

MAYWOOD PTSA NEWS

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

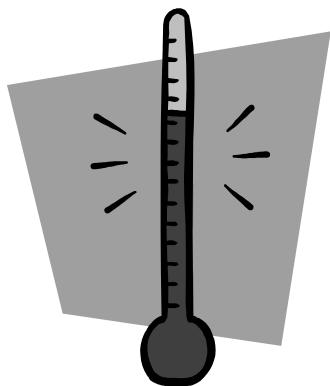
1st: 6:30-8:30 6th Grade
Pizza/Bingo Night in the Cafe-
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1st: 6:15-8:15 7th Grade Ice
Skating at Castle Ice
25th: 7:00-8:30 PTSA Board
meeting in Library

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

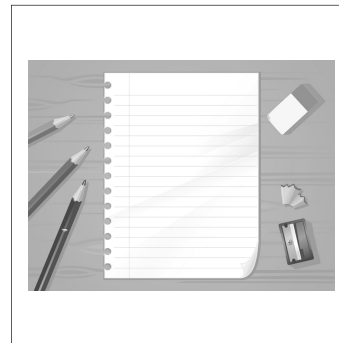


We're at 75% membership!
Help us reach our goal of
100%!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Our school year is off to a good start. The first month of school has been busy and exciting but successful. There are so many people to thank for making the start of the school year run smoothly that I can't list them all here, so THANK YOU to everyone who has been at school and behind the scenes working so very hard these past several weeks. We are a team at Maywood and we are all working to make this year a great year for our students.

I hope you all have taken the time to visit



the Maywood PTSA website at www.maywoodptsa.org Every page has a lot of useful information and if you don't find what you need, you can email us from the *Contact Us* page. We appreciate any feedback you want to provide and encourage you to visit our website frequently.

Since you are reading this newsletter you are on our email list; however, there are still many families who we do not have on our email list. If you know of anyone who is not receiving PTSA emails, please ask them to contact the PTSA at [sub-
scribe@maywoodptsa.org](mailto:subscribe@maywoodptsa.org).

When you see me around school please stop and introduce yourself.

*Kimberly Montague
Maywood PTSA President*

PTSA MEEETING UPDATE

At the first general membership meeting of the school year, Maywood's PTSA members approved a final budget for the

2010-2011 school year. The final budget includes allocating \$10,000 for grants to the school as well as \$1000 for each grade

level in support. Members also approved Standing Rules as well as the Mission and Goals for the year. Ja-

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son Morse thanked the PTSA for helping to purchase cross country/track uniforms a year ahead of schedule. Following the business portion of the meeting, Beth Donahoe gave an Issaquah School Foundation (ISF) presentation. ISF is gearing up for its annual Calling For Kids Campaign coming in October. Thanks to all the members who were able to attend the meeting. The next meeting will be a Board meeting on October 25th at 7pm in the library. All members are welcome to attend.



FREEDOM FROM FUNDRAISING

The Freedom from Fundraising program supports many student programs at Maywood Middle School and grants enrichment funds to teachers. We have a suggested donation of \$50 per family each year; however, the PTSA will gratefully accept and use any amount you can donate.

The Maywood Middle School PTSA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and your donation is tax deductible. Your cancelled check is your receipt or you may request a receipt from the PTSA.

To donate, please make your check payable to the MMS PTSA.

Mail to: Maywood Middle School
Attention: MMS PTSA
14490 168th Ave SE
Renton, WA 98059

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

eScrip is another way to help Maywood earn money with a minimal amount of effort. First and foremost is getting our Maywood families enrolled in the program. Please visit www.eScrip.com and register online in the program. It only takes a few minutes and from then on the money rolls into the Maywood PTSA when you shop with eScrip merchants - automatically!

For questions, please contact Tina Waters, Director of Finance at Waters.t@comcast.net or 425-255-2674



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Visual Arts

2010-2011 Theme: **"Together We Can"**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Deadline for entries: November 3, 2010

For details, contact Beth Koontz at 425-391-8188 or
tbkoontz.wa@netzero.net

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition and is offered by the Maywood Middle School PTA. A student may submit 3 entries in any of the six arts areas. Only original works of art by students are accepted. Registration forms are located in the school office or located on the website listed at the top of this flier.



PTA REFLECTIONS

BABYSITTING CLASS

Due to the high demand (and long waiting lists) for the babysitting classes the PTSA offered last school year, we are happy to announce the first of three opportunities to become a certified babysitter.

On Tuesday, December 7th and Thursday, December 9th from 2:15-4:30pm in Room 316 your son or daughter can take this class from a certified instructor and learn to be a qualified babysitter.

There is only space for 20 students, so register quickly. Students who end up on the waiting list will be first in line for future classes.

The fee is \$30 for both sessions. A student must attend both sessions to become certified. You must provide your own transportation after class as the activity bus will have already left.

To register, please contact Kimberly Montague at mkmontague@hotmail.com.



ISSAQUAH VALLEY ELEMENTARY PTA TO HOLD 5TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT EDUCATION FORUM

The Issaquah Valley Elementary Parent Teacher Association (IVE PTA) is hosting an education forum on **Tuesday October 12th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the Multipurpose Room at IVE. Candidates Glenn Anderson, Greg Hoover, Jay Rodne, and David Spring have agreed to participate.

The evening will be focused on educational issues in the 5th district. The forum will be conducted as follows:

- Introductions by the host
- three minute opening educational vision statements (random candidate order)
- two minute answers to a series of educational questions (random order on each question)
- one minute closing statements (random order)

IVE PTA is soliciting questions from the general public for consideration in the Q&A portion of the forum. If you have questions you would like answered by the candidates, please send them to IVE PTA President Colleen Gurkin (colleengurkin@comcast.net) or event emcee Kristen Allen-Bentsen (kallenbentsen@hotmail.com) no later than Friday, October 8th.

This event is open to the public, and supporters are welcome, but please note that WA State PTA by-laws prohibit the display of candidate signs, buttons, or materials during events.

ISF—OCTOBER NEWS



Did you see it?

Calling for Kids letters and remit forms should reach your mailbox early this month. Look for the smiling faces on the bright yellow envelope then open, read carefully and reply. Your response, received before October 25, will allow the Foundation to allocate more of your dollars to student-centered programs and less to administrative costs (including the care and feeding of our hungry student callers). “Our goal this year is to raise \$300,000,” says campaign co-chair Deborah Parsons. “We would love to secure 75% of this amount before the calling begins. Many donors find it convenient to give online or to send in their remit form in advance rather than having to worry about missing our students’ calls.”

You can do your part to help the Foundation reach its goals by going to www.isfdn.org to learn more about the *Calling for Kids* Annual Fund campaign and to make your donation today. **Remember...** the Foundation wants to recognize your school community’s support. Be sure to fill in the name of your student(s)’ schools on your printed or online donation form.

Run for Healthy Kids and a Healthy Community

Planning to visit Salmon Days? Why not add the Issaquah Rotary Run to your plans. This year, the Rotary is donating a portion of every entry fee to the Foundation. The October 3rd event offers something for exercise enthusiasts at all levels. For the athlete, there’s a 10K race—and for the rest of us—a 5K Fun Run/Walk/Crawl. There’s even a 1K Kid’s Dash. It’s a great event for families, sports teams, friends, neighbors, book groups ... everyone. Go to www.IssaquahRun.com for more information and to register your team.

Welcome PTSA/ISF Representatives

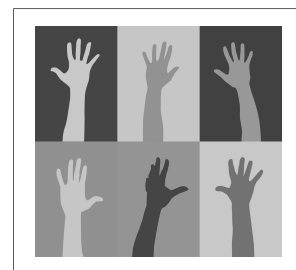
The Foundation is pleased to welcome the 2010-2011 class of PTSA/ISF Representatives. These dedicated volunteers spread the word about Foundation programs and activities throughout the school year. They are the enthusiastic ladies you’ll find making presentations at PTSA meetings, hanging *Calling for Kids* posters in your school, encouraging teachers to apply for Academic Enrichment Grants and securing attendees for the annual *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon. They are also your source for questions and information about the Foundation. Please join us in giving these dedicated ladies a round of applause.

The Chemistry Curriculum is Here

Donors, you did it. Thanks to your generous contributions, the Foundation was able to make a \$120,000 grant to the District. This year’s chemistry students are using from new books and cutting-edge equipment. Bravo to you!

A MESSAGE FROM ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

As we start the new year, I want to help ‘spread the word’ about a partner that helps make possible so much of what makes our schools special—the Issaquah Schools Foundation. The Foundation is a community-supported non-profit that works year-round to raise funds to bridge the gap between the dollars the state provides for basic education and the money our schools require to give students the comprehensive 21st Century education they need for success. With parent and community support, the Foundation is able to fund programs and investments that advance academic achievement, support struggling students, and promote professional development. Here at Maywood, one of the ways the Foundation has enriched our learning environment is through numerous Academic Enrichment Grants. Each year, our teachers can apply for funding in amounts from \$10 - \$10,000 for programs and/or materials that bring learning to life through technology, innovation, science, math, literature and the arts.



Since 1997, Maywood Middle School has received **\$71,343** from ISF in direct grants. From 2008 to 2010, Foundation funded investments at Maywood include:

Human Body Torso Model-Purchase one human body torso model that enable students to see the different sizes, shapes and location of the human body organs and systems that they are studying. (2007-2008 / \$688)

Ready Set Math Provides Opportunities for Enrichment-The Ready Set Washington program directly aligns with Washington's standards. The interactive approach tracks individual student progress toward their grade level specific math standards. (2007-2008 / \$1,000)

Human Body Skeleton-Purchase a skeleton with muscles painted on the cast bones on the left half of the skeleton and bones identified on the right half. (2008-2009 / \$762)

In addition, Foundation funding has provided **Maywood** with:

National Board Certification Scholarships that give teachers access to the ‘pinnacle’ of professional development programs; equipping them with the tools to develop inquisitive, engaged learners. **Maywood currently has two National Board Certified teacher with another in the process of obtaining certification.**

VOICE (Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education) - a mentor/tutor program that pairs caring community volunteers with struggling students to improve academic performance, boost self-esteem, and help curb the high-school dropout rate. **At Maywood, seven students are presently being served by seven mentors.**

GLAD - a ‘best practices’ professional development program helps teachers reach children of every learning style and help them excel. **Maywood Middle School has eight GLAD trained teachers!**

An After-School Homework Club that provide a safe place for middle school students to study, work on group projects, receive tutoring from staff or enjoy ‘down-time’ before heading home. Homework Clubs may also offer nutritional after-school snacks.

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For the first time this year, ISF is helping to fund a Financial Literacy Curriculum for all 8th graders which culminates in a field trip to the Jr. Achievement Finance Park. In addition, they will helping to support the Robotics Club at Maywood.

The Foundation needs your help to continue providing these programs—and more, to our students. Please consider donating to their *Calling for Kids* Annual Fund campaign this fall. Your gift, whether \$5 or \$500 will make a tremendous difference in the quality of educational resources Maywood can make available to your student.

Flyers and information were distributed during Back-to-School Business Days and are available in our office. You may also donate online at www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org.

The Foundation is asking every parent to participate. We hope that you do. Together, we can prepare our students for success in school, college and career.

Thank you for making Issaquah Schools the best they can be.

Michelle Weldon | Office Administrator

www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org

OVERLAKE HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER OFFERS PARENTING CLASSES AND CLASSES FOR OUR KIDS

To register for any of the classes listed below call 425-688-5259 or visit www.overlakehospital.org/classes.

Becoming A Love and Logic Parent: For parents of kids 4-18 years of age. Come learn how easy parenting can be with the Love and Logic approach. Saturday, Oct. 2 and 16 from 9am-2pm. \$59 per person; \$99 per couple; additional \$10 workbook fee required.

Love and Logic Essentials for Surviving School Daze: For parents of school-age children. Learn parenting techniques to assist you with essential school time skills. Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 7-9pm. \$25 per person; \$40 per couple.

Body Works: A 10 week fitness and nutrition program for girls and boys ages 9-13 and their families designed to help improve family eating and activity habits. Mondays, Sept. 27 through Nov. 29 from 6:30-8pm. No charge.

For Girls Only: A Heart to Heart Talk on Growing Up: For girls ages 10-12 and their parents. The class focuses on body changes expected during puberty, myths and facts, what girls should know about



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boys, sexuality, and sexual reproduction. Tuesdays, Oct. 5 and 12 from 6:30-8:30pm. \$60 per daughter/parent pair; \$10 per additional child.

For Boys Only: The Joys and Challenges of Growing Up: For boys ages 10-12 and their parents. The class focuses on body changes expected during puberty, myths and facts, what boys should know about girls, sexuality, and sexual reproduction. Thursdays, Oct. 14 and 21 from 6:30-8:30pm. \$60 per son/parent pair; \$10 per additional child.

Mother and Daughter Safety Training: For daughters 14yrs old and older and their mothers. This class addresses the safety issues facing young women on and off high school and college campuses during the activities of daily living. Thursday, Oct. 7 from 6-9pm. \$55 per mother/daughter pair; \$45 per additional daughter.

Better Babysitters: For youth ages 11-13. This class teaches youth how to be responsible babysitters. Saturdays, Sept, 25, Oct. 6, or Nov. 13 from 9am-12pm. \$40 per person.

TIPS FROM “PARENTING YOUR TWEEN TO TEEN” PRESENTATION BY KEN WONG

“It is not our job to make our kids happy but to give them the skills for them to be successful adults.”

The tween years (9-13) are an actual developmental stage when kids are trying to figure out who they are. Exploring their own independence and freedom while they are trying to figure out where they belong.

Parents don't take the answer “I don't know” and leave it alone, but they should. Many times when asked what is wrong and tween just doesn't really know. If a parent asks, “What's wrong?” and the tween answers, “I don't know,” the parent needs to say, “OK, if you figure it out and want to talk just let me know,” and then walk away.

Remember: if it isn't going to physically harm someone is it worth arguing over? Pick your battles carefully.

When a tween says, “You just don't understand me,” it means that the parent really isn't listening to what the tween is saying. Stop and listen!

Put in writing your expectations as a parent of your tween/teen so that neither of you forget them. This works well with consequences and how to earn freedom back, too.

Consequences should be short term. If you get any reaction, even an “I don't care”, the consequence is working.

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Parents need to change the way they treat their kids at the tween/teen age. Parents need to show their kids more respect for their opinions and feelings and abilities.

3 Things To Do To Be Successful Parents

- Follow the 3 minute rule. If a parent talks for more than 3 minutes, the kid tunes the parent out. Say what you have to say in 3 minutes or less and be done. This creates opportunities for dialogue with your kid but the dialogue won't always occur. No matter what, walk away after you have your say.
- Ask open-ended questions without expecting answers. This also creates an opportunity for dialogue but don't keep questioning if the dialogue does not occur.
- Hit and Run – give this unconditionally and don't wait for a response. This is always something positive and can be a kind word, a pat on the back, a hug, etc. Just say it or do it and walk away.

HELPFUL WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD AND SCHOOL SUCCEED

Brought to you by the National PTA

- share your child's strengths, talents, and interests with teachers
- share expectations and set goals for your child with teachers
- make appointments as necessary to discuss your child's progress or concerns with teachers
- decide with your child's teacher the best way to stay in touch (phone, email, notes, etc)
- attend parent-teacher conferences with specific questions you want to ask
- understand and enforce school rules and expectations at home
- participate in informal opportunities to talk with and get to know school administrators, teachers, and other staff
- address concerns or questions honestly, openly, and early on
- attend PTSA meetings regularly
- read classroom and/or school and PTSA newsletters
- visit your school and PTSA's web pages

Encouraging our students
academically and building a strong
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