including, clothing, food, transportation, medical, and school supplies.

Responded to Our Call to Include Us in Your Back-to-School Plans

With a theme of 'Everybody In,' our fall 2010 *Calling for Kids* campaign asked every family to add a donation to the Foundation to their Back-to-School 'to-do' lists. Contributions poured in by phone, web and mail. By the close of the Annual Fund campaign, over \$235,000 had been raised in support of the Foundation's slate of ongoing programs—VOICE Mentoring Program, After-School Homework Clubs and Labs, National Board Certification Scholarships for teachers and Academic Enrichment Grants

2011 Special Education Conference Improving Services and Results for Students with Disabilities

March 9-11, 2011
(Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)



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Conference Target Audience:

Professionals working with special needs students in public and private schools, private practice, hospitals, outpatient clinics, home health, and other educational settings. Concurrent courses are offered, allowing you to better meet your professional needs. Courses offered at the conference are specifically designed for:

Special Education Teachers
Speech-Language Pathologists
Assistive Technology Specialists
Classroom Teachers
Occupational Therapists
Physical Therapists
School Psychologists
Social Workers, Family Therapists and Mental Health Counselors
Behavior Specialists & Assistants
School & Pediatric Nurses
Administrators, Special Education Directors, Principals, and Legal Consultants
Paraprofessionals, Assistants, and Parents

Program Description:

The purpose of this conference is to provide up-to-date research and treatment strategies on a wide variety of special education issues. This conference provides numerous opportunities for professionals to acquire new information and ideas to work collaboratively to meet the needs of students with special needs. Therapists and educators will enhance their knowledge of best practice in instructional strategies. Participants will have the opportunity to hear nationally and internationally recognized speakers on a variety of topics. Educators can attend selected concurrent courses to best meet their professional needs.

To view specific course descriptions and course objectives and tuition fees and discounts, go to:
www.rehabseminars.org.

10 TIPS FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

1. Promote self-esteem through positive talk and giving opportunities for achievement.
2. Be warm and accepting. Don't give less affection, but may have to adjust according to teen.
3. Talk daily with your not, not at your teen.
4. Involve your teen in more decision making; including at home, friends, school. DO NOT GIVE them the decision making power, allow them a VOICE. Avoid power struggles.
5. Provide routine when possible. This is especially important during times of change which causes stress.
6. Establish and monitor firm, consistent limits to your teen's behavior.
7. Verbally share your values with your teen; including spirituality, sexuality, alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, education, and career goals. But not necessarily your personal experiences.
8. Provide relaxed, comfortable family times such as card games, walks, mealtimes, going to the store together, etc.
9. Stay involved with your teen's friends. Encourage your teen to bring friends home, encourage relationships with positive friends. If involved with questionable friends, ask questions about them.
10. Be the example of what you want your teen to become – live your values.

HELPFUL WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD AND SCHOOL SUCCEED

-BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE NATIONAL PTA

-Read and know your school's handbook

- Request that information be available in all languages spoken by school families.
- Share your family's practices related to culture, values, and parenting with your child's school.
- Communicate your perceptions of how parents are treated and, when necessary, work with school staff to improve perceptions and school climate.
- Notify teachers of any significant changes that have taken place in a child's life (such as death of a pet, family move, loss of income, family member's illness, or divorce).
- Meet your child's friends and get to know their parents.
- Take advantage of family programs and resources offered at the school.

Encouraging our students
academically and building a strong
and supportive community

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