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Keep up with School/PTSA Events! Visit hazelwolfk8.org and add the Google calendar to keep track of PTSA events!
WELCOME TO NOVEMBER!

We’ve had a strong start to the year so far. Our school was once again (for the sixth time) recognized as a School of Distinction by The Center for Educational Effectiveness. This award honors the highest improving Washington State schools, and only one school has received it more than us in the entire state.

We held a wonderful new event, the Multicultural Potluck, where everyone shared food from their countries and cultures; and the PTSA family support group has led snack and coat drives.

Conferences will be coming up at the end of the month. Your teachers have set aside this time to keep you up to date on your student's progress. To make the most of your conference, remember to write down any questions or discussion topics ahead of time.

This month we again host Literacy Night, which is also the kickoff to our annual student Read-a-Thon. This year Literacy Night is expanded to have activities for all students K through 8, as well as parents. Please mark November 13 on your calendar and plan to attend.

Thanks,

Debbie Nelsen, Principal

Kim Steffensmeier, PTSA President

JOIN THE HAZEL WOLF PTSA

Spirit Gear Sales. Back to School Night. Backpack and Snack Drives. Tutoring and Classroom Stipends. E-STEM and Social Events. What do all these things have in common? They are powered by the Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA!

If you want to help support our efforts to facilitate family involvement in the school community and also enhance the learning experience for every child, consider joining the PTSA this year! Becoming a member costs $15 per adult and $9 per student (5th-8th grades). Not only will you provide financial support for our programs, but you’ll also have a vote in our general sessions throughout the year. Our goal is to have at least one family member join the PTSA for each student, so we can continue to align our budget and initiatives to our community’s needs.

And membership does have its benefits - including discounts on the Washington State Fair, Great Wolf Lodge, Legoland, Office Depot, Hertz, and many more. Go to the PTSA website to learn more about what we do for our school community and how you can join us - https://hazelwolfs8.org/join.
HAZEL WOLF COAT DRIVE
This fall season, Hazel Wolf K-8 will hold its 10th annual coat drive!

Information for Coat Recipients
If you would like your child to receive a NEW winter coat with assistance from the coat drive, please fill out the Coat Request Form and return the completed form to your child’s teacher or to the front office by Friday, November 16 in the coat request form return box near the nurse’s door. Forms can also be picked up in the front office on the counter next to the coat request return box. All information will be kept confidential. Coat request forms are available for download in English, Spanish, Amharic, Tigrinya on the PTSA website: https://hazelwolfk8.org/2018/10/10/hazel-wolf-coat-drive-2/

Information for Coat Donors
After all coat request forms are received, an email announcement will go out asking for volunteers to purchase coats. If you are able to sponsor a child, please email Kathi Lefebvre-Marcinek (Kathi.Lefebvre@gmail.com) and you will be sent a coat request. Please put “Coat Drive” in the subject line of the email. To make coat shopping easy, size, color preference, and gender information will be included in the request. All donated coats must be NEW.

The Hazel Wolf PTSA thanks you for your consideration and participation!

TREASURER’S CORNER
The PTSA continues to provide our community with resources and support for a variety of programs. Some of the contributions from September include:

- Welcome coffee and snacks for parents on the first day of school
- Enrolling our school in the spelling bee
- Helping feed teachers and staff on Back to School Night and MS curriculum night
- Purchasing multimedia equipment from last year’s Fund-A-Need for Mr. Fogarty’s Digital Context Creating class
- Supporting a K-2 Literacy program
- Providing extra funds to teachers for classroom supplies

PTSA FINANCIAL AID
We want every child to be able to fully participate in their school experience. The PTSA has funds to help support school-related activities and needs for our students. This includes scholarships for field trips, assistance for glasses, coats or shoes, scholarships for yearbooks, or assistance in participating in other school-related programs. Please contact Ms. Nelsen if you know of a student who could use assistance - we want every child to succeed and be a part of our community!
REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST

Calling all Wolfpack Artists! There is still a little time to get your entry in for the Reflections Art Contest!

Do you enjoy art, music, and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films, and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year’s Reflections Art Contest theme is “Heroes Around Me.”

All entries must be turned in by November 2, 2018. Please deliver entries to the box in the main office and attach a completed entry form, available for download here- https://hazelwolfk8ptsa.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/18/19-student-entry-form-fillable.pdf

For more information, visit https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/.

Please contact Caitlin with any questions at caitew@comcast.net.

IT’S CONFERENCE TIME!

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place during the week of November 18. There will also be no school for this entire week. Most teachers will have already started the process of scheduling these with parents but if you aren’t sure, make sure you reach out to your child’s teacher.

COMMUNITY TOY BUY, SELL, AND TRADE

Trying to motivate your children to let go of unloved toys? Want to clear space in your home before the holidays? Interested in making a little extra holiday cash? Rent a table at the event to sell your gently used toys, books, and gear. 10:00 am- 12:00 pm on Saturday, December 1 at Hazel Wolf K-8.

Cost is $6/Adult. $4/student (per half lunch table). If you or your student would like to rent a table to sell at the event, or you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Zoe at: Neighborhood@hazelwolfk8.org or 206.445.8521.

GRANT WRITER NEEDED

Do you have experience writing grants? Hazel Wolf K-8 is seeking a grant writer to pursue additional funding for school programs. This person will work with staff and PTSA members to understand school needs and search out additional funding through grants. This is an independent contract position. The grant writer will be paid on an hourly basis that will average out to about 5 hours per week. The position is available immediately. If interested, please contact Kim Steffensmeier at president@hazelwolfk8.org.
HAZEL WOLF K-8 IS A SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION ONCE AGAIN!

The Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) recognizes 10 Seattle schools as 2018 School of Distinction award winners. Hazel Wolf has been recognized again this year, for the sixth (out of a possible 7!) time.

The distinguished schools place a heavy emphasis on impactful teaching and learning, data-informed instruction, and racial equity.

CEE’s School of Distinction award honors the highest improving schools in Washington state. This award measures the improvement for all students over a sustained period, (five years), in English language arts and mathematics.

Seattle Public Schools recognizes that standardized tests are just one measure of student success. Educators in Seattle Public Schools use many data points including daily lessons, teacher-developed assessments and class conversations to monitor and support students’ learning and growth.

Superintendent Denise Juneau credits the school leadership and school community for this accomplishment. “Our district is high performing, and we are making gains in academic achievement. There is quality instruction seen in every classroom across the city. Great principals and teachers, students, and families have collectively made an impact.”

SCHOOL MUSICAL INFO MEETING

Does your student love to perform? Or maybe they have always wanted to give it a try? 4th-8th graders are invited to audition for the school musical, which this year, will be Freaky Friday, directed by our new drama and performing arts teacher Ms. Hammond! Students in grades 4-8 can audition for the cast or be a part of the crew!

Learn more about the show, auditions, and parent participation opportunities at an info meeting on Thursday, November 1, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the Hazel Wolf Cafeteria.

Audition dates are December 10 or 11, and callbacks are on December 12 and 13 (all times right after school). Rehearsals start January 7 and will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Show dates are March 12-15.

NOVEMBER FITNESS CHALLENGE

We all get to spend a whole week with our family members in November! Below is the link to get a calendar with fitness challenges to complete every day. Paper copies can also be picked up from Mrs. Krebs in the Gym.

Fitness Calendar for November: https://tinyurl.com/fitnessnov2018
REMINDER – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
Don’t forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on November 3!

HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE
Hazel Wolf will be participating in a Halloween Candy Drive for Camp Murray soldiers! Please start thinking about donating candy after all the trick-or-treating has finished. Drop off unwanted, sealed candy in the donation bin in the front office starting November 1, and ending November 12. Candy is being picked up on November 13. Please refrain from donating any foil/paper wrapped candies or homemade treats. This has to be able to maintain freshness on its journey overseas in care packages.

CRAZY HAIR/HAT DAY
Friday, November 2 is spirit day- Crazy Hair/Hat Day!

VETERAN’S DAY ASSEMBLY
On November 9, we will hold our annual Veteran’s Day Assembly. Part of this assembly includes a slide show honoring relatives who have served in the armed forces. Please send electronic pictures of family who have served to jmdolin@seattleschools.org, and include their name, relation to student, branch of military, and time of service. Deadline to submit photos is November 1.

LITERACY NIGHT
Join us on November 13 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in your pajamas for some fun reading activities. We will have activities for all ages, K-8, as well as adults! More details to come next week!
**FUNDRAISING FUN!**

**NOVEMBER DINING NIGHT OUT**

Join our us for a fundraiser to support Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA. Come in to the Chipotle at 401 NE Northgate Way Suite 1119 in Seattle on **Tuesday, November 27 between 4:00 and 8:00 pm**.

33% of the proceeds will be donated to HWK-8 PTSA! Watch for the flier coming home with more information closer to the date.

**READ-A-THON**

The Hazel Wolf Read-a-Thon is a reading challenge in which students raise money for our school while engaging in fun reading activities. Each student will set a goal (in minutes) and read or be read-to. Students gather pledges, record their minutes each day and then collect donations at the end of the challenge. The Read-a-Thon runs from **November 13 - November 30**. Look for packets to come home with your child the week of November 5-9. Prizes will be awarded for the top readers and top fundraisers. Classes with the most participation earn a donut party!

**AMAZON SMILE**

Gearing up for the holidays? Shop AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Hazel Wolf PTSA every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the PTSA.

For more information, visit: https://smile.amazon.com/about.

**BOX TOPS WANTED**

Did you know that Hazel Wolf K-8 receives 10 cents for every valid Box Top for Education that we submit? Last year we earned over $400! That's a lot of clipping but we think we can do even more this year! **Our first deadline to submit is coming up on November 1.**

Clip and collect (and ask your friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers to clip, too)! Then bring your **UNEXPIRED** Box Tops to the collection box in the front office or send them in via Kidmail. Easy!

**AUCTION LEADS NEEDED**

The 2019 auction is already in planning mode, and the team would love help with Sponsorship, Corporate Procurement, and Fund A Need leads. Please contact Debi at fundraising@hazelwolfk8.org if interested.
WEEDING HELP NEEDED!

Parents, students, community members: everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday, November 1 for a weeding party! We will be weeding different areas on the Hazel Wolf campus from 3:30 - 4:45pm. Some weeding tools will be provided, but please bring your own gloves and any favorite shovels, trowels, and/or pruners. Please join us to help make our beautiful school even more amazing!

E-STEM CAREER DAY IS FEBRUARY 6

Is your job related to E-STEM (Environmental Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)? We need your ideas! Seeking people to engage students in presentations, workshops, and projects at our E-STEM Career Day on February 6.

We need presenters in many different areas. This year, we really hope to recruit presenters from agriculture, fisheries, forestry, international aid, and other areas in which the ‘technology’ isn’t always computer-based. We’re open to anything. If you have an idea, please let us know.

If you are interested in presenting, please fill out this online form: http://www.hwestem.com/career-day-presenter-form.html.

BATTERIES, CORKS, & PRINTER CARTRIDGES...RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

Hazel Wolf has teamed up with various businesses in our community to help our school recycle the “non-recyclable.” Starting in November there will be containers in the main office where you can drop off batteries, corks, and printer cartridges.

These items will be collected and recycled in order to help keep waste out of landfills and to reduce hazardous materials from contaminating our environment. You can help by dropping off any batteries, corks and/or printer cartridges in the designated recycling containers located in the main office. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Warner at estem@hazelwolfk8.org. Thank you!

RECYCLING EVENT LEADS

Do you love recycling? Our E-STEM coordinator would love help setting up recycling events throughout the year. If interested, please contact Shannon at estem@hazelwolf.org.
WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

Could your student(s) use extra food over the weekend and during school breaks? If so, please sign them up for the Weekend Backpack Food Program, which provides extra meals and snacks for our Hazel Wolf families.

Simply fill out the bottom portion of the backpack form which can be found in the office. You can also email familysupport@hazelwolfk8.org to sign up. You will need to include your student’s name, grade and teacher and put the form in the box in the office.

Your child will receive food backpacks on Fridays. The backpacks contain items such as: Instant oatmeal, snack bars, microwavable meals, cereal bars, peanut butter, nuts, milk, juice and fruit. They are designed to be kid friendly and self serve as much as possible.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BACKPACKS CONTAIN PRODUCTS WITH ALLERGENS SUCH AS NUTS, WHEAT AND DAIRY.

This program is open to all Hazel Wolf students, no other eligibility requirements. For more information contact Tracy at familysupport@hazelwolfk8.org.

HAZEL WOLF SKI BUS BEGINS JANUARY 2019

The Hazel Wolf Ski Bus with Webb Ski at Summit Central will be on Fridays, January 11, 18, 25, and February 1, 8, and 15 (six weeks) from 3:25 pm until around 10:00 pm. The Ski Bus is primarily for middle schoolers, but 5th graders will be allowed with parent/teacher approval. If you would like more information, have your child talk to Mr. Geoff Smith (5th grade teacher) at school or email gmsmith1@seattleschools.org or lorraine.lewis.phillips@comcast.net.

NEW STAFF BIO

Hanna Bowley (Speech Therapist) - My name is Hannah, and I am new to SPS this year. I am joining SPS from the Shoreline School District. Prior to working in the school setting, I worked in Early Intervention (birth to 3) for two years, and a Pediatric Hospital in Portland for one year. I am excited to be here at Hazel Wolf 2 days a week! When I am not at work, you can find me hiking, practicing yoga, or baking bread!