



# The Navigator Way...



# PTSA News

## NATIONAL PTA TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6-10, 2013

Consider all the things school staff members do on a daily basis: plan curriculum, utilize varying teaching styles to reach all the children in the classroom, explain information, assign and grade homework, deal with misbehavior, prepare and grade tests, meet with parents, problem solve to help kids reach their potential, reach out to families from all backgrounds and cultures, counsel kids when they are hurting, be a mentor and role model, prepare report cards, and continue their own education through classes and in-service trainings. School staff are called to be patient, approachable, innovative, energetic and caring. They are the unsung heroes in our children's lives. School staff play an enormous difference in our children's development and deserve to be recognized for their efforts. Please say thank you to the Emerald Park school staff next week.

Here are some ideas:

**Write a letter or card** of appreciation to school staff members throughout the week and ask you students' teachers how you can support them throughout the year.

**Show your support** for the tremendous work teachers do by volunteering in your students' classrooms.

**Share a treat** or coffee with a staff member (or the recipe for your favorite meal)

The Emerald Park PTSA staff appreciation committee will be doing things all week to show our appreciation for all the hard work by our amazing EP staff!

## CARNIVAL TICKET PRESALES— MAY 3RD - 17TH

It's time to plan ahead and save some money!

**The 2013 Emerald Park Carnival is Friday, June 7th.**

**Carnival ticket presales will run from May 3-17th.**

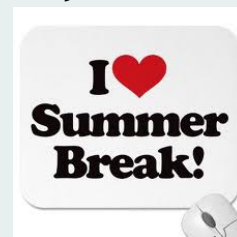
Please look for the order form to come home in your students Friday folder. Tickets will be delivered to your student on May 31st. These tickets are **non-refundable or replaceable!**

Ticket prices during the presale are **5/\$1 vs. 4/\$1** on the day of the carnival!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Staff Appreciation Week  
May 6th—10th
- Carnival—June 7th
- Last Day of School—  
June 19th



## YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR POPCORN/ SMENCIL SALES:

### POPCORN:

- ◆ June 7th

You can still purchase bags  
for \$0.50 each.



### SMENCILS:

- ◆ May 17th



A variety of flavors for \$1 each.

Sold **BEFORE** school in the  
cafeteria.

## **Congratulations to Mrs. Carter** for being named Emerald Park's Outstanding Educator. So many great things were said about Mrs. Carter.

"She is very nice" "She explains math very well" "She is a very funny teacher" "She reads us books"  
"She helps us learn and helps us with science"

## **Congratulations to Leslie Delfin** for being named Emerald Park's Outstanding Volunteer.

"She organizes Friday folders" "She helps us with Science" "She goes on field trips with us" "She helped with the book fair"

"She brought her reading life to share with us" "Mrs. Delfin helps with almost every school event"

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU! YOU ARE BOTH TRUE ASSETS TO EMERALD PARK !! WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO!**

***Visit the Emerald Park PTSA website at: [epptsa.weebly.com](http://epptsa.weebly.com)***

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013-14 PTSA BOARD THAT WAS ELECTED AT OUR LAST MEETING!!**

CO PRESIDENTS—LESLIE  
DELFIN AND DIANE HANRATTY  
VP OF FUNDRAISING—ANNETTE  
WONG AND JENNY PIGOTT  
VP OF PROGRAMS—CYNDI  
HELMER AND SUZANNE  
SCHACK

SECRETARY—MELISSA DAY  
TREASURER—CHRISTY MARTIN  
MEMBERSHIP—KAYLEE HAN-  
SEN

CASHIER—HEATHER SCHEER  
LEGISLATIVE CHAIR—IRENE  
AGUILAR

PUBLICITY—HECTOR TORRES  
NEWSLETTER—SHARON JUNG  
WEBSITE—DEE MCSWEENEY

### **CARNIVAL RAFFLE DONATIONS**

Each year as part of our Emerald Park PTSA carnival, we raffle off baskets to help raise money to fund programs and family events at Emerald Park. Again this year in addition to donations by community businesses, we are asking classrooms to put together raffle baskets. Partner classrooms are working together to create a basket with a specific theme (see the chart below). You can help by sending in items to be included in the basket or cash/check donations. When your child brings in a donation, they will receive a blue coupon good for two (2) food/game tickets at the carnival. Donations will be collected until Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>. Questions? Contact Heather Scheer at 253-631-0547 or [hmscheer-slp@comcast.net](mailto:hmscheer-slp@comcast.net)



Teacher Name	Basket Theme
N. Johnson & Watson	Gardening
Zarinelli & Chapin	Baking Basics
Houden & Roberts	Summer Fun
Estelle & Standlee	Bringing up Baby
Carter & Rankin	Book Bonanza
Kam & Martin	Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate
Schultz & Buchwald	Coffee Crazy
B. Johnson & Olson	Fun & Games
Reiners & Tjaden	Pet Friendly
Van Hoomissen & staff contributions	Movie Night

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?...HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!

None of us have all the time in the world to get everything done, right? That is why it takes many volunteers to help support Emerald Park and the great activities and events that the PTSA coordinates.

We are looking for volunteers to lead different activities next year. You can choose to volunteer for a variety of activities including some smaller, once a year events. Take a look at the list and see what you might be passionate about. Ask a friend to take the lead with you to share the workload. Check out the opportunities below:

- ♦ **Jog-A-Thon**—work with last years chairperson and the school admin team to coordinate volunteers for this event as well as solicit donations from the community. Time Frame: June—September, 30-50 hours.
- ♦ **Secret Pals**—Coordinate matching volunteer parents with staff members to provide little gifts each month for their “secret pal”. Send monthly reminders and deliver gifts as needed. Time Frame—initial coordination of 5-10 hours, 2-5 hours each month throughout the school year.
- ♦ **Reflections**—Through the Reflections Awards Program, you can play a role in providing a positive learning environment for students in the categories of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. Our State PTA will provide you with a step-by-step planning guide to help you implement the program including planning, promotion and celebration tools. The 2013-2014 National PTA Reflections Theme will be: “Believe, Dream, Inspire”. Time Frame—July thru March—40-80 hours.
- ♦ **Skate Night**—Work with the Auburn Skate Rink to coordinate 2-3 dates per year. Advertise each skate night with flyers and newsletter articles. Attend each skate night to collect the \$ from the skate rink. Time Frame—4-8 hours per skate night.
- ♦ **Magical Night of Giving**—Work with the Auburn Supermall to advertise and sell tickets for their annual event. Time Frame—October and November, 10-20 hours.
- ♦ **Craft Fair**—Work with community and business leaders to sign up booths to sell their wares. Advertise the event and delegate to the volunteer staff. Time Frame—September thru November, 30-50 hours.
- ♦ **Yearbook**—Work with a scrapbooking software provided by our school picture company to create the yearbook. Time Frame— January thru April, 40-80 hours.
- ♦ **Shopping \$\$’s**—By shopping at Target, Safeway, Macy’s or Office Depot, you can support education at Emerald Park without spending an extra dime! These stores return a percentage of sales to designated schools. Work with these online programs to advertise to our EP families and coordinate the receipt of the % of sales. Time Frame—1-2 hours a month throughout the school year.



## YOUR 2012-13 PTSA BOARD

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5224

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## Emerald Park Elementary PTSA earns money every time you shop!

By shopping at Target, Safeway, Macy's, Office Depot or Online Shopping, you can support education at Emerald Park without spending an extra dime! These stores return a percentage of sales to charities. Here's how it works:



facebook

Become a fan of Emerald Park Elementary PTSA and stay up to date on all of our events! Just find us and "like" our page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Emerald-Park-Elementary-PTSA/231094783684184>



Link your Target Red Card or Target Visa Card (credit or debit) to Emerald Park PTSA by visiting [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe). Target will donate up to 1% of your REDCard purchases.

Emerald Park Elementary School ID# 114635



Office  
DEPOT

Emerald Park will earn credits equal to 5% of your qualifying school or office supply purchases to use for FREE supplies.

Just provide our school id when you check out. Visit [www.officedepot.com/5percent](http://www.officedepot.com/5percent) for program terms and conditions.

Emerald Park Elementary School ID # 70106556



Recycle your empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges, small electronics, and media to earn money for Emerald Park PTSA while teaching them the importance of environmental responsibility and conservation. For complete list of recyclable items, go to

[http://recycling.groups.escrip.com/price\\_list.aspx](http://recycling.groups.escrip.com/price_list.aspx)



Join eScrip today by registering your Safeway Card. A portion of your purchases are donated directly to Emerald Park PTSA!

Emerald Park Elementary Group ID # 8562200



Every time you shop at Macy's, Emerald Park PTSA will earn up to 3%. So register today with escrip at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)!

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Every time you shop at a participating online merchant, such as Amazon.com, Nordstrom, Home Depot and J. Crew, Emerald Park can earn contributions. So register today with escrip at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)!

Emerald Park Elementary Group ID # 8562200



Contribute up to 5% of your entire bill at thousands of restaurants across the country to Emerald Park by visiting <http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/>

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***Thank you to Annette Wong for coordinating  
all of our Skate Nights this year!!***



**Emerald Park Elementary PTSA earns money every time you clip!**  
By saving and redeeming your Box Tops and Labels for Education Coupons, you can support education at Emerald Park! Here's how it works:



Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them into your child's teacher. Emerald Park PTSA earns 10 cents with each Box Top redeemed. See participating list of products found in your local grocery store at

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)



Marketplace

You can earn eBoxTops® with every qualified purchase at over 200 stores; just start at the Box Tops Marketplace®, which has special links to each of these stores that allow Emerald Park PTSA's account to be credited. Shop online & earn eBoxTops®. See participating stores at

[www.btfe.com/marketplace](http://www.btfe.com/marketplace)



Clip Labels for Education coupons from participating products and turn them into your child's teacher. By collecting product UPCs and beverage caps from participating products, Emerald Park can earn FREE educational merchandise, such as computers, software, sports equipment, musical instruments, and library books.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com>

**Thanks for utilizing these programs to help support Emerald Park!!**

## KENT MUSIC COALITION UPDATE

KMC has given permission to Cynthia Huber, KSD Fine Arts Coordinator, to present the data regarding Kent School District music programs to the School Board. She will present the data on May 22. We are inviting parents to be the face of that data, and to give public comment during the public comment session of the **May 22 School Board meeting**. Parents are also invited to hear the content of the report before the School Board meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 5PM at the Covington Library.

Our Music Advocacy efforts are being heard, and this is the first time in her years as the Fine Arts Coordinator that she has been asked to give a report about the status of music education. This request happened because a parent called the District requesting to make this report to the School Board.

If you are passionate about our music programs we need you to talk to leadership, and let them know the value of music education in your child's growth and development. Thanks for reaching out to make music in Kent a great experience.







**At the Ridge Theatre  
Musical Theatre Camp**

**Pre-K - 4th**  
July 29th-August 2nd

**5th-8th Grade**  
August 6th-August 9th

Registration Information at:  
[www.attheridgetheatre.com](http://www.attheridgetheatre.com)

Thank you to

**Lorrie Kiminki**

for all her work on  
the Clothing/Food/  
Dollar Drive

***Thank You!***

Thank you to

**Heather Scheer**

for coordinating  
the Mariner's

**Night**

**Sunrise Elementary School Mustang Musical  
Theatre to Present "Honk! JR."**

Don't miss the Sunrise Musical Theatre's rendition of *Honk! JR.* Follow the adventures of Ugly, whose odd, gawky looks incite taunting and teasing by his family and barnyard neighbors.

The show runs May 16 and May 17 at 7 p.m., and May 18 at 5 p.m. Tickets are available for \$5 per person at the door. Children under the age of 5 are free. Sunrise Elementary School is located on Kent's East Hill at 22300 132nd Avenue Southeast.

*Honk! JR.* is a contemporary retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling*, with music by George Stiles and the book and lyrics by Anthony Drewe. *Honk! JR.* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).



**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE TALENT SHOW VOLUNTEERS**

A very special thank you to the following individuals who helped to make the Talent Show so special... Dean Ficken, Jim Abernethy, Lori Macauley, Dee McSweeney, Judy Lewis, Meri Jasmine, Kristi Thulin, Aaron Jensen, John Sweet, Hai Nguyen, Sheila Cowley, Linda M. Cate, Emerald Park's PTSA and all of the supportive parents, families and friends of the performers!

All of the performers did a great job! They all worked so hard rehearsing for 5 weeks! We are also very grateful to the outstanding Stage Crew (Wyatt Hanse, Allen To, Billy To), Lighting Technician (Andrew Truong), and MC's (Kara Lau and Kalid Ahmed).