



The Navigator Way...



PTSA News

EMERALD PARK FUNDRAISES AND 'PAYS IT FORWARD'

We are excited to kick-off our fundraiser with Great American Fundraising. This company has a HUGE variety of products that will appeal to a HUGE variety of people.

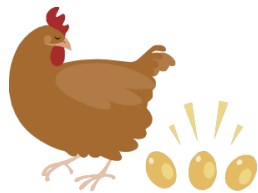
The best part of this fundraiser is not only can you purchase great products at great prices and help raise money for Emerald Park, you can SEND CHICKENS to a country in need. That's right I said CHICKENS!

Each student will earn a chicken for each 4 items sold or \$20.00 donation. These chickens are sent with the help of SAVE THE CHILDREN on behalf of EMERALD PARK ELEMENTARY.

This will provide families the means to raise chickens, which lay eggs. The chickens and eggs allow families to earn money to support themselves and help their community. Our fundraiser will begin October 28th. We will have a kick off assembly to get the students excited about this new fundraiser and learn about 'PAYING IT FORWARD'.

Please look for more information to come and help EP and others with Great American Fundraising.

Co-VP's of Fundraising
Jenny Pigott
Annette Wong



Jog - A - Thon Wrap ~ Up!

Wow! What an incredible day! The sun was shining, the kids, parents, and teachers were running and walking, Mr. Abernethy was playing fun music, and everyone was having a great time!

Thank you to all of the energetic volunteers who came out to help us count our laps, pour us water, hand out prizes, and get us all set up.

Emerald Park would also like to especially thank the wonderful City of Kent Community for their wonderful support in donating all of the AWESOME prizes!! They were so generous, and it really encouraged the students to collect a lot of donations.

We raised.....\$ XXXXXX this year! Yeah! This will definitely help us at Emerald Park plan great field trips, assemblies, and purchase much need teaching supplies. Please remember to thank all of your friends and relatives for their super support!

Congratulations on a job well done, Navigators!!! You are winning the Fitness

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/7-10/10
6th Grade Camp
- 10/10
Skate Night
6:30 - 8:30
- 10/11
Teacher Workshop
No School
- 10/21-10/25
Goal Setting Conferences
Early Release
- 10/22
Pizza Night
- 10/25
Harvest Party
- 10/28
Fundraiser Kickoff



Come to the Fall Book Fair Reading Oasis!

Our Book Fair Reading Oasis – A Cool Place To Discover Hot Books! The fair will be located in the Commons at Emerald Park, right by the main office. Show your support to Emerald Park and your students by joining us for this fun and exciting event! Emerald Park will receive 65% - 70% of all sales in books from Scholastic for our Fall Fair. Our goal this year is \$10,000. Some ways to help us meet this goal are:

- Purchase extra books for your child to read
- Purchase books as presents
- Purchase books for the school library and/or your teachers classroom library

Purchase books from our online book fair at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/emeraldpark>

Purchase a book for your kids or sweetheart for the holidays.

Our Book Fairs bring great joy to the students of Emerald Park in addition to supplying **90% of funds** needed for our school library. Without the success of this event our school library would not continue to be one of the best in the Kent School District. Come see us at the book fair during our normal operating hours:



Monday 10/21: 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10/22: 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/23: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 10/24: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Friday 10/25: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**Your help is needed ASAP!
Join the Book Fair READING OASIS TEAM
and help make a difference!**

Emerald Park's first Book Fair for the 2013 – 2014 school year is just **a few weeks away!** Volunteers are especially needed for the planning & organization of the Book Fairs. Without enough volunteers we cannot continue to keep this event a success for the school library and for our students. Every year we need at least 30 volunteers to make this adventure successful and any time that you can donate, **as little as one hour or up to 20 hours**, will greatly help us generate books for our school library. Fill out the Family Pizza Night & Book Fair Volunteer flyer that came home in your child's Friday folder and return it to school right away. Become part of this fun and vital event! Didn't receive, or can't find the flyer? You can find more in the main office at school or request one by contacting Kathy King at [206-779-0102](tel:206-779-0102) (txt msgs ok) or e-mail epbookfair@gmail.com. Just remember, YOU make the difference!

Volunteers are needed for the following times:

Decoration committee: dates/times, TBD

Friday, 10/18: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. or longer, setting up the book fair

Monday 10/21: 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10/22: 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10/23: 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday 10/24: 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friday 10/25: 8:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday 10/25: starting at 1:30 p.m. packing up the book fair



On September 10th 8 volunteers from Emerald Park helped to serve 63 families and 177 kids at the Kent Area Clothing Bank. What a difference our volunteers made! Volunteers were busy organizing school supplies, handing out back packs, working in the sock & underwear room and checking out families. Thank you to the following for making a difference in our community; Lorrie & Alex Kiminki, Jason Laorimore, Lorna Nguyen, Terry Tran, Larry Sims, Adam Dinius & Leslie Delfin.

Our next volunteer evening at the Clothing Bank is set for May 13th. Look for more information next year.

Clothing Drive

November 21st thru December 11th



Emerald Park Elementary will be reaching out to help our local KAC PTSA families with donations this fall. Please start setting aside your new or gently used items for our local families in need. *Donations needed are new socks and underwear (boxer briefs for boys, panties for girls) Spirit or sports team clothing, Boys Clothing, School Supplies and back packs. As well as gently used clean cloths, coats and shoes.*



For questions please email Kristie Schneider at

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

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 Sharon at

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IMPACT Basketball

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6th Grade Girls!

**We are now holding tryouts for our
AAU Girls Basketball Team!**

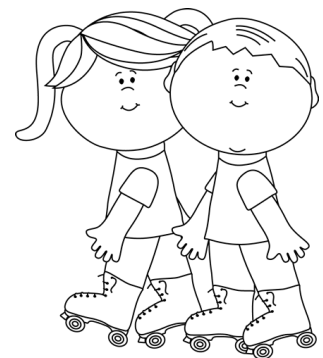
If you love the game and are willing to give 110% to developing strong team play contact our coach for information and to schedule a tryout.

Contact: Coach Jay at Tovre@yahoo.com

Come join Emerald Park Elementary for it's first Skate Night this year!

Thursday Oct. 10th from 6:30-8:30 at Auburn Skate Connection.

Wear your school colors and come have some fun!





KIDS LOVE ART! PLEASE HELP BRING ART INTO THE CLASSROOM!

Here at Emerald Park we have an Art Docent Program that allows students to have art lessons once a month.

If you have time to volunteer during the school day, we need your help. Art Docent volunteers are trained and supported by The Green River Community College Foundation & The Interurban Center for the Arts. Supplies and project ideas are provided by the program and our PTSA.

If you can give 3 hours a month and attend a 3 hour training class, you would be contributing so much to the students of Emerald Park. **NO PRIOR ART EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

This is a fun way to help in the classroom, enrich student learning and be a part of the Emerald Park Family.

Please contact: Annette Wong annette.wong@hotmail.com 253-639-7243 for more information or to get started.



Hello Emerald Park Navigator Families!

We are off to a great start in our membership drive. Please consider joining our team if you have not already. If you have joined, you should have received a confirmation email from PTSA with your membership card attached. You need to print this card and carry it with you to all PTSA events. When you display your card you

will receive discounts; free pizza slice, 10% off at book fair, 10 free tickets to carnival, \$2.00 off concessions at Movie Night and more!!!

Look for a membership envelope to come home with your student or pick one up in the main office. Fill out the envelope including payment and return it to school. Feel free to take extra envelopes and continue to invite friends, family, neighbors and businesses to join our PTSA...many hands make light work! We look forward to partnering with you this school year!

Kaylee Hansen

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POPCORN!

Popcorn is popped once a month at Emerald Park.

Pre-orders forms have gone home and many students have brought in their orders and money. Pre-ordered popcorn is 3 bags for \$1.00 and can be pre-ordered now and throughout the year. Popcorn can also be ordered on popping days (typically the first Friday of each month) and the cost is \$.50 (50 cents) per bag.

Our first popcorn day will be Friday October 4th.

Scheduled Popcorn Days:

October 4

January 10

April 4

November 8

February 7

May 2

December 6

March 7

June 6