**Loyal Heights Elementary at John Marshall**

- **Mark Your Calendar**
  - June 6-8 . . . . . . Camp Orkila Trip
  - June 7 . . . . . . PTA general meeting
  - June 11 . . . . LH DineOut@Thackeray
  - June 12 . . . . Equity Conversation mtg
  - June 19 . . . . Kindergarten Promotion
  - June 19 . . . . 5th Grade Graduation
  - June 19 . . . . Equity Committee mtg
  - June 21 . . . . . . LH Field Day
  - June 22 . . . . . . Last Day of School
  - July 12 . . . . . . Kinder playdate
  - Aug 1 . . . . . . . Kinder playdate
  - Aug 25 . . . . . . Kinder playdate
  - Sept 4 . . . . . . Welcome Back party
  - Sept 5 . . . . . . First Day of School

**Beaver Tales June**
Hi, my name is Zina Hurd and I am thrilled to be the new kindergarten teacher at Loyal Heights! I spent last year working at Loyal Heights at Nurturing Knowledge and loved my time here getting to know the community. This year I volunteered full time in kindergarten classrooms at Loyal Heights and completed my student teaching in Mrs. Lepse’s room. I love the kindergarten team at Loyal Heights, and I am excited to continue on at the school that I have loved for the past two years. I received my masters degree in teaching from City University. I am passionate about early reading and I pursued an endorsement in Elementary Reading while obtaining my degree. My undergraduate degree is in Interdisciplinary Art from the University of Washington with a minor in Art History. I was born and raised in Seattle. I attended Wedgewood Elementary, Eckstein Middle, and Nathan Hale High. Go Beavers!

As we enter an exciting time of transition and prepare to move back to our neighborhood in the fall, we must sadly say farewell to two dedicated and wonderful staff members who we will no longer see in our halls; **Ms. Jenny Bill** and **Ms. Rekeda Rountree**. Our Loyal Heights Elementary community has been fortunate to have them both these many years and we will miss them very much!

Ms. Bill is headed to teach at Arbor Heights Elementary in West Seattle in the fall. Ms. Rountree has accepted a counselor position at Sartori STEM Elementary in Renton. Thank you, Ms. Bill & Ms. Rountree, for your time, talents & influence at LHE!
**Traveling Suitcases**

Coming this Fall, our school will be enlisting the help of our families to initiate a program called ‘Traveling Suitcases’. This program is the brainchild of Principal Gigi as a way to bring cultural learning into the classroom. Through her initiative, the Safeway Foundation has awarded LHE a Safeway Innovation Grant of $5,000 to support building this program. In addition, it is Ms. Gigi’s wish that our LHE families participate as experts in their cultures! We would love for people to help us ‘pack’ our suitcases with children’s stories, games, music, artwork, clothing and a recipe from their ancestral cultures. We are looking for people to provide input and potentially to help during classroom demonstrations. Our hope is to build connections to our students’ cultures by sharing them in unique ways. If you want to share your culture with our students, please contact Jan Johnson. We will work with you to help make this a fun and an exciting way to learn for our students! Thank you, Safeway!

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**Student Council Update**

*by: Evie H*

Hey there Beavers! You may know what I’m going to talk about....The Talent Show! The final show was on Thursday, May 31st from 6pm to 8pm in the school cafeteria. A big thanks to all of the participants and *[Mr. Kreiter and Mrs. Saltzman]* for making it happen.

Next, we have two new winners for the month of May Comic Strip Contest. The winners from Kindergarten thru 2nd grade, are the 2nd grade duo of *Ginger D* and *Frankie G*. The winner from 3rd thru 5th grade is 4th grader *Sophia V*. Congratulations to these amazing ladies and their comic skills. See the pictures of the two winning comics below!

This is the last article from Student Council for this year, so thanks for always reading about what’s going on!

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**Maya’s Helping Hands**

Maya’s Helping Hands is a charity for Uganda’s street children formed by *Maya H* (5th Grade). Her goal is to raise at least $1000 to create 100 care packages which will include a blanket, a dental kit and a few additional items. Maya will bring the packages to Uganda on her next visit in 2020. For more information, please visit [mayashelpinghands.org](http://mayashelpinghands.org).
TAG Update

Thank you again to all our volunteers who helped with the production of Beauty and the Beast. To see a project summary, please click here. The TAG Team is looking forward to next year's production of Mary Poppins Jr. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please visit our newly redesigned website or email for more information.

LHE Equity Committee

This month's recommended show to watch:

What I Hear When You Say, a PBS streaming video series.

At seven minutes an episode, the series provides bite-sized entry points into important concepts like Gentrification, 'Model Minority', Feminism and 'Appropriation vs. Appreciation,' to name a few. It really helps define and communicate why these concepts are at the forefront of equity work. This is a great primer to familiarize yourself with and it does it in an honest, informed and relatable way.

"This series explores how words can both unite and divide us depending on our own perspective, experience, and interpretation. Each (of the 10) episodes covers a different phrase or term that challenges what we think we know about race, class, gender, and identity. While these topics may be difficult to discuss, starting with a shared understanding will help us connect with one another."

--official description

Check out the series and don't forget the June 12 workshop from 6-8pm at John Marshall. Please RSVP for childcare: equity@loyalheightspta.org

CONGRATULATIONS 5TH GRADERS!

The 2017/18 5th grade class promotion ceremony will be held in the school auditorium at 1:30pm on Tuesday, June 19th 2018. Come celebrate & congratulate them!

Official Kinder summer playdates

- Thursday, July 12 @ 6 - 7pm at the Webster Park Playground (3025 NW 68th St, Seattle, WA 98117)
- Wednesday, August 1st @ 2-3pm at the Loyal Heights Elementary School Playground (2511 NW 80th St, Seattle, WA 98117)
- Saturday, August 25th @ 10-11am at the Loyal Heights Elementary School Playground (2511 NW 80th St, Seattle, WA 98117)

Let's Play Soccer!

Registration is now open for the best youth soccer club in Seattle--- Ballard Youth Soccer! The Fall Recreation League is for boys & girls 4-18 years and the registration deadline is June 5! Register at www.ballardsoccer.com. Questions? info@BallardSoccer.org or your LHE liaisons Jon Connolly, Melissa Murray, or Pallavur Sivakumar.

Dine out June 11 and support Loyal Heights!

Enjoy lunch, happy hour, dinner (even To Go!) at the Thackeray or Claret Wine Bar on June 11 and 10% will be donated back to the PTA! Be sure to tell your sever that you are "dining to support Loyal Heights." Questions?
**Beaver Behavior for April – Citizenship**


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**One-Stop Shopping for Your Child's School Supplies**

Did you know that you can [order your school supplies online](#) for next year? Take advantage of this quick and easy way to purchase your school supplies — no shopping required, now through June 24! On the first day of school in the fall, your student's supplies will be packaged and already delivered to their classroom.

- **Is this everything I'll need to buy?**

  Most everything will be included in the kit. The only other items you'll need for the first day: a backpack and spill-proof water bottle (kindergartners will also need a box of crackers like Ritz, Graham or goldfish).

- **How does the price compare?**

  Based on our research the prices are fairly competitive. This is both a fundraiser and a service, so it is certainly worth the investment in our kids and the convenience. It's a huge time saver!

[See the flyer on the next page for more details.](#) Keep your online confirmation as your receipt. If you don't get a receipt, it probably didn't go through.

School ID code is: LOY005  Questions? Email Katherine Lee

If you choose to buy your own school supplies, lists will be sent home with final report cards, and will be listed on the [school website](#).

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**Music Notes ♪♫🎵**

*Music Matters License plate info*

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**Fiddle Showcase, June 8 7pm**

An evening of fiddle music topped off with some audience square dancing at the Ballard Homestead. [Ballard High Fiddlers](#) take the stage with their bluegrass, old-time and Americana fiddle tunes to keep your toes tapping. Local bluegrass band The Warren G Hardings will follow up, and the night will conclude with a square dance played by the Ballard Fiddlers. No dance experience necessary, all dances taught that evening. [Tickets here](#).

**Ballard High School Band concert**

Come celebrate a very special year for the Ballard Band program at their final concert. June 7, 2018 at 7:30pm at BHS.

**How Music Education Helps Students Learn**

The Arts Education Partnership has created a brochure entitled Music Matters: How Music Education Helps Students Learn, Achieve, and Succeed. It is based on research that identifies high-quality, evidence-based studies that document student learning outcomes associated with an education in and through music.

[Download the brochure](#)

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**North End Summer Music 2018**

Summer Instrumental Music at Ballard High School, July 2-20, 9:00-12:00 (no class on July 4)

This is for students entering grades 5-9 and that have had one year of music instruction.

[Click here](#) for more information.
School supplies will be available in student’s classrooms before school starts.

Order Securely Online
Starting May 28th thru June 24th!
1. Go to [www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks)
2. Enter the school ID, LOY005
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Tax will be applied at checkout.

For questions, please contact Kathy Katzen at [kkatzen@seattleschools.org](mailto:kkatzen@seattleschools.org) or Katherine Lee at [katherine3471@gmail.com](mailto:katherine3471@gmail.com)
**BEAVER RAVES for a job well done!**

A big thanks to our Loyal Heights families for making this year’s spring Book Fair and All For Books campaign a success. Over the week of the book fair we sold over 1,200 books to help keep students reading all summer. We also raised enough funds through your generous donations to buy two books for every LH student identified as in need of assistance, and the remainder of the fund went towards building up the libraries of our two Access/Focus classrooms. Congrats to **Mrs. Fewel's class** for raising the most All for Books Funds! The kids loved the prize - a visit from Geronimo Stilton and donuts for everyone. Thank you to **Natalie, Karin, Sarah, Danielle, Jan, Kali, Alisa, Catherine, Alexis, Jennifer, Michelle, Andrea, Erin, Melissa, Carrie, Tami, Tyler, Katherine, Morgan, Missy, Marissa, Zanna, and Sabrina** for volunteering and to all for supporting reading at Loyal Heights!

Thank you **Jan Johnson** and **Jenny Wohlhueter** for your generous, weekly volunteering to help Room 204! Raves to **Carrie Rees Johnson** for the candid photos in this issue of BeaverTales! Thank you to **Liz Fortunato** for all your amazing fundraising skills for the 5th graders. Your organization and work ethic is like no other! Raves to **Jessica Kettrick** and **Katie Huss** for making staff appreciation week, a huge success. Thank you 5th grade fundraisers **Liz Fortunato** and **Mykal Gilge** for all the time and effort it takes in raising money for Camp Orkila. And thank you to **Thia Maris** and **Deslyn Hamon** for coordinating all things for 5th grade graduation. Thank you **Erin Bembry** for taking on Field Day, we know it will be so fun! And **A BIG THANK YOU to all volunteers** who helped in any way, thank you for making LHE an amazing place!

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**Q:** What did the bread do on vacation?

**A:** just loafed around

**Q:** When do you go at red and stop at green?

**A:** When eating watermelon

**Q:** What did the ocean say to the shore?

**A:** nothing it just waved

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