Mark Your Calendar

October 9-12  Spirit Week
(details below)

October 11  TAG Audition
Workshop #1

October 12  Jogathon

October 13  No School - State Teacher In-Service Day

October 18  TAG Audition
Workshop #2

October 20  Picture Day

October 22  Loyal Heights Day
@ Seattle Sounders

October 25-26  Beauty & the Beast Jr. Auditions

November 7  Harvest Night

November 10  No School - Veteran's Day

Spirit Week

Wake-Up Monday - wear your pajamas to school!
Team Tuesday - show your team spirit!
Wacky Wednesday - mismatch, inside-out and backwards!
Fun Hair Thursday - get crazy with your ‘do!
LHPTA President’s Message

Natalie Ward & Sarah Mann, co-presidents

I don’t know about you, but I love walking to the bus stop on these crisp, sunny mornings! I know the rain is coming, but for now, I’m delighted to soak up amazing fall weather. I also have my fingers crossed the forecast for Jog-a-Thon (this coming Thursday, 11/12) is mild and sunny, but alas, it appears traditional Seattle wet may prevail. But have no fear, Jog-a-Thon shall commence, rain or shine, with an indoor alternative should things prove too nasty. The Jog-a-Thon is our first big fundraiser of the year and is definitely much anticipated by our little beavers! If you’re able, we hope you’ll join us after the final bell to run some family laps! You can check kid-mail or the e-newsletter for more details and ways you can get involved; this is a big event and takes a gaggle of volunteers to make it “run” smoothly; we thank you for any time you can give to it!

I also want to offer a huge THANK YOU to Andrea Gomes Morrison, Jog-a-Thon Chair, for the hours and hours and hours she has put into planning and organizing this event. If you see her, thank her! She has worked hard, and our school will reap the benefits! We’ll see you all on the course!

I also want to give a big Beaver thank you to Brian Jones, our fantastic Fundraising Chair. He’s been beating the streets like crazy to drum up new sponsors to support our school—and he has ROCKED it! Ordinarily his job is shared between multiple people, but this year, Brian is flying solo.

Brian, thank you for all you’re doing!

I just want to take another moment to thank everyone who gives their time so generously to PTA and our school. As first-timer on the board, I’m awed by all the ways, big and

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Book Drive

Donations wanted

At the last auction, we reached out to another part of our Seattle school community by raising funds to buy books for the Wing Luke Elementary School library in South Seattle. As a result of that successful effort, we are looking to further develop our partnership. LHE will be holding a book drive for our fellow students at Wing Luke Elementary from October 30 to November 22. To support family literacy, Wing Luke needs books that students can take home to build a personal home library—these are separate from books that are library holdings. There is a need for gently used or new books from toddler level to early chapter books and graphic novels. There will be bins for collecting books in the foyer of the school throughout the month, with additional special opportunities to drop off donations during the book fair on November 7 and parent/teacher conferences from November 20 to 22. Questions? Please contact Erica Wetzler (ericawetzler@yahoo.com), Kendahl Cruver (kcruver@hotmail.com) or Katie Kaku (ktkaku@gmail.com).
small, seen and unseen, our families support our school. It is truly inspiring, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be a part of the LHE community. Thank you all for your service; for pitching in; for showing up; for caring deeply; for asking questions; for pushing for excellence; for sparing your resources and energy; our beavers and our community are flourishing because of all you do!

**Student Council**

Student Council is back again for another great year of events and ideas! Student Council is a group of peer-chosen 4th and 5th graders who meet 2-3 times a month to discuss school related issues such as talent show, spelling bee, school community drives, student ideas and other current events.

Recently, Student Council voted in this year's representatives! The 2017/18 Student Council members are Nate S, Gigi G, Kaylynn W, Mayumi W, Will R, Sophia V, Gabriella W, Holden F, Tommy F, Evie H, Rex O, Lily G, Maya H, Lola S, and James S. All of these students show excellent leadership qualities and will be part of committees that plan events and make our school an overall better place to learn.

More to come…stay tuned!

**McCleary Updates and WSPTA Legislative Conference, October 20-21, Tacoma, WA**

On July 31, 2017, the State’s Attorneys General filed with the Court the State Legislature’s “2017 Report to the Washington State Supreme Court” which describes recent budget reforms and timelines which the Legislature believes will help meet its constitutional obligation to amply fund basic education. Along with the report, the Attorney General filed a request to terminate the existing contempt order imposing daily sanctions against the State – sanctions which now exceed $74M. The Attorney General’s request to the Court explains that, although the State “has not achieved, and does not claim to have achieved, full constitutional compliance . . . it has made significant cumulative progress . . .,” including increasing K-12 funding by nearly $5B. The Attorney General asserts that the State is on the path towards achieving compliance by 2018.

The McCleary Plaintiffs, joined by four separate groups composed of a variety of non-profit education and civil rights organizations, filed briefs in opposition to the State’s request to terminate the order for sanctions and arguing, among other things, that the State must not simply provide a plan but that the plan must demonstrate that it will amply fund the actual costs of basic education for every child in Washington State from regular and dependable tax sources.

The Supreme Court will hear oral argument on the issues on October 24, at 10:00 a.m., in the Temple of Justice in Olympia. Washington’s Paramount Duty, the self-described grassroots, non-profit advocacy organization with the single mission of compelling Washington to amply fund basic education, is organizing a rally on the steps of the Temple of Justice, beginning at 8:30 a.m., immediately before the Court hears arguments from the State and the McCleary Plaintiffs. For more information, you can go to paramountduty.org or look for Washington’s Paramount Duty on Facebook.

The Washington State PTA holds its annual Legislative Assembly on October 20-21 at Hotel Murano in Tacoma, WA. If any PTA member is interested in attending and learning more about the democratic process that exists in the PTA environment, contact Melissa Fuller by email at MelissaPFuller@gmail.com.
Running of the Beavers 2017

The 22nd annual Running of the Beavers is **Thursday, October 12th**! For those families new to Loyal Heights Elementary, Jogathon is a day devoted to fun and fitness and is a critical fundraising event for Loyal Heights PTA. All students, staff, families, and friends are invited to participate, and it happens RAIN or SHINE! Kids solicit pledges for running and then spend 35 minutes during the school day running as many laps as they can around the playground. Families can join us for the after school portion of the Jogathon and run up to 1.5 hours after school (until 5:00pm).

We have a goal of raising $45,000 this year! Our community has already raised over $8000. Keep up the good work. We’ve also raised $8000 in community sponsorships! BIG HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS, many of whom are Loyal Heights Family Businesses! Thank you to Trident Seafoods, Carter Subaru, BLRB, Kangaroo & Kiwi, GT Contracting, Skanska, Kettrick Properties, Windermere, Barre3, Fleet Feet Sports Seattle, Ballard Pediatrics, CSR Marine, and The Wax Bar.

**Fundraising** - Donations can be made at 99pledges.com/fund/2017LoyalHeights. Search for your student’s personal page by first name and start FUNdrasing! The Jogathon is one of the LHPTA's biggest fundraisers of the year but also rewards kids for healthy habits and school spirit.

**Volunteer** - We need A LOT of hands at Jogathon. Join us and volunteer before, during, or after school. Sign up here: https://goo.gl/4MkUr8.

**QUESTIONS?** Email Jogathon Chair, Andrea Gomes Morrison at andrea.g.morrison@gmail.com.

Be Our Guest and try out for this year’s production of Beauty and the Beast. All students are invited to audition, and all who audition will receive a role in the play. Please bring a peanut free snack to after school events. Students interested in auditioning should consider signing up for one audition workshop.

- **October 11th** Audition Workshop 1 (after school - 4 pm)
- **October 18th** Audition Workshop 2 (after school - 4 pm)
- **October 26 & 27th** Auditions
- **Oct 30th & Nov 1st** Call backs
- **April 20, 21, 22** Beauty and the Beast Performances

**Beaver Tales October**
A big thank you to Kathy Katzen and her lovely office crew, for all their work emailing teacher assignments.... to Mrs, Lepse, Mrs. Colwell, Mrs. Beckley and their fabulous student teachers for making Kinder Jump Start a success. Katie Kaku for making sense of all the science kits, and to Whitney Haas for school supply ordering and distribution and for also taking on our interim tech position. Thank you to Matt Marshall for organizing fun social events with ease. Thank you to Jessica Kettrick and Katie Huss for all staff appreciation in every shape and form. Thank you to our 2 volunteer coordinators Jan Johnson and Tristan Symons for making Ready Set School a success. To Katherine Diers for keeping us all informed with e-news and on FB. Thank you to Amy Paron for all you did for Curriculum night! Thank you to Brian Jones for being a fundraising machine!

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Q: What is a scarecrow’s favorite fruit?
A: Straw-berries!

Q: Why are vampires tough to get along with?
A: Because they can be pains in the neck!

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