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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 APRIL!

We appreciate all of the support we have received over the last month as we lost two important members of our community, Chrys Hunstiger and Rania Dribika. We are working out details of how to remember those we have lost and will be able to announce that information soon.

The PTSA is beginning to think about next school year already. We are recruiting for the 2019-20 board, and are budgeting for next fiscal year. Please join us at the General Session meeting on Tuesday, April 30, where the membership votes to approve these for next year.

Thank you,
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://hazelwolfk8.org/join.
IT’S TIME TO GET YOUR GROOVE ON, WOLFPACK!

The auction is happening **this Saturday, March 30** at Shoreline Community College. Get ready to bid on awesome items such as original works of art created by our students, a Murder Mystery Party hosted by Principal Nelsen, sports and theater tickets, unique cooking experiences, and much, much more! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Can’t make the auction this year? You can still support our school while having your child participate in an unforgettable student experience. This year the Online Auction is giving everyone an opportunity to purchase a spot for your child to participate in a teacher event or grade experience!

Something is being offered for every grade level—such as PJs & Pancakes with Kindergarten Teachers, Kick Off to Summer Party with the 1st Grade Teachers and a Dance Party for the 2nd Graders. Also included are some special auction night opportunities for parents: a hosted auction after-party with transportation and babysitting on the night of the auction.

Don’t miss out! There has been a great amount of interest in the Online Auction already and some experiences are already sold out. Check out the Online Auction at: [https://hazelfolk8.ejoinme.org/OnlineAuction2019](https://hazelfolk8.ejoinme.org/OnlineAuction2019).

**Online Auction closes on Friday, March 29 at 5pm.**

**PTSA BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2019–2020**

Have you ever helped to manage a non-profit? Do you want to be more involved with our school? The Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA is recruiting for several board positions for next year. The PTSA is a group of parents who work to represent our community. And if you’ve ever felt like the PTSA doesn’t represent you, then we especially would love for you to join us so we can hear your perspective. We want our board to be diverse and represent everyone in our community.

In addition to responsibilities of each role, all board members attend monthly meetings. We all have kids, and we try to be flexible and provide childcare. We can work with members to make meetings accessible. If you are interested or would just like more information please contact Kim Steffensmeier at president@hazelwolfk8.org.

- **VP Operations** - Support director positions and participate in executive board decisions
- **Secretary** - Document all the PTSA activities including taking minutes, managing correspondence, and maintain legal documents
- **Co-Treasurer** - Work with another Treasurer to oversee the finances of the board
- **E-STEM Coordinator** - Manage the E-STEM PTSA programs such as recycling, and work with Mr. Fogarty to support school E-STEM programs
- **Co-Communications/Marketing Coordinator** - Work with another Communications Coordinator to support all the ways the PTSA supports family communications, including the Paw Print, Friends of Hazel Wolf Facebook page, PTSA website, Homeroom representative communications, and more
- **Fundraising Coordinator** - Oversee PTSA fundraising activities large and small
- **Special Fund Coordinator** - Manage restricted and designated funds held by the PTSA, such as money gathered for annual Fund-a-need projects
BLACK LIVES MATTER T-SHIRT CONTEST
WINNER AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Congratulations to Luna Murfin Paz! Luna's design won the Black Lives Matter at Hazel Wolf t-shirt design contest. Everyone will have a chance to purchase a shirt with Luna’s design on it during the spring spirit gear sale next month.

Thank you to all of the students that submitted such beautiful and thoughtful designs! We were so grateful for all of your wonderful work. Honorable mentions include Pacifica DeBlieck, Norah Singh, and Francis Shutts.

Winner: Luna Murfin Paz

Honorable Mentions
Pacifica DeBlieck:

Norah Singh:

Francis Shutts:
FLEXIBLE SEATING IN ROOM 310

After submitting a proposal to the PTSA, room 310 in the middle school was able to acquire a full classroom of flexible seating! This experiment was largely driven by a growing body of evidence and research that show flexible seating options help all people sustain focus and work more productively when they can choose what position they work best in. In room 310 we have students who thrive while bouncing on yoga balls, laying on the couch, relaxing in various style comfortable chairs, sitting at a tall café style table, or lounging on a large bean bag. Of course we have two desks for those students who prefer to sit at a work space and spread out their materials! The possibilities are endless with our floor seating options, lap desks, and coffee table. In room 310 we enjoy the more relaxed feel of the classroom, as we gather in our new “living room” to challenge ourselves in math, reading and writing. Flexible seating and the freedom is gives students has made 310 a highly productive work environment that feels like home. Thank you PTSA for making this dream possible!

SPRING FOOD DRIVE

We are accepting non-perishable, non-expired food donations from March 25 - April 1. To help improve efficiency, we are asking each grade to donate specific foods:

- **Kindergarten**: mac & cheese and granola bars
- **1st Grade**: cookies and cereal
- **2nd Grade**: peanut butter and jelly
- **3rd Grade**: milk in aseptic cartons and tortillas
- **4th Grade**: canned meat/tuna and crackers
- **5th Grade**: pasta and pasta sauce
- **6th Grade**: pancake/baking mix and applesauce/canned fruit
- **7th Grade**: dried and canned beans and rice
- **8th Grade**: canned soup/stew and bag of apples or dried fruit

Deliver items to the bin in the front lobby area near the main office. Deadline for donations is April 1. If you would like to receive a food box for your family, fill out the form in the office by April 1, and pick up food from the office April 3-5.

PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS — ANXIETY

Next parent group meeting is on April 1st at 7:00 pm in the Hazel Wolf library. The topic is anxiety so bring your resources and questions. However, conversation is not restricted to anxiety and you can ask about any topic you’d like. The last meeting date of the year is June 3rd and will focus on how to prep kids for the summer and next grade. Email elliskatherinem@gmail.com if you need childcare or have any questions.

GRANT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ART STUDENTS

Middle School Visual Art students are looking forward to learning about stone carving from sculptor/teacher Marcos Weiss of the Studiostone Creative School when he visits our classroom on June 11 for a 90 minute stone carving session.

Having a professional artist come to the school (like we did with Seattle Art Museum two years ago) enriches content, yet is also a more affordable option which lessens disruptions to the overall K-8 schedule. This project aligns with other aspects of the middle school curriculum:
Indigenous cultures, studies of rocks and minerals and how science/engineering and design intersect with art. All civilized cultures have utilized and celebrated the natural resources around them to communicate their shared humanity through art.

Students can choose from various animal forms and will come away with a soapstone animal carving of their own. They will learn to use tools and carpentry strategies for finishing their sculptures.

This opportunity came from a special project grant from our generous Hazel Wolf K-8 PTSA!

**LIBRARY HAPPENINGS**

March 10 was Seattle’s Hazel Wolf Day (declared by Former Governor of Washington, Mike Lowry). We spent the week after this day learning about this amazing woman. She was a champion for all people and the environment. She was nearly deported in the McCarthy era, and she even ran for president in 1984!

We have been building a better repertoire of books by diverse authors and those that contain characters of color in the Hazel Wolf Library. Thank you to all who have donated books to our school!

Thanks to all who participated in our Global Reading Challenge! Here is the winning team, The Fluffy Red Moonsnails!

Did you know we do maker-space activities every morning in the library? We have made snowflakes out of Perler beads, we made puppets and now we are decorating butterflies in preparation for Children’s Book Week: April 29 - May 5. Encourage your child to come to the library before school. The library is open every day starting at 7:35am.

**POLLINATOR GARDEN**

The 3rd grade students have put up a mason bee house and planted some small flowering plants just south of the play structure - creating a pollinator garden. If your children play at the playground before or after school, please help them be respectful of the pollinator garden. Tell them that the flowers are needed by the bees for pollen and nectar. They can look but please don’t touch anything.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

The ASB has put together a movie night for all elementary students!

DATE: April 5

TIME: 6:15-8:30pm

FEE: $5 for students, $5 suggested donation for parents

The movies being shown are: *Wreck It Ralph*, *The Greatest Showman*, and *Beauty and the Beast*.

Come relax and eat popcorn with your friends! If you have any questions please contact Ms. Ransom at mlransom@seattleschools.org.
NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS COMING

We have been working with the city to determine additional ways to help keep our students safe during drop off and pick up. One major change will be a one way on 117th so those following the safest route will move north on 12th, drop in front of the school, and take a right on 117th to leave the area.

FUNDRAISING

CPK NIGHT

Thanks to all who came out to support Hazel Wolf at CPK night! All said, you earned $450 for the PTSA! Special thank you to Kelli Charboneau for organizing this year’s event.

BOX TOPS

You know all that clipping you do? It adds up! The March submission totaled to $155 for Hazel Wolf. Keep clipping and saving all year long! Big thank you to Sharon Bruce and Alex Okubo and for organizing all those box tops and sending them in for our school.

SPIRIT GEAR SPRING FLASH SALE

The spring Spirit Gear Sale is around the corner. Keep your eyes peeled for more details on one of a kind Hazel Wolf gear coming soon!

NEXT FUNDRAISING DINING OUT NIGHT

Save the Date for April 24! Our next dining night out is at Barbecue Smith in Maple Leaf!

LAKE CITY CLEAN UP

Sunday April 7 from 1-3pm! Come meet at the Lake City Mini Park on Lake City Way and NE 125th Street. All clean up items will be provided: gloves, bags, buckets, garbage grabbers. Come clean and enjoy some snacks and community time with your neighbors! https://enjoylakecity.org/ Contact Zoe Leverson at neighborhood@hazelwolfk8.org for more information!

E-STEM CAREER DAY

Due to the snow, E-STEM Career Day had to be rescheduled. Career Day is now scheduled for Tuesday, June 25.

HAZEL WOLF CLEAN UP/WEEDING PARTY!

Several Navigators and Girl Scout troops will be leading a Hazel Wolf Clean Up to help their community and celebrate Earth Day. Please join them to help make our school even more beautiful! We will be having an all school Clean Up/Weeding Party on Tuesday, April 16 from 3:30 - 4:45pm. There will be snacks and weeding tools provided, but please bring your own gloves and favorite tools if you have them. Hope to see you there!
FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING!

In honor of Earth Day, Hazel Wolf K-8 will be collecting your used and broken Electronics, otherwise known as E-waste. A free pick-up or eCycling event has been arranged with 3R Technologies on Friday, April 19 at 3:30pm. Drop off your items in the main office any time between April 15-19!

Items that will be accepted:
- TVs & Monitors - LCD and plasma
- Computers & Laptops
- Servers & Networking Equipment
- All printers, Fax Machines, and scanners
- Av Equipment (DVD/VHS/Stereo units)
- UPS battery backups
- Telecom Equipment & Cell Phones
- Keyboards and Mice
- Parts, peripherals, cables, etc.
- Microwaves too!

Why are we doing this?
To highlight the importance of proper disposal of the tons of E-waste that fills our landfills daily as well as pass on any items that are gently used to those in need.

Here are the benefits of eCycling:
- Conserves natural resources. Recycling recovers valuable materials from old electronics that can be used to make new products. As a result, we save energy, reduce pollution, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and save resources by extracting fewer raw materials from the earth.
- Protects your surroundings. Safe recycling of outdated electronics promotes sound management of toxic chemicals such as lead and mercury.
- Helps others. Donating your used electronics benefits your community by passing on ready-to-use or refurbished equipment to those who need it.
- Create Jobs. eCycling creates jobs for professional recyclers and refurbishers and creates new markets for the valuable components that are dismantled.
- Saves landfill space. E-waste is a growing waste stream. By recycling these items, landfill space is conserved.

ROLLER SKATING PARTY IN MAY!

Save the date! Friday, May 3 from 5-7pm at Lynnwood Bowl & Skate. $7/skater. Students must be chaperoned. Vouchers available in Debbie’s office for anyone who needs assistance.

TREASURER’S CORNER

The PTSA continues to provide our community with resources and support for a variety of programs. Some of the contributions from recent months include:
- Supporting our arts teacher with funds for materials
- Providing extra funds to teachers for classroom supplies
- Supporting the maintenance of the living wall
- Funding additional equipment for the playground partners at recess
• Donation to Schools First to help advocate to pass the recent school levies
• Supporting the pancake breakfast at Hazel Wolf
• Supporting a pancake dinner at Olympic Hills
• Purchasing equipment for the middle school multimedia course
• Helping to send our band and orchestra to Elliot Bay Music Educators Association Festivals
• Purchasing equipment for the PE archery program
• Providing a coffee cart on Valentine’s Day for our teachers to show our appreciation
• Providing translations for ELL enrollment outreach
• Purchasing awards for students who participated in the Spelling Bee
• Providing crafts for ELL Family Night
• Providing food for ELL Enrollment Night
• Providing athletic scholarships to some of our students

UPDATE FROM THE HAZEL WOLF PTSA RACIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE

We hope you saw the REC members and allies handing out Black Lives Matter pins at school during Black Lives Matter week February 4-8! Many students participated in BLM activities as well as Black History Month events during February, and we are proud of our students and staff who participated. We appreciate the parents who donated some 600 pins for distribution – thank you very much!

One additional event that the REC is also proud of was our Black Lives Matter T-Shirt Contest. Eighth grader Luna Murfin Paz was the winner, and her wonderful design will soon be available on a t-shirt that will represent our school. Honorable mentions include Pacifica DeBlieck, Norah Singh, and Francis Shutts. Our thanks to all the students who submitted their artwork.

We also want to thank everyone who donated to the REC Amazon Wish List of Diverse Books. Our librarian, Debbie Fournier, vetted the list and made excellent suggestions. All 25 books on the list were purchased and will be placed in the Hazel Wolf Library!

The members of the REC had planned to participate in a racial equity training in late February, but unfortunately the trainer had to reschedule. The Committee met anyway, along with PTSA representatives, and had a productive, energizing day together. Among the topics discussed were the results of the survey the REC distributed at the Multicultural Potluck and at Teacher-Parent meetings, restorative justice practices in school, the value of affinity groups for students, the need for more teachers of color at Hazel Wolf, and upcoming events. The REC will be participating in the racial equity training at the end of April.

At the REC meeting in March, we will be discussing the survey results and action items from the survey, and considering several possible workshops and programs on race equity. We are also thinking about creating an informal book club for Hazel Wolf parents and staff; maybe we would discuss Ijeoma Oluo’s “So You Want to Talk About Race,” or “Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America” by Ibram X. Kendi. As you can tell, we are an active, engaged committee, and we look forward to working hard on these issues.

In February we shared the bios of some of our REC members. Here are a few more:

Hi, my name is Zoe Leerson. I am white woman who is mom to two white boys, in 6th and 4th grade, at Hazel Wolf. It is important to my family and me that we talk about, promote, and understand how race affects our lives and our school. I am also an educator who focuses on
the inclusion of people of color, gender, ability, and anyone who feels “othered.”

Hi, my name is Maureen McCauley. I am white, and part of an interracial family. I am the grandmother a 6th grader at Hazel Wolf. I think I bring to the REC my experience in nonprofit work, my ongoing learning as a white person hoping to be a good ally, and my long-standing interest in public education.

Hi, my name is Kelly McIntyre. I am a white mother to a 6th and a 3rd grader. I joined the REC because I am passionate about doing the learning and the work required to understand and leverage my privilege and be a successful ally. In my time as a parent at Hazel Wolf I have heard so many kind words of support and good intentions expressed. I am excited to harness those intentions and transform them into action that will be seen and felt in a real way by our school community, especially by our students of color. I am so happy to be a part of this group of smart, passionate and thoughtful parents and look forward to working to advance the cause of racial equity.

Hello! I’m Camille Mülchi, mother to a Hazel Wolf alum and current 4th grader. I am white, and my partner, Rodrigo, is Latino (Chilean—and a recent immigrant to the US when we met 20 years ago). My background is in social work (juvenile justice), doula care, and education. I feel profoundly fortunate that all of these have allowed me the opportunity to support, serve and advocate for underrepresented families—something I hope to continue in my work with the Hazel Wolf REC.

Hi! My name is Eseosa Orhuozee. I’m half Nigerian and half Panamanian. As a woman of color, joining the Racial Equity Committee was important for me this year, as I began to notice the need for this work at Hazel Wolf. Many of you may know me as the “attendance” person, and this year I’ve taken on the role as Co-Athletic Director. However, I’m also committed to advocating for our students of color. My passion lies in making sure they have a safe environment to learn in and that their voices are heard. This is important as it directly relates to their educational success and emotional well-being. My goal is to continue bridging gaps, while also making sure students of color are receiving the support they need to thrive.

Hi all, I am Sajida Rehman, mom of a 6th grader at Hazel Wolf. We just joined the Hazel Wolf community in the current school year. My son graduated 5th grade from Olympic View Elementary. I have been fortunate to be part of OV FEAT and Race and Equity team. I co-chaired FEAT for three years and helped organize multicultural potluck and Diversity Fest. One of my contributions was to connect with local businesses in the neighboring community and engage them via participation in our OV ice cream social and multicultural potluck. My professional background is related to Educational Research and evaluation. I am currently working towards PhD in curriculum and Instruction at University of Washington. I am honored to be invited to this group and look forward to work along you all.

Many thanks to the PTSA, the Hazel Wolf administrators and staff, and all those supporting the work of the Racial Equity Committee.