Mark Your Calendar

Jan 24 . . . . . . . Safety Skills Class
3rd-5th, after school @ LH/JM

Jan 26 . . . . Winter Family Dance
5:30-8pm @ LH/JM

Jan 30 . . . New Family Orientation
1:15-2pm & 6-6:45pm @ LH/JM

Jan 31 . . . . . . . Auction procurement
form deadline

Jan 31 . . . . . . . . . . . . . No School
day between semesters

Feb 1 . . . New Family Orientation
1:15-2pm @ LH/JM

Feb 1 . . . . PTA general meeting
6:30pm @ LH/JM

Feb 5 . . . . . . . Auction donation
items due

Feb 19-23 . . . . . . . No School
Mid-Winter Break

Feb 27 . . . . Multi-cultural Night
TBD @ LH/JM

Mar 2 . . . . Classroom Auction Art
pieces due

Mar 24 . . . . LHPTA Auction
5pm @ Fisher Pavilion
LHPTA President’s Message
*Natalie Ward & Sarah Mann, co-presidents*

Before the holiday break, I was at school with time to kill before a meeting. Mrs. Katzen gave me a job, and I spent an hour in the office watching a steady stream of children file in with tummy aches, owies, bumps, bruises, potty accidents, fevers, etc. Kid after kid came in with one malady or another; and with unending reserves of patience, the folks in the office stopped what they were working on to bandage knees, call parents, wipe tears, take temperatures, and fetch those magical ice packs which seem to fix all things.

I tell you this because auction invitations went home this week and it will be a spectacular affair! We will have a fantastic time while we raise money to support our school. In an attempt to encourage you to buy tickets to this outstanding event, I could list, line by line, all the things we will use that money to buy: tutors, teachers, anti-bullying programs, instrumental music, classroom self-help accounts, and office staff... But the line items don't really get to the heart of why we do this.

Public education is riddled with *shoulds*. The district should fund X. The legislature should do Y. The school board shouldn't have done Z. It is maddening to think about all the *shoulds* that *don't*. At LHE we are fortunate to be able to take the bull by the horns and *do!* On top of that, what we get is more than just line items. When we fund, for example, extra office staff, we certainly get a more efficient and less chaotic front office. But we also get someone patient and kind to tend to our babies when they are sick or hurt; talk about bang for your buck! So I encourage you, when the auction invite comes home, buy your tickets. Help support Seattle’s greatest school.

And speaking of *shoulds*, on a totally unrelated, but time-sensitive note, please continue to write and call our school board. Encourage them to keep our LHE cohort and feeder pattern in place as they redraw the Ballard High School boundaries. Need more information about this important topic? Feel free to reach out at president@loyalheightspta.org.
Student Council Update by: Evie H

Hey there, Beavers! It's nice to talk to you again.

Here's the update of the month. First off, we collected over 50 blankets in the Loyal Heights Winter Blanket Drive. Great job, Beavers!

Next, we have solidified the date for the school Spelling Bee, which is for any 4th or 5th grader! This will take place on March 16th from 5pm-7pm, so start practicing!

Lastly, it's never too early to start thinking about the Talent Show. The past years have been fantastic so I expect that this year is going to be even better! The first rehearsal will be on May 11th from 3:40pm to 5:30pm. The second one is on May 28th from 3:40pm to 5:30pm, and the main Talent Show will be on June 1st from 5pm – 7pm. Remember, ALL grades are allowed to participate!

Thanks and see you all next month!

Clothing Donations

The office is in need of children's clothing, especially pants, for both boys and girls. Sweat pants are great because they can be used for both and fit most.

If you have some to donate, please drop them off with Kathy in the office.

Get Ready to Get Down at the LHE Winter Family Dance!

Mark your calendars for the annual LHE Winter Family Dance! The dance will take place on Friday, January 26th from 5:30PM - 8PM at LHE @ John Marshall in the Auditorium. Children must be accompanied by an adult - no drop-offs allowed.

Dante's Inferno Dogs will be frying up dinner including Sausages ($7), Hotdogs ($5), and Chips ($1). Cash and cards will be accepted. Prices include tax. Gluten free options will also be available.

The 5th grade class will be selling water, sparkling water and dessert ($1 each; cash only) for a fundraiser for their trip to Camp Orkila. Dante's is donating a percentage of the sales from that night to the 5th graders as well. Come have dinner with your Loyal Heights friends and support the 5th grade class!

Volunteer help is needed!

We need a few volunteers to help make the event a success! Please click here and sign up to help.
Math Challenge Drawing Winners

Congratulations to Bastian W and Posy T! They are the winners of this year’s second Math Challenge participation drawing and have both won a gift card to Menchies! Keep up the good work and we will have another drawing after a couple more challenges!

Auction Swap - call for volunteers

Did you know that our auctions are supported by volunteers from other schools? And we trade by supporting their auctions as well! Auction Swap is a fun way to help our neighbors and see what their events are like. We are looking for a few volunteers to help at the North Beach Auction, which takes place on March 3 at Block 41, and the Adams Auction, which is on March 17th at Ballard Bay Club. If you are interested in helping or learning more, please contact Melissa Fuller.

PTA Meeting & Internet Safety Talk

Mark your calendar to attend the first LHPTA general meeting of 2018 on Thursday February 1 in the auditorium at LH/JM at 6:30pm.

Following the meeting please stay for a presentation for parents only on social media & internet safety titled, What Parents Need to Know about Social Media. This talk will be given by Detective Stefanie Thomas of the FBI (formerly of the Seattle Police Department) who has been invited to share her expertise with our community. This is a very important topic since the internet and social media are ubiquitous for us and our children. Detective Thomas will inform audiences about the dangers involved and how best to instill safe and responsible practices to help ensure the safety of all students. It promises to be a very educational session. As this is geared for parents only, please arrange for childcare.

This presentation will cover:
• Cyberbullying
• Social networking
• Online posting
• The reality of teens as targets
• Cell phone & internet safety tips

Stefanie Thomas is an internet safety expert formerly with the Seattle Police Department and now with the FBI. She has worked for the past eight years with law enforcement regarding the exploitation of children online. She uses this experience to educate parents and youth about internet safety and has reached more than 30,000 people in the greater Seattle area via this presentation.

Kindergarteners wait at their bus stop in the rain
**LHETAG Update**

Artists needed!
LHE students are invited to submit sketches to be used in our upcoming production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr! We’re looking for sketches of the exterior & interior of French chateaux (entries, dining rooms, ballrooms and libraries), baroque chandeliers & fountains, French provincial towns & cottages, antlers, forests/trees and various phases of a single rose. Sketches must be hand drawn in black ink on a white background. Line drawings only please, no shading or color. Entries could potentially be used in publications, play bills, or projected on screen during the performance. [Click here](#) to see examples of line drawings, photos of the types of items we need drawings of, and how to submit entries. The **deadline has been extended to February 28th**. This opportunity is available to all LHE students.

TAG costume chairs Alexis Cruikshank and Carrie Rees-Johnson have been hard at work on their stunning costume creations for Beauty and the Beast. Their dedication, beautiful designs and creativity leave us entranced and in awe! TAG is grateful for all the time and effort spent on designing, sourcing, sewing and fitting. Huge TAG WAGS, and a giant thank you! Here is a sneak peek of some of the costumes.

Cleaning out closets?
TAG is in need of donations! We would be grateful for the following: black bag that can be used as a doctor's satchel, plastic baguettes, plastic butchers knife (or zombie knife), plastic or wooden fish, meat (chops, ham, leg of lamb etc). [Email Lydia](#) if you have anything to donate. Additionally, our costume chairs could use any solid color boys or girls button up shirts, size medium to large. If you have any to donate, [email Carrie](#).

**Auction Wine Grab**

We’re adding an auction event this year called the Wine Grab. It’s just as it sounds: buy a cork for $X and grab a bottle. No bottle valued less than $Y. Some bottles valued at $Z. Everybody wins!

Please help us build our wine auction by contributing a bottle of your favorite wine. We’d like to ask that all bottles are valued at $20 or higher. So grab a bottle on your next grocery visit (or grab a friend and split the cost). We hope to offer an array of price points and varietals so I’ve listed a recommendation below. This is just a suggestion, but if enough people follow this guideline we should have a nice variety.

Kinder: White
Grade 1: Cabernet
Grade 2: Merlot
Grade 3: Pinot
Grade 4: Anything from France
Grade 5: Anything from Italy

A wine bag will be sent home in kid mail soon to accompany your bottle. On the bottom flat panel of the bag, please write the following:

- Donor name (can be anonymous)
- Wine Value
- Email (if you’d like a tax deductible receipt)

Please email Auction Chair [Katrina Hupp](#) with questions and for neighborhood drop off locations. Wine bottles **may not** be brought to school.
Beaver Behaviors

January - RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility means doing what you are supposed to do even when nobody is watching. We are responsible for ourselves and our actions. Winston Churchill said: “The price of greatness is responsibility.” We show responsibility at school by bringing in a ball from the playground, turning in our homework on time, doing our part in group assignments, and returning things we borrow. How do you show responsibility at home? You might do things like set the table, feed your pet, dry the dishes, make your bed, or clean your room.

February - COURAGE

February will find us focused on courage, which is doing the right thing even when it's difficult, being brave or being an up-stander. Here are some good quotes on courage: “Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.” -Steve Jobs; “Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared.” -Edward Vernon Rickenbacker; “Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.” -Mary Anne Radmacher. At school, we show courage by doing the right thing even if others are not, dealing bravely with our daily challenges, and being willing to try new things, even if we might fail.

Music Notes

N.O.I.S.E. is coming back to Loyal Heights

N.O.I.S.E., (Northwest Opera In Schools, Etc.) is a professional opera company dedicated to making opera fun and fascinating for kids. They were a real hit last year with “The Doll Act” from Tales of Hoffmann, and this year’s performance is a well-known tale: a fully-staged adaptation of Hansel and Gretel. Time to bring out your books and puppets and remind your kiddos of this classic story. Showtime is Friday, March 16th at 1:45pm.

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help fund music education. Funds are earmarked for assisting music departments and students in K-12 public schools. The majority of money is distributed via grants to schools where the music programs are in dire need of additional funding. More info

LHE Spring Concert - Save the Date

Thursday, April 5th at 7:00pm will be our all school Spring Concert and PTA Awards Night. It's an important celebration for the school, bringing students, staff and parents together to acknowledge all that we do to make Loyal Heights such a great place to be. We're looking forward to seeing you there!
Get Your Tickets to Monte Carlo — No Passport Needed!

Grab votre chérie for a romantic evening, or gather vos amis for a fun and festive night out. Either way, be sure to get your tickets for our annual Loyal Heights PTA auction — A Night in Monte Carlo. Tickets are on sale now!

A Night in Monte Carlo

WHAT: Silent auctions, casino floor, raffles, dinner, live auction
WHEN: Saturday, March 24, 2018. 5-10:30 pm
WHERE: Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center
WHY: The auction is not just the party of the year, it’s the fundraiser of the year. Dollars raised at this event pay for the many essentials that are simply not provided by the school district, but help make our school so special. Learn more.

BUY TICKETS ONLINE
Tickets are $75 per person and must be purchased in advance. Your admission includes chips for the casino, appetizers, a Monégasque inspired dinner, a bid number for the silent and live auctions and an opportunity to celebrate with friends and support our children. This year, a VIP ticket is also available which grants you access to VIP registration, a glass of champagne at arrival, VIP access to the bar and a special gift. Consider organizing a table with friends or other parents in your class. Select a “table captain” and enter their last name in the GROUP NAME field when you check out. Don’t want to organize a table? No problem. We’ll do our best to seat you with other parents from your child’s grade. To help registration go smoothly, you can pre-register your credit card for auction purchases. Get your tickets by February 16 as quantity is limited and tickets purchased between February 17-24 are subject to increased pricing.

SEEKING DONATIONS
We’re still gathering donations for silent and live auctions!! Think gift certificates, services, sports tickets, weekend getaway, dinner party, bottle(s) of wine, dessert or something else...It’s amazing to see the auction packages come together but we can’t do it without your help. Please check out our wish list for ideas. Email Procurement Lead, Sara Adelman, with ideas and questions. We ask that commitments are solidified and procurement forms are submitted by January 31, 2018 so our amazing Procurement Team can work its magic. Forms can be picked up at school or filled out online.

STAY IN THE KNOW
Look for our dedicated Auction News Email each week from the PTA, check out our LH Auction website and like us on Facebook for lots of important stuff.
**Q:** What did the circle say to the triangle on Valentine’s Day?
**A:** I think you’re acute

**Q:** Why is lettuce the most loving vegetable?
**A:** Because it’s got heart

**Q:** What do you call two birds in love?
**A:** Tweethearts
Happy 2018! There is a lot to celebrate for the first half of the school year. The Loyal Heights staff have been working hard in collaborative teams looking at student data to improve their instruction and to improve individual growth for every student; in getting to know every student as we continue to build relationships; and implementing ways to celebrate a joyful, fun and loving school community.

This month we continue to practice our Beaver character trait of Responsibility and to celebrate the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. around race, equity, and justice. This year the 4th and 5th grade teachers have decided to track and work on student climate and classroom culture as part of their professional learning. Mini surveys are given to students throughout the year to the 4th and 5th graders to gauge their experiences and perspectives focused around sense of belonging and sense of a safe respectful environment. We will learn much on how to improve our culture and climate as a whole school community.

Finally, every year for Dr. King's birthday I read his “Letter from Birmingham Jail”. One quote that always stand out to me is “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” This quote is my favorite throughout the entire letter because it states that when there is a problem, it doesn’t only affect that particular place but everywhere else as well. Sometimes we may feel like something does not pertain to us because it’s not happening in our area. However, anytime there is injustice, it affects everyone.

As a school, we are continuously working with our students to recognize the impact of their words and actions to others...both positive and negative. How can we, as a community, make a positive impact and effect on each other?

Together we are stronger. Together we are better.