



The Navigator Way...



PTSA News

ALL FOR BOOKS

LAST DAY TO DONATE IS FEB. 13TH!!

This program helps purchase a book for every Emerald Parks student receiving additional help with reading. It is the one fundraiser where your dollar is worth more. Every dollar raised is worth at least \$1.65 (if we meet our spring book fair sales goal it will be worth \$1.70). A \$10 donation will allow us to purchase \$16.50 in books and Scholastic matches the \$10 by donating 10 books to either the Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. or the Kids In Need Foundation. Donations are still being accepted until February 13th, 2013. Donation Envelopes can be found in the main office or you can put your donation in your child's white envelope. Please ensure donations are marked as designated for the One For Books program.

We are just shy of being 50% to our \$850 goal. Our very successful bake sale during pizza night raised \$136, bringing our balance up to \$416.00. Thank you to those who were able to donate to the cause.

Thank You to Alex Kerr. She did a majority of the baking for the bake sale and manned the table. Great job Alex! Our next All For Books Bake Sale will be February 12th, 2013. We look forward to seeing you there.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 10th: Family Reading Night
- Feb. 1st: Movie Night
- Feb. 11th—15th: Spring Book Fair
- Feb. 12th—Pizza Night
- Feb. 28th—Skate Night

Thank You

To **Karen Sims** and **Sheila Cowley** and all those that volunteered for an outstanding Craft Fair!!

We had about 29 booths this year which is a record for this event.

Thank You

Also to **Karen Sims** and **Jane Uyeta** for volunteering your time to ensure the Fall Fundraisig was a great success. Thank you to those two and **Laura Kerr** for coordinating the Magical Night of Giving!! We appreciate you a bunch!!

FALL FUNDRAISING SUCCESS...

Thank you so much to all the parents, neighbors, relatives, and friends who contributed to our Fall Fundraiser this year. Over 100 students collected orders, either from the Northwest Collection Gift Catalog and/or from sharing the internet ordering system.

Because of your support, we sold \$10,941.50 resulting in \$5,141.55 for the PTSA.

The money raised allows the PTSA to help school programs such as transportation for field trips, assemblies, teachers requests for classroom supplies, and much, much more!

In addition to the money raised for the fall fundraiser, 36 students received bonus prizes from our Mystery Prize drawings held throughout the fundraiser.

Parents, look for your items to be delivered to Emerald Park on Thursday, December 13, 2012. If your child's order is too large to be sent home, please make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you again for your support!!!!



IMPACT—A NEW GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM IN KENT

All 4th - 5th grade girls who are interested in becoming part of our AAU girls basketball team are welcome!

If you love the game and are willing to give 100% to developing sound fundamentals and strong team play come join us for a practice.

Contact: Coach Jay at Tovre@yahoo.com for more info.

Visit the Emerald Park PTSA website at: epptsa.weebly.com

Did you know our website has the ability to change to multiple different languages?? Check it out!

UPCOMING POPCORN SALE DATES:

- ♦ January 4th
- ♦ February 1st
- ♦ March 1st
- ♦ April 5th
- ♦ May 3rd
- ♦ June 7th



You can still purchase bags for \$0.50 each on the day of each sale in the cafeteria or purchase 3 bags for \$1.

**Example: pay \$1 for
Jan / Feb / Mar**

WASHINGTON STATE PTA PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Have you checked out the Washington State PTA website? There is a list of resources for parents to use covering topics such as:

- Child Care
- Health and Wellness
- Safety on the Internet
- Crisis Support
- Child Development
- Parent Involvement
- And much more

Washington State
PTA[®]

everychild.onevoice.[®]

Check out the resources at:

http://www.wastatepta.org/resources/kids_school/index.html



Jane and Laura at the 2012 Fall Book Fair—couldn't have done it without them!!

ALL START FALL BOOK FAIR—EMERALD PARK WINS GOLD!!

WOW!!!!..... WOW!!! Where are the words for this? The staff and families of Emerald Park continue to astound us. The economy is still so-so. The student enrollment numbers are down from last year...

AND WE BROKE RECORDS,

making the All Star Book Fair the highest grossing in Emerald Park history!!!!

We surpassed our goal of \$8,750 with a **total sales of \$9,143**, raising \$5,500 in books for the Emerald Park library.

A successful book fair takes three things:

- 1) The volunteers who organize it, pulling everything together.
- 2) The volunteers who work it (this is the most volunteer intensive event that Emerald Park has that lasts more than a day).
- 3) YOU! - the families, students and staff that support the fair with your purchases. Thank you all! YOU ARE AWESOME!!!!

Spring Book Fair – Story Laboratory, will be held February 11th –15th.

Start thinking about what books you would like to see there and let us know! Have a book club or other reading group? Email your book requests to: epbookfair@gmail.com and we'll see if we can get the books at the Spring Book Fair. See you then.

UPCOMING SMENCIL SALE DATES:

⇒ January 18th

⇒ March 22nd

⇒ May 17th



**A variety of
flavors each
for \$1**

Sold BEFORE school
in the cafeteria



Planning to do any Spring Cleaning?

Check with your child's teacher or the staff in the office to see if they can use those extra glue sticks, stickers, or notebooks you may have.

Grocery Shopping for your holiday meals???

Look for these labels on
many products you
probably already use.

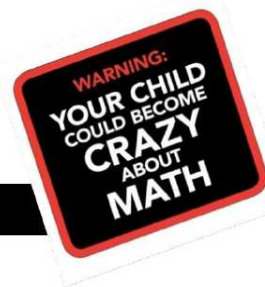


By clipping these labels and turning them into the school, we can exchange them for playground equipment and other items the school can utilize.

We will be having a label drive after the first of the year and setting goals for specific equipment that we want to achieve.

Please help by clipping and turning in your labels. Labels can be sent into the school in your child's white envelope or by putting them in the label box in the commons area.

We'll keep you updated on where we are on the path to achieving our goal.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Master your Multiplication Tables

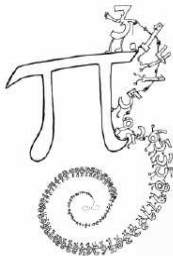
MULTIPLICATION MADNESS

All Sessions will be limited to 20 students!

* * Please register today at your convenient location * *

www.mathnasium.com/kent
or www.mathnasium.com/covington

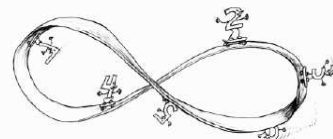
Elementary Students Grades 2 to 5



Where: Mathnasium of Kent
and Mathnasium of Covington

When: Sunday Jan 6th, 13th, 20th,
27th and Feb 3rd, 10th

Time: 5:00 - 6:00pm (Kent Center)
10216 SE 256th St, Suite 104, Kent, WA 98030
4:00 - 5:00pm (Covington Center)
27115 185th Ave SE, Suite # 111, Covington, WA 98042



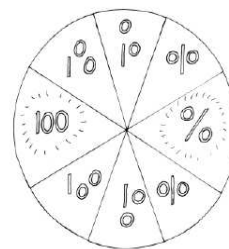
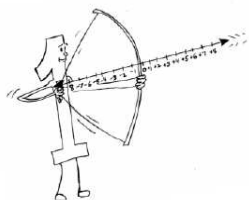
6 weeks of Instruction!!

(All graduates will receive certificate and pizza party)

Limited Space Available!!!!

Absolutely Free!

253-639-6284



Visit the Kent Area Council PTSA website at:

<http://kacpta.org/>

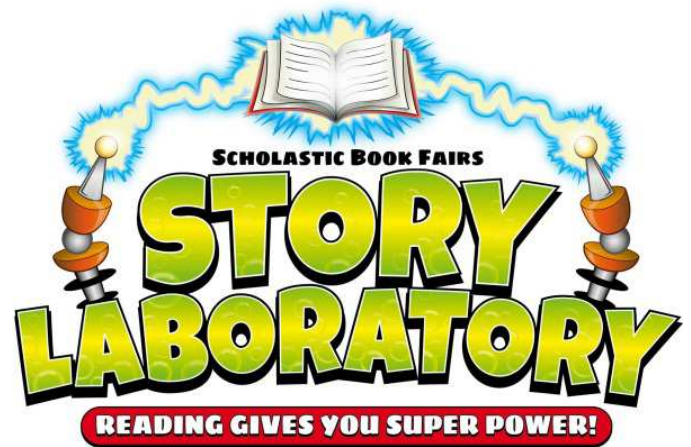
for additional resources

Spring Book Fair—Right around the corner!!!

February 11-15, 2013

Thanks again to all those that volunteered at the Fall Book Fair—we will again be asking for volunteers for our next book fair.

We have morning, daytime, and nighttime shifts to fill to ensure that we can execute another great book fair. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to epbookfair@gmail.com with the times you are available to work that week.



*Act Safely, Showing Respect, and Being Responsible
—That's the Navigator Way*

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

Thank you to all of you that donated to our Fall Clothing Drive.

We'd also like to extend a huge Thank You to Lorrie Kiminki for orchestrating the clothing drive. Putting together Lorrie's hours of coordination and all of your donations, we will be able to help many families in need through the Kent PTSA Area Council's clothing bank.

**IF YOUR FAMILY NEEDS THE SERVICES OF THE
CLOTHING BANK, PLEASE COME INTO THE EMERALD
PARK OFFICE TO SIGN UP.**

Emerald Park has some designated shifts we will be working at the Clothing Bank in February. Our next issue will have information on how to volunteer to work our designated shifts.



YOUR 2012-13 PTSA BOARD

President—Lori Macauley
253-850-8113

Fundraising—Karen Sims
206-369-5608
Jane Uyeta 206-478-8737

Programs—Cyndi Helmer
206-999-1675

Secretary—Suzanne Schack
253-630-0884

Treasurer—Christy Martin
253-740-2091

Cashier—Heather Scheer
206-650-4358

School Improvement—
Leslie Delfin
206-605-1817

Membership—Kaylee Han-
sen 253-854-3496

Newsletter—Diane Hanratty
206-419-9633

Publicity Chairs
Irene Aguilar/Hector Torres
209- 712-4007 & 206- 214-
5224

Principal—Dean Ficken
253-373-3850

Staff Rep—Stephanie Lyon
253-373-3850

Website—Dee McSweeney
586-549-6900



NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Have something you need to advertise? This newsletter is received in over 400 local homes monthly! Newsletter Advertising is open to EP PTSA Members only.

Prices: \$5 for 1/8 page \$10 for 1/4 page \$15 for 1/2 page

To advertise in upcoming editions, contact Diane at
dhanratty@sleepcountry.com or 206-419-9633

\$5	\$10
\$5	
\$15	

Membership News - 116 members 2012-2013 Goal - 125 members

Thanks to our newest members who signed up at the Craft Fair. Each new member was entered into a drawing for a pair of movie tickets or a container of chocolates.

Congratulations to Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Abernethy for being some of our newest members and our lucky winners!

Our membership continues to grow and it is not too late for you to join our team. Please consider filling out the attached registration and return it to school with your child.

PTSA partners with the staff at Emerald Park to make the education experience the best it can be! Thanks for making a difference!

----- **YES! I WANT TO JOIN PTSA!** -----

Name(s) _____

2nd Name (for family membership) _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Child(ren) _____ Teacher _____

Teacher _____

MY MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS FORM:

☐ \$10 Individual Member ☐ \$18 Family (two adults in same household)

☐ \$20 I am unable to volunteer my time, so please put me on the "No Call" list but I want to support our school.

Please fill out this form and return to school with your child along with a check to **EMERALD PARK ELEMENTARY PTSA.**