



The Navigator Way...



PTSA News

READING GIVES YOU SUPER POWER!

VOLUNTEERS are needed for this event. A volunteer form went home on Friday, January 11th. As of January 18th we have received only **5** forms back. At least **30** volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Our kids depend on this to event to keep earning materials and reading books for their library.

Create your own Super Powers at Emerald Park's Book Fair Story Laboratory! Show your support to Emerald Park and your students by joining us in the Commons for this fun and exciting event. Our normal operating hours are:

Monday, February 11 th :	8:30 am – 8:00 pm (Pizza Night, 5:30—7pm)
Tuesday, February 12 th :	8:30 am – 8:00 pm
Wednesday, February 13 th :	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, February 14 th :	8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 15 th :	8:30 am – 1:30 pm

HOWEVER, without sufficient volunteers, these hours are subject to change.

Here's the real chemistry for a super hero. Emerald Park will receive 65% of all sales in books from Scholastic. If we reach our goal of \$8,560.00 pre-tax sales we will receive an extra 5% bonus. This will be an additional \$400+ in books for our school. Some ways to help us meet this goal are to purchase:

- ◆ extra books for your child to read
- ◆ gift certificates for your child's teacher or your secret pal
- ◆ books as presents
- ◆ books for the school library and/or your teachers classroom library
- ◆ books from our on-line book fair (see details on page 3)
- ◆ books for your child or sweetheart for Valentine's Day!
- ◆ Making a donation to the Love Your Library Fund Raiser. Donations envelopes should have come home in the January 25th Friday Folder.

Don't forget to visit our Book Fair homepage at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/emeraldpark>

Email us at epbookfair@gmail.com if you are interested in VOLUNTEERING!

THANK YOU, LORI, ART AND KATHY (BOOK FAIR CO-CHAIRS)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- PTSA Membership Meeting—Feb. 1st
- Movie Night—Feb. 1st
- Book Fair—Feb. 11-15th
- Pizza Night—Feb. 11th
- Skate Night—Feb. 28th
- Math Night—Mar. 21st
- Talent Show—Apr. 19th
- PTSA Mtg—Apr. 19th
- Skate Night—Apr. 25th

PIZZA NIGHT DATE HAS CHANGED!!

It is now set for
MONDAY
February 11th
5:30 to 7pm

We will also have the
bake sale and Jamba
Juice again that night.
Come Join Us!!





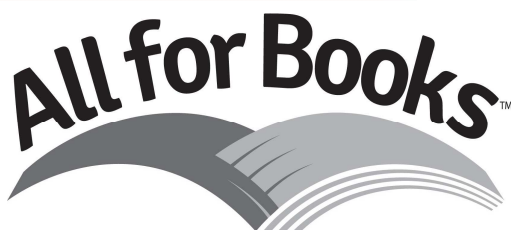
SPRING FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!!

Get Ready, Get Set, Get Spring!!

Our Spring Fundraiser is coming.....March 1 – 14. Be on the lookout for packets to come home on March 1st.

Mrs. Fields Cookies—Yummy!!

Our Fundraising efforts during the year help our school tremendously with fun school activities that all kids can participate in.



Staff Dinners

February 11 & 12th

Our PTSA will be providing dinner to our staff members during late night conferences on Monday Feb. 11th and Tuesday Feb. 12th.

If you are interested in helping out by providing a main dish, side dish, or dessert, please contact Heather Scheer at 253-631-0547 or hmscheer-slp@comcast.net



FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT *** FEB. 11TH

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF PIZZA, JAMBA JUICE, AND BAKED SWEETS!!!

PIZZA FOR \$ 1.00 A SLICE

JAMBA JUICE FOR \$ 2.00

WE WILL HAVE PRIZES FOR KIDS AND A BAKE SALE WITH LOTS OF GREAT TREATS. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT "ALL FOR BOOKS"!

LOOKING FOR PTSA BOARD MEMBERS AND EVENT CHAIRS FOR THE 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

Want to make an impact at your child's school??

We have openings on next year's PTSA Board and open Committee Chairperson positions. Keep in mind that Chairperson positions can be shared if you have a partner/buddy that wants to chair an event together.

Board Positions

Co- Fundraising
Co-Fundraising
Newsletter

Event Chairs

Clothing Bank Coordinator
Jog-a-thon Chair
Skate Night Chair
Spirit Sales Chair
Smencil Sales Chair
Movie Night Chair

Event Chairs (cont.)

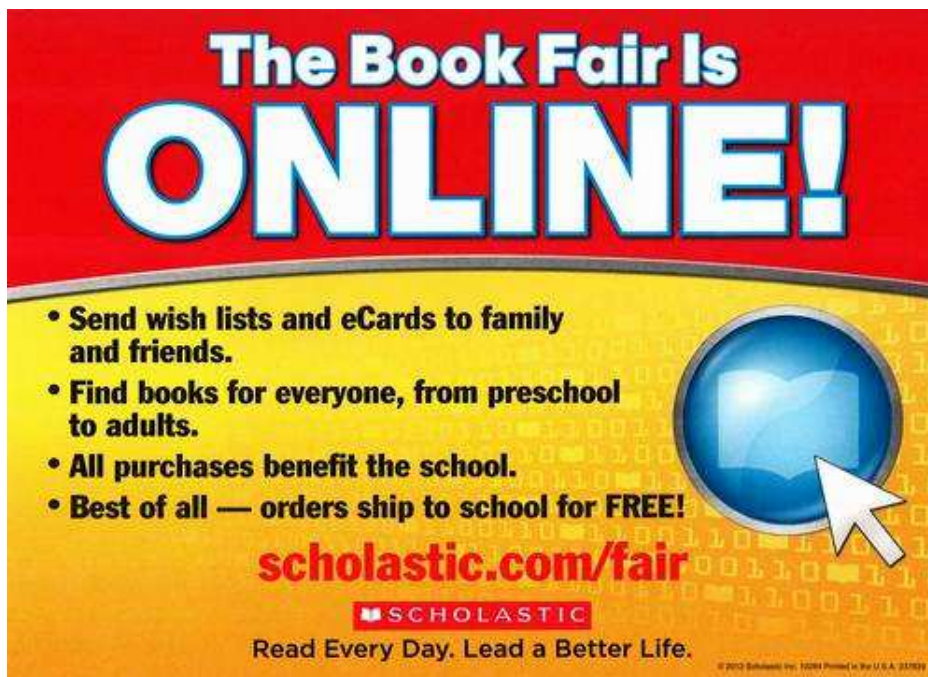
Talent Show Chair
Yearbook Chair
Pizza Night Chair
Bingo Night Chair
Popcorn Chair
Box Tops/Labels Chair
Coin Drive Chair
Staff Appreciation Chair
Reflections Chair

For those of you that are currently chairing these events, please let Lori know if you are wanting to continue for next year as well.

The board positions would require you to attend a meeting once a month and beginning of the year training. We are arranging for child care to be available at the meetings. The day and times of the meetings can be decided by the new board. The other time requirements vary based on each position.

If you are interested in finding out more information on any of the positions listed above, please email Lori Macauley, PTSA President, at:

lmmacauley@yahoo.com



ONLINE BOOK FAIR

Didn't make it to the Book Fair during Conference Week? Fail to find the book you really were looking forward to read?

¿Buscando libros escritos en español?

Emerald Park's Online Book Fair will be available from
February 15th to March 8th.

All sales from our Online Book Fair will count towards our total Book Fair sales. The Online Book Fair has thousands of titles not available at our physical book fair including

- Spanish titles
- Educational books
- Supplies

You and your child will have the ability to create your own wish list and send it via eCards to loved ones inviting them to help make your home library even better. Purchases will be shipped for FREE at the end of the Online Book Fair directly to Emerald Park and should be received no later than March 15th.

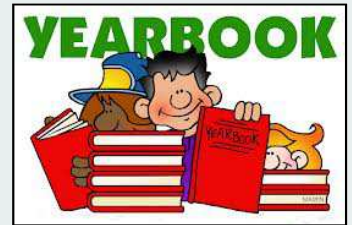
You may reach our Online Book Fair by going to:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/emeraldpark>

Click the "Shop Now" button located at the center bottom of the page.

BAKE SALE!

Join us for our Bake Sale during Pizza Night on Monday February 11th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. All proceeds will go towards our One 4 Books Fund Raiser. This is such a great cause consider making a purchase to go home with you. If you would like to donate baked goods or help at this event please contact Laura Kerr at laura@kerr-us.com or call/txt 253-653-4440. Please make sure to leave your name.



**YEARBOOK
PRE-SALES
COMING
SOON!**

**Presales will be
available from
March 8th to April
19th.**

**Presale price is
\$13.95 per book.**

**After April 19th the
price will go up to
\$15.50 per book.**

We will again be holding an art contest for the students. The winning students art will become the front cover of the book.

Stay tuned for more on the art contest.





Outstanding Educator Award

for Emerald Park Teachers and Staff

Dear Emerald Park Students and Parents,

This year, we want to **strongly encourage the students** to get involved in nominating the teachers and staff for the Outstanding Educator Award.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the **Main Office by Friday, March 15th**.

The person who receives this award will get a \$25.00 gift card to Paolo's and a \$25.00 gift card to the Children's Bookstore.

Name of Outstanding Educator: _____

Please list 3 reasons why you feel this person deserves the Outstanding Educator Award. Please use specific examples of things they have done that really made you say, "WOW!"

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Submitted by: _____

Outstanding Volunteer Award

(a.k.a The Golden Acorn Award)



Dear Emerald Park Staff, Teachers, Parents and Students,

This year, we want to **strongly encourage everyone** to get involved in nominating volunteers for the Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the **Main Office by Friday, March 15th**.

The person who receives this award will get a \$50.00 gift card to the Kent Station.

Name of Outstanding Volunteer: _____

Please list 3 reasons why you feel this person deserves the Outstanding Volunteer Award. Please use specific examples of things they have done that really made you say, "WOW!"

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Submitted by: _____

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
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Secretary—Suzanne Schack
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Treasurer—Christy Martin
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Cashier—Heather Scheer
206-650-4358

School Improvement—
Leslie Delfin
206-605-1817

Membership—Kaylee Han-
sen 253-854-3496

Newsletter—Diane Hanrat-
ty 206-419-9633

Publicity Chairs
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Torres
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5224

Principal—Dean Ficken
253-373-3850

Staff Rep—Stephanie Lyon
253-373-3850

Website—Dee McSweeney
586-549-6900



EMERALD PARK'S 2013 LABEL AND BOX TOP DRIVE READY, SET, GO!!!!

Start bringing in your labels for education and box tops from participating products. Be sure to send the labels to school with your child so that they can be put into the classroom collection envelopes. The class that collects the most points will win an Ice Cream Party!!!

Box Tops are found on a variety of General Mills products. You can find a list of products at www.boxtops4education.com

Labels for Education are found on many products including Campbell's Soups. You can find a list of products at: www.labelsforeducation.com



Keep more of your earnings.
Have more for your student's success.

Free Tax Preparation
Jan. 15 to April 15, 2013



United Way of King County

Secure all the credits you're eligible for:

- Child tax credit
- Education credits
- After-school care credits
- Earned Income Tax Credit

Have more money for your child's success in school:

- School supplies
- Books
- Technology
- Clothing

A free service for households making less than \$51,000

- Taxes are prepared by IRS-certified volunteers.
- Many sites have volunteers who speak other languages.
- Walk in. No appointment is necessary.
- Find out if you are eligible for public benefits including food stamps.

To find your nearest tax site, **TEXT** the word **TAX** and your 5-digit **ZIP CODE** to **313131**.

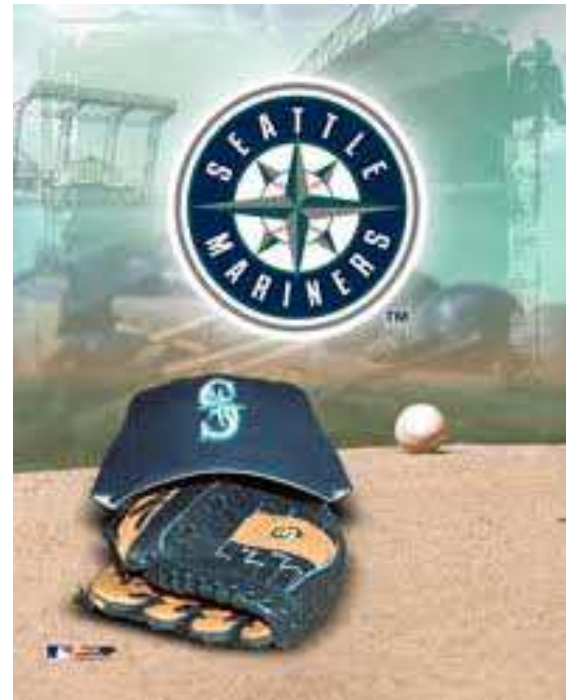
For more information: Para información en español:
unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp or call **2-1-1**

SAVE THE DATE: EMERALD PARK FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE SEATTLE MARINERS

The PTSA is excited to announce we will be having a Family Night with the Seattle Mariners on Saturday May 11th, 2013.

The Seattle Mariners will be playing the Oakland Athletics in a 6:10pm game. It is also "Train Night" and the first 20,000 people in attendance will receive a collectible train engine.

Tickets will be \$11 each (that's a **50%** discount). These are great view seats at a great price – so save the date on your calendar and watch for the flyer to order coming in your Friday folder after Presidents Week break!



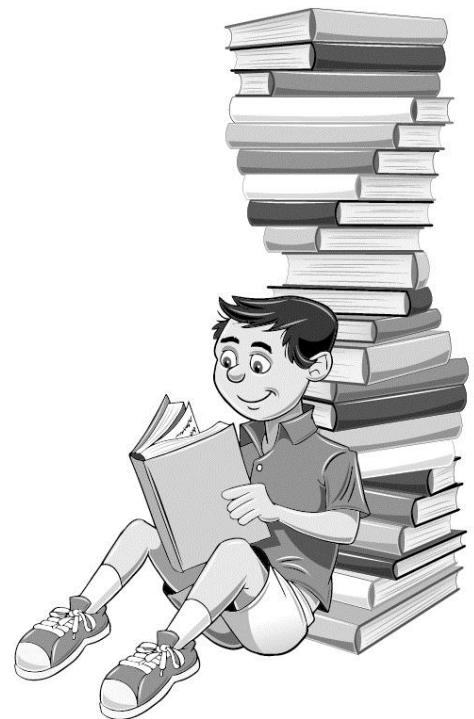
ALL FOR BOOKS UPDATE!!

Your help is still needed. Our goal for the school year is to raise \$850 for this great cause. To date we have raised \$460 and estimate we will raise an additional \$130 at the Bake Sale on February 12th. However, we will still be short approximately \$260 of reaching our goal. If every family could donate just \$0.50 we will reach our goal, so please make sure to return the envelopes that came home January 18th. The All For Books Fund Raiser purchases a book for every student receiving extra help in reading.

FEBRUARY IS LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

Help show how much we love our school library! Consider making an extra purchase of a book or cash donation for the library during the book fair. Our school has one of the best libraries of all elementary schools. Your help is needed to keep it that way. A Love Your Library cash donation envelope should have come home in the January 25th Friday Folder. Thank you for your support.

All cash donations to the Love Your Library Fund Raiser is also be considered to be part of the All For Books Fund Raiser. This means that every dollar donated will be worth at least \$1.65 in book purchasing power for the library and for every dollar donated Scholastic will donate a book to one of two non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They are: Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., and the Kids in Need Foundation.





Meeker Middle School

Successfully Prepare All Students For Their Future

Attention 6th grade parents!

There are currently openings for PTSA Board positions for the 2013-14 school year:

President, Co-president/vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, Cashier

With some of our Board members returning next year, there will be a great continuum of leadership which translates to opportunities for our students. In addition to Board positions, there are opportunities for committee involvement and committee chair positions: spirit wear, staff appreciation, fundraising, reflections, hospitality, book fair, legislative, and membership, or introduce a new committee!

Being a PTSA volunteer is the perfect way to get to know your students' teachers and school community.

Contact Dana Gunter 253-852-5811 danagunter@comcast.net

Parents of 6th Graders are invited to a Registration Q & A at Meeker Middle School on Tuesday February 5th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Meeker cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to visit Meeker and become familiar with the school and programs that are offered.

----- **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 ☐ \$19 Family (2 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.**