



PTSA News

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Book Fair Luau

It's a Reading Celebration! * Feb 13-17

Join us in the Emerald Park Commons for our Book Fair Luau and show your support for our students!

February 10th Sneak Peak

We will be open for a Sneak Peak on Friday, February 10th before the Talent Show from 3:18pm – 6:15pm.

February 13th-17th

> Monday 8:30am-8:00pm

(Pizza Night & Bake Sale from 5:30pm-7:00pm)

> Tuesday 8:30am – 2:00pm

> Wednesday 8:30am – 8:00pm

> Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm

> Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm

Emerald Park will receive **65% to 70%** of all sales in books from Scholastic for our Spring Fair. To receive 70% of sales back in books we have to exceed our sales of approximately \$7,660.00 from last spring by 5%. This will mean an extra \$400+ worth of books for our library.

Some ways to help us meet this goal are to purchase...

- > extra books for your child
- > books as presents
- > books for the school library and/or your teacher's classroom library
- > from our on-line book fair



Gift Certificates Available as a Valentine's Gift — Reply ASAP

Purchase gift certificates for your students, teachers or secret pal as a Valentine's gift!

Send envelope marked "Book Fair" and include: your name, your phone number, recipients name, and room number (or teacher's name) it should be delivered to. Checks should be written to Emerald Park PTSA please.

You will receive a receipt confirming your purchase. **Gift certificates will be delivered on Valentine's Day.**

General Membership Meeting & Talent Show

Friday, February 10

6:30pm PTSA Meeting

Please join us Friday, Feb. 10th at 6:30pm for a brief PTSA General Membership meeting followed by the Talent Show. We will quickly go over the budget, the financial review, Nominating Committee and Spring Fundraiser.

7:00pm Talent Show!

After the PTSA Meeting, come cheer for our Emerald Park students as they show off their talents in "The EP Factor" Talent Show. Dancers, singers, and musicians will fill the stage and entertain us for the evening.

(Water available at intermission.)



Pizza Night!

Monday, Feb. 13
5:30-7:00pm



Come join us for Pizza Night on Monday the 13th. Make it an easy-no-cooking night. There are fun door prizes throughout the evening and a Bake Sale for dessert. Pizza is \$1.00/slice. Pop & water is \$.50

Everyone Welcome!

Bake Sale during Pizza Night

Stop by the Bake Sale during Pizza Night on Monday Feb. 13th from 5:30-7:00pm. Proceeds will go towards our One 4 Books Fund Raiser. 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 leave your name!)

Feb 10 Talent Show

Feb 13-17 .. Book Fair

Feb 13 Pizza Night

Mar 1 Skate Night

Mar 9 Movie Night

Visit our PTSA website at
epptsa.weebly.com

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Carnival Committee

Have you been to an Emerald Park Carnival? If so, you know how much fun it is for the whole family! We need help in planning this great event. Come join an experienced committee. **Call Lori at 253.850.8113 for information.**

Also, if you have connections at a large retailer or a food supplier, we are looking for discounts and donations for the food that evening. Let us know!

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Our last Skate Night was canceled due to the snow. Let's hope for clear roads on Thursday, March 1st! We'll send a reminder and directions closer to the time.

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Movie Night "Cars 2"
>> Moved to March 9 <<

Our annual Family Movie Night is rescheduled to Friday, March 9th. This is a free event for our Emerald Park families. We'll send a reminder closer to the time. **Can you help with this event? Email Kaylee: kayleekyle@hotmail.com**

Spring Fundraiser

Beautiful Flower Bulbs and Yummy Treats • March 1–14

We've had the snow, ice, and wind. Spring is around the corner! Be on the lookout for details about our Spring Fundraiser, March 1–14th. The Spring Fundraiser will bring you a new selection of snacks and flowers to choose from to get us out of the winter blahs! Information on the Spring Fundraiser will be coming home on March 1st.

Got questions?
Call Jenny 253.850.4197 or Karen 253.856.7933.



Box Tops Earns Over \$600!

We received a check for over \$600 from the Box Tops program! Thank you everyone for sending them in. Keep them coming!

This money goes into the PTSA general account and will support PTSA activities and funding of school and classroom supplies and events.

----- 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.**

Free Tax Preparation



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

January 10th – April 17th, 2012



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

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service for
households
making less
than \$50,000

For more information, call 2-1-1, or TEXT the word **TAX** and your 5-digit ZIP CODE to 57682

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Gratuita de Declaración de Impuestos Tenga más ingresos.

Tenga más para el éxito de su estudiante.

10 de enero – 17 de abril, 2012



- Las declaraciones de impuestos son preparadas por voluntarios certificados por el IRS.
- Muchos sitios tienen voluntarios que hablan otros idiomas.
- Visita sin necesidad de cita previa.
- Averigüe también si su familia es elegible para recibir beneficios públicos, incluyendo cupones para alimentos.

Servicio
gratuito para
los hogares
que ganan
menos de
\$50,000

Para más información, llame al 2-1-1, ó mande un mensaje con la palabra **TAX** y su código postal al 57682

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Cashuur Diyaarin BILAASHA

La Hadh in badan waxa ku soo gala.
U hayso in badan guusha ardayga.

Janaayo 10–Abril 17, 2012



- Cashuurta waxa diyaariya tabarucayaal ka idman IRS-ta.
- Goobo badan ayey joogaan tabarucayaal ku hadla afaf kale.
- Ballan la'aan ku tag. Ballanku daruuri ma aha.
- Ogow haddii qoyskaagu xaq u leeyahay dheefta dadweynaha sida kaadhka cuntada.

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oo helayaan
qoysaska
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免費報稅

使您能保留更多收入。

有更多的錢來幫助學生完成學業。

2012 年 1 月 10 日至 4 月 17 日



- 由 IRS 認證的義工幫您報稅。
- 多個報稅站都有能講其他語言的義工。
- 隨到隨辦，無需預約。
- 瞭解您的家庭是否符合條件領取包括糧食券在內的公共福利。

為收入低於 5 萬美元的家庭提供的免費服務。

要找到離你最近的報稅站，輸入 TAX 一詞，並在你的 ZIP CODE 處輸入 5 位數字 57682。

要瞭解更多資訊，請訪問 unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp



БЕСПЛАТНЫЙ расчет налогов

Сэкономьте деньги на успешную учебу вашего ребенка.

10 января – 17 апреля 2012 г



- Налоги рассчитывают волонтеры, имеющие сертификаты Налоговой службы (IRS).
- Во многих пунктах есть волонтеры, говорящие на разных языках.
- Приходите. Предварительная запись не нужна.
- Выясните, имеет ли ваша семья право на государственную помощь, включая талоны на питание.

Бесплатная
услуга для
семей с
доходом
меньше
\$50,000

Если вы хотите найти ближайший пункт расчета налогов, пошлите СМС со словом **TAX (НАЛОГ)** и своим 5-ти значным **ПОЧТОВЫМ ИНДЕКСОМ** на номер 57682.

Если вам нужна дополнительная информация, посетите сайт по адресу: unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp



Khai Thuế MIỄN PHÍ

Hãy giữ thêm tiền kiếm được của quý vị.

Có thêm tiền để giúp học sinh đạt kết quả tốt.

Từ ngày 10 tháng Giêng – ngày 17 tháng Tư, 2012



- Những thiện nguyện viên có chứng nhận của IRS giúp khai thuế.
- Nhiều địa điểm có thiện nguyện viên nói các ngôn ngữ khác.
- Đến lúc nào cũng được. Không cần lấy hẹn.
- Tìm hiểu xem gia đình quý vị có hội đủ điều kiện hưởng các phúc lợi công cộng hay không kể cả phiếu thực phẩm.

Một dịch vụ
miễn phí cho
những gia đình
làm ít hơn
\$50,000

Để tìm một địa điểm khai thuế gần quý vị nhất, hãy GỬI TIN NHẮN bằng chữ **TAX** và **MÃ SỐ BƯU CHÍNH** của quý vị gồm năm con số đến 57682.

Để biết thêm thông tin, xin vào trang mạng unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp

Tax sites in Kent & Renton:

Kent

515 West Harrison St, Kent, WA 98032

Tuesdays 5-8pm, Thursdays 5-8pm

Saturdays 1-4pm

(Jan&Feb) Sundays 9am-12pm

Renton Salvation Army

206 S Tobin St, Renton, WA 98055

Tuesdays 5-9pm, Wednesdays 5-9pm

(Jan&Feb) Mondays 5-9pm

Emerald Park's Online Book Fair

You can shop the book fair online at www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs from February 6th to February 26th. All sales from our Online Book Fair will count towards our total Book Fair sales.

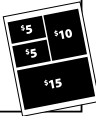
The Online Book Fair has thousands of titles not available at our physical book fair including Spanish titles, educational books and supplies, etc... You and your child will have the ability to create your own wish list and send it via eCards to loved ones in other cities/states inviting them to help make your home library even better. Purchase 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 6th.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

You must be an Emerald Park PTSA Member to advertise. Prices for each issue:

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

Contact Sheila at 253.639.3122 or
kentcowleys@comcast.net



February is Love Your Library Month

Did you know?...

- > many books range from \$7 - \$25 each and prices are increasing
- > highly used books last only 6 months to a year before they must be replaced.
- > that with the reduced budget the library depends on the Book Fair for over 90% of all of their purchases. In just the last four years our library's budget has been further reduced from \$5,000.00 down to \$1,000.00

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—let's keep it that way!

A "Love Your Library" cash donation envelope should have come home in the Feb. 3rd Friday folder. Thank you for your support!!

ONE 4 Books Update!

With the future proceeds from our upcoming Bake Sale, we will have met the goal set last fall for our One 4 Books drive. We will be purchasing a book for every student receiving extra help in reading.

All cash donations to the Love Your Library drive will also be considered One 4 Books. This means:

- > that every dollar donated will be worth at least \$1.65 in book purchasing power for the library
- > every dollar donated Scholastic will donate a book to one of three non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They include the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kinds in Distressed Situations, Inc., and the Kids in Need Foundation.

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