



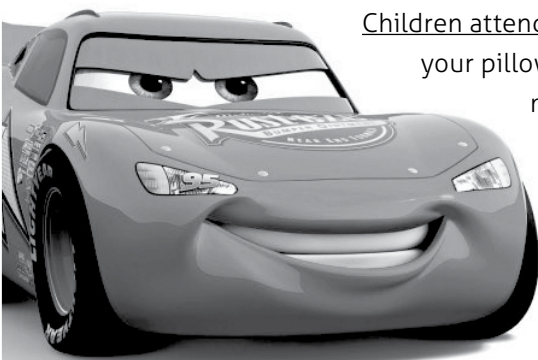
PTSA News

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PTSA Family Movie Night Friday March 9

Doors open 6pm • Movie begins 6:30

Next Friday is our annual Family Movie Night. This is a free event for our Emerald Park families. Snacks available: popcorn \$0.50, & pop and candy \$0.75!



Children attending MUST be with a parent. Bring your pillows & blankets and meet us in the multi-purpose room. Doors will open at 6:00pm for concessions sales and the **movie will begin at 6:30pm** and end around 8:00pm.



Bingo Night Prizes Needed

PTSA Bingo Night is coming Friday April 27th following our General Membership meeting.

We taking donations of new or very gently used items for our prize table.

Donations can be dropped off at the Main Office at Emerald Park Elementary marked Bingo Night.

Questions? or interested in helping?
Contact:

Heather Scheer at 253.631.0547 or
April Dinius at 206.293.6071.

Outstanding Volunteer & Outstanding Educator

Have you nominated your Outstanding Volunteer and/or Outstanding Educator yet?

Each year the PTSA recognizes a volunteer and educator who has put in extra time and effort to help Emerald Park be a great school. We need your help! Tell us who YOU think should get the award this year. The chosen educator and volunteer each will receive \$50 in prizes.

Look for the yellow nomination forms that came home last Friday or pick one up at the main office. We also have forms on our PTSA website, www.epptsa.weebly.com.

Spring Fundraiser

Beautiful Flower Bulbs
and Yummy Treats
March 1-14

The Spring Fundraiser is underway. Have you checked out the selection of snacks and flowers to choose from?

Questions? Call Jenny 253.850.4197
or Karen 253.856.7933

**TONIGHT
SKATE NIGHT**
MAR 1 ◀
THURSDAY
6:30-8:30PM



AUBURN SKATE CONNECTION
1825 Howard Rd, Auburn * 253.833.4990

\$5 includes skate rental.

(No charge for non-skaters coming to watch.)

Mar 1 Skate Night
Mar 2 NO SCHOOL
Mar 1-14 . . . Spring Fundraiser
Mar 9 Movie Night
Mar 14 Book Give Away Ends
(See back page)
Mar 20 Doodle for Google due
(See inside)

Visit our PTSA website at epptsa.weebly.com

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One 4 Books and Book Fair Luau a Huge Success!

Between your generous donations, a \$300 donation from Kent Youth Soccer Association (www.kysa.org) and the \$250 made from the two bake sales during both pizza nights, Emerald Park raised \$1,055 for the One 4 Books Fundraiser. This allowed us to:

- > purchase approximately 200 books for the Reading Booster students at Emerald Park
- > raise \$200 directly for books for our school library
- > earn 1,055 books to be donated by Scholastic to one of three charities in Emerald Park's name AND
- > meet our goal of a 5% increase in sales for our Book Fair. This increase in sales means another \$400+ in books for our school library. WE ARE AN AWESOME SCHOOL!!!

I also want to thank Peg Deister for coordinating the volunteers, Annette

Wong for helping with decorations, and all of the volunteers that helped set up, run and pack up the book fair: Peg Deister, Eric Deister, Emma Lund-Curran, Celine Peters, Jane Uyeta, Annette Wong, Donna Lund, Cyndi Helmer, Meri Jasmine, George Shi, Claire Sturtevant, Lorrie Kiminki, Teri Schanbeck, Irene Aguilar, Lori Macauley, Donna Kamimae, Dee McSweeney, Amanda Kite, Julie Miller, Diane Hanratty, Kaylee Hansen, Sheila Cowley, April Dinius, Stephanie Lyon, Judy Lewis, and Orissa Barrera. If I have forgotten your name, please forgive me, it has been a long couple of weeks.

Please consider being a committee member for next year's book fair—we are in need of at least 5 dedicated people. Many of the jobs do not require you to be at the school. If you are interested please contact me at laura@kerr-us.com or 253.653.4440.



Thank you Laura, Peg, and Annette for heading up yet another successful Book Fair! Way to go! —PTSA Board

Yummy Staff Dinners —Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the staff dinners during Conference Week!! And a big thank you to Papa John's at 240th & 132nd for donating pizza to the staff dinners (and discounting pizza for Pizza



Night) once again during Conference Week!

Clothing Bank Volunteer Night —Thanks!

The Kent Area Council PTA Clothing Bank schedules Kent Schools to work twice a year. Emerald Park's second volunteer night was February 7th. **A big thank you** to Espie and Anthony Sapien, Leslie and Davis Delfin, Tim Martin and Claire, Sean and Erin Sturtevant. They were busy hanging and sorting donations, working the sock and underwear room and checking in/out families.

Inform the Emerald Park Main Office if you or someone you know is in need

and would like to visit the Clothing Bank. The office will give you the proper registration form needed to enter the Clothing Bank located in the Phoenix Academy 11000 SE 264TH, KENT

Thank you April for coordinating the Volunteer Nights! —PTSA Board

The clothing bank will be open through May, Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00pm: March 6, March 20, April

3, April 17, May 8, May 22. For more Clothing Bank information visit www.kacpta.org

— April Dinius, CO-VP Programs



Google's yearly contest to redesign their logo is open to K-12 students in the US.

Prizes include the winner's design shown on the US google.com homepage, a \$30,000 college scholarship, a \$50,000 school technology grant, and a trip to New York. The theme for 2012 is "If I could travel in time, I'd visit..." For more information about the rules and judging guidelines, and to download and print out the entry form and template, go to google.com/doodle4google. There is only one entry per student, and the mailing deadline is March 20.

Applegate Grant

We are excited to announce that Emerald Park Elementary PTSA was the recipient of a Washington State Applegate Grant for 2012!

Our PTSA received \$500 from the Gates Foundation for the Reading Night that was held on January 12th in partnership with Emerald Park Elementary staff. The event was a GREAT success with 435 people in attendance. The grant money was used to purchase reading-based door prize games and food. Children's Bookshop of Kent and Scholastic Books also donated \$450 worth of books for door prizes for the evening event. Thank you to all of the Emerald Park staff and PTSA volunteers who worked together to make this event one of the best ever!

Thank you Heather for taking the time to pursue this grant!
—PTSA Board

Help Wanted for Next Fall! Stay Connected!

Emerald Park PTSA plays a huge role in supporting our children and teachers. We are proud to be a part of an amazing team at the school. By fundraising for the school and providing many activities for families to come and enjoy, students can thrive in a safe and nurturing environment.

We need your help! The PTSA board has positions opening up next fall and we would like to invite you to consider stepping in and becoming part of our team.

To the right are the positions that will be available, followed by the people who currently serve in that role. If you have any interest or questions regarding a particular position, please feel free to contact anyone of the current board members.

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Lori Macauley 253.850.8113

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Co-VP of Programs

Heather Scheer 253.631.0547 and April Dinius 253.852.3554

Publicity & Newsletter: Sheila Cowley 253.639.3122 (two different positions)

This is a great opportunity for you to get involved in your child's school and meet some great new people with the same vision... to promote educational and social development for all of the students at Emerald Park.

— Nominating Committee
Kaylee Hansen

Your Generosity Shown During the Clothing Drive and Socks & Underwear Dollar Drive

Thank you Lorrie for coordinating the Clothing Drive and Dollar Drive!
—PTSA Board

Thank you to everyone who gave what they could to help out the Kent Area PTA Council Clothing Bank. Emerald

Park's Emergency **Clothing Drive** at the beginning of December was sure to have been a great help with at least 3 large garbage bags full of clothes donated every day of our drive. We delivered over 35 bags of clothes to

the Clothing Bank!

Our winter **Sock and Underwear Dollar Drive** also helped out a great deal with more than \$315.00 donated by the families of Emerald Park! Vicki Nguyen from Ms. Carlyle's class and Tyne Barrera from Ms. Chapin's class were the lucky winners of our donation drawing and each received a Target gift card.

Thank you again Emerald Park families and friends for helping our Kent families in need! —Lorrie K.

Way to Go Talent Show Performers and Crew

Wow! What an incredible EP Factor Talent Show this year! The performers, MC's, Set Design Team, and Stage and Lighting Crew were incredible!

Thank you so much to all of the parents and students that put in so much time and effort into this year's

program. A special thanks to

Dean Ficken, Jim Abernethy, John Sweet, Dee McSweeney, Robin Clark, Linda Cate, Claire Sturtevant, Judy Lewis, Meri Jasmine, Becky Powers, Sheila Cowley, and the Emerald Park PTSA.

—Lori Macauley

Thank you Lori for heading up the talent show!
—PTSA Board

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Contact Kristen at 253.638.0819

Mariner's Night

SAVE THE DATE!!! Emerald Park Elementary will be having a Mariner's baseball night on Saturday, May 5th. The 6:10pm game features the Mariners vs.



the Minnesota Twins. This is also Mariner's Salute to Kids night, so they will be giving away T-shirts to fans 14 years and under. There will also be lots of fun activities for the kids that night.

Go to www.seattle.mariners.mlb.com for more details. Tickets will be available for \$11 each (regular price \$22 each) and our seats will be in section 315. Orders forms and money will be due Monday April 16th (immediately following spring break). **Look for the order form in this week's Friday folder as well as in the main office.** We will also post order forms on our PTSA web-site at www.epptsa.weebly.com

If you have questions, contact Heather Scheer at 253.631.0547.

Carnival Committee Help

We need help in planning this great event.

Have you been to an Emerald Park Carnival? If so, you know how much fun it is for the whole family! 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!

Free Tax Preparation!

A Free Service for Households Making Less Than \$50,000

March tends to be slower at these tax sites, which means less waiting time for those who drop by to get their taxes prepared. **unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp**

Kent
515 West Harrison St,
Kent, WA
Tues & Thur 5-8pm
Sat 1-4pm

Renton Salvation Army
206 S Tobin St, Renton, WA
Tues 5-9pm, Wed 5-9pm

Pizza Night—Thanks!

Thanks to all the volunteers that made Luau Pizza Night fun! Lots of families turned out, lots of prizes were given away, and lots of goodies were enjoyed from the bake sale also!

A special thank you to Ms. Keyes for her hula demonstrations! She presented a variety of dances, music, and costumes that represented various Hawaiian Islands. Very nice!

*Thank you Suzanne
for heading up Pizza
Night this year!
—PTSA Board*

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

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