Mark Your Calendar

May 1-3 . . . . LH Spring book fair
May 3 . . . . Science Fair & Art Walk
          6-8pm @ LH/JM
May 7-11 Staff Appreciation Week
May 15 . . . . Equity Committee mtg
          7:30pm @ Northminster Church
May 19 . . . . LHE @ the Mariners
          6:10pm @ Safeco Field
May 22 . . . . BINGO Fundraiser
          6:30-8pm @ the Dane
May 24 . . . . PTA board meeting
          6:30pm @ location TBD
May 31 . . . . LH Talent Show
          6-8pm @ LH/JM
June 6-8 . . . . Camp Orkila Trip
June 7 . . . . PTA general meeting
          @ LH/JM
June 12 . . . . Equity Workshop
          6-8pm @ LH/JM
June 19 . . . . 5th Grade Graduation
          @ LH/JM
June 21 . . . . LH Field Day
          @ LH/JM
June 22 . . . . Last Day of School

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Principal’s Message

Geri Guerrero, LHE Principal

WOW — we have approximately 8 more weeks of school. Time has flown by so fast! I want to share the many things that have happened over the last couple of months:

LHE staff finalized and approved the 2018-19 school budget within a very short period of time. Thank you staff for your participation in and contribution to a complex process.

Auction success: The funds raised by the generosity of this community will continue to support intervention programs, tutoring, classroom needs, field trips, school/home partnership, and much more for next school year. Thank you PTA and Katrina Hupp for your time, support, and “let’s do this for our kids!” attitude.

TAG’s Beauty & the Beast: All I can say about this is, AMAZING! I was emotionally moved by the beautiful performance of our LHE children. They were professional and awesome. I am very proud of them. Loud shout-outs to Bret Ashlee Watson, Dr. David Hyre, Sadie Agurkis, Kelly Germann, and Jen Haldimann, as well as all other TAG members! Please know that you are appreciated.

State Testing Season: 3rd-5th grade students will be taking the Washington Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in Math and ELA this month. 5th graders will be taking the Science SBA in addition to the Math and ELA SBA. For more information on the SBA, click here.

MAP Testing: Our K-2nd grade students and several 3rd-5th grade students will be completing the Spring MAP between May 7th – 24th. Contact your child’s teacher for the schedule. MAP info. Children can feel anxious during this testing season and you can help by doing a few simple things.

New Building News: I’m sure that you are just as excited and anxious as I am for our LHE children and staff to move back into our newly remodeled and expanded Loyal Heights building. Construction should be completed by May 23rd. As soon as the Occupancy Permit is approved I hope to bring our LHE children on a field trip to the new building. Teachers will soon start the process of slowly packing up their classrooms. Stay tuned for updated new building news and {cont’d next page}
**Student Council Update**

by: Evie H

Congrats to the first winners of our Loyal Heights Comic Strip Contest. The winners from K -2nd grade are the duo of **Quattro H** and **Conor B**, and the winners from 3rd - 5th grade are the duo of **Nicole M** and **Jasmine P**. Congratulations to these two groups of great comic strip artists! Thanks to everyone who participated in this fun event, you all did a fantastic job. We have two more comic strip contests left for the year, and the next one is due by May 15th. Make sure to get those in to Mr. Kreiter and Mrs. Saltsman as soon as possible.

Don’t forget the comic strip rules:
* Must be on 8.5 x 11” paper
* Max of 10 panels
* Must be readable and neat
* No blood or violence; everything must be school appropriate
* Name & room # on your strip
* Due by the 15th of each month
* No working on these in class
* You CAN work with a partner
* Include Clyde the Beaver and LH!
* NO PLAGIARISM

The final student council event of the year is the **Talent Show**. If your child handed in the permission slip, don’t forget these important dates.

- **1st Rehearsal** - Friday May 11th from 3:40pm to 5:30pm, lunch room
- **2nd Rehearsal** - Friday May 25th from 3:40pm to 5:30pm, lunch room

After the kids rehearse on stage, it is encouraged that they quietly watch the remaining acts. Parents must come in and sign their kids out with a teacher. Rehearsals may end early around 4:30p.

**2018 Talent Show** - Thursday May 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Please arrive at 5:30pm sharp in the lunchroom, to setup.

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events planned by the PTA.

New Loyal Heights Families: Loyal Heights will welcome new Kindergarten families as well as new families impacted by the growth boundary changes. This summer our PTA and the school are partnering to plan welcome events and play dates. We would love your support and participation in planning and creating a welcoming LHE community! Please [contact the PTA](#) for more information.

Ok, that was a lot of information but I hope it was helpful in your understanding of what has been happening at Loyal Heights these last couple of months. Finally, I always ask this of my staff and I am going to ask this of you --- please take care of yourself. As a parent myself, I tend to forget about self care in service of everyone else. Take a moment, breathe, and give yourself a pat in the back.

THANK YOU for all that you do to support our great school and community!

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**Summer Sailing Opportunities for kids**

Corinthian Yacht Club at Shilshole has sail camps for those learning how to sail and also for older kids who have some past sailing experience. Camps are for sailors age 8 - 18, focus on having fun on the water and improving sailing skills. One week long day camps run throughout the summer from 9 am to 4 pm.

[More information and registration](#)

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**Loyal Heights Night at the Mariners**

Play ball! It’s time once again for Loyal Heights @ the Mariners Night! This year’s game will take place on **Saturday, May 19th** at 6:10PM versus the Detroit Tigers. Get there early -- the first 20,000 fans get a Felix Hernandez bobblehead! Tickets are $18 each with a portion of the proceeds going toward the 5th grade trip to Camp Orkila! To order, complete the form that went home in kid mail (or [download here](#)) and send back with a check made out to LHPTA by May 4th. Questions? Contact [Liz Fortunato](#). Go M’s!
That’s a Wrap!

Beauty & the Beast concluded last Sunday, April 22nd after a full weekend of four performances to wild applause and intense pride in all students who participated as cast members, crew, and artists who contributed to the sets. Félicitations! This year TAG had 134 current students involved in the Company, numerous alumni helping backstage, 2 split casts, 2 completely sold out shows (including standing room only spaces) and 2 nearly sold out shows. The kids shone on stage, backstage and in the wings. Last weekend was the culmination of months of rehearsals and outstanding acting, vocal and dance instruction. The kids learned a ton, created a beautiful final product and most importantly had fun! A round of applause to all!!

Our volunteers were prompt, professional, excited and so very helpful. Thank you to all who volunteered. Whether for one show, one rehearsal, load in or out, your time is so very appreciated. Thank you. Your ideas, hard work, time and support help create the positive, welcoming, and inclusive culture of TAG and has helped to make this a unique experience and community building environment for our school, families and kids. Thank you also to the staff at LHE and NKS and all the gracious support of our students. We would also like to sincerely thank two phenomenal local businesses who donated their time and expertise. Della Chen Photography took beautiful and creative studio pictures of our cast and crew, which are available for purchase for TAG families. Brian Jones and his company, PSG Films, filmed both casts, behind the scenes footage and interviews and are hard at work editing to create a recording for families to cherish for years to come. If you would like to purchase an advance copy, please click here. Thank you also to Ballard Market who offered us a generous discount on the roses we presented to graduating 5th graders and our TAG team at last Tuesday’s cast party and advertised our production on their sign on 15th.

Thank you to all.

TAG Wags to all our Show Week Volunteers!

Dress rehearsals: Alicia Jancola, Heather Muwero, Vanessa Egerdahl, Jera Brandvig, Michelle Mayo, Rachel Nichols, Kate Berens, Ketra Konnick, Zanna Satterwhite, Karin Winsweiler, Beth Gardner, Becky Andrews, Kristin Geyer, Melissa Dold, Heather Stovall, April McKenna, Christine Stoffels, Peter Schmalzer, Marta Dully, Kate Donnelly, Megan Noller, Rachel Horak, and Caroline Knaub.

Friday night: Michelle Bryant, Vanessa Egerdahl, Jennifer Primeau, Wynden Hawkins, Bonnie Lochner, Dani Forbess, Rachel Nichols, Michelle Mayo, Jan Johnson, Amber Kolin, Jeff Harris, Olivia Sundman Rogers, Jay Sundman Rogers, Lydia Van Schepen, Zanna Satterwhite, Kate Goldyn, Bindiya Patel, Kate Donnelly, Matt Getman, Taylor Rogers, Sara Adelman, Ketra Konnick, and Rachel Horak.


Sunday morning: Ayca Gillett, Michele Bryant, Vanessa Egerdahl, Jen Huard, Suzanne Granger, Peter Schlmalter, Heath Stovall, Jenny Wohlhuetter, Brett Robinson, Morgan Cox, Kendahl Cruver, Sara Adelman, Heath Muwero, Andrea Bernarding, Michelle Arab, Kimber Parker, PV Sivakumar, Lizz Mazza, Tristan Symons, Kristin Geyer, April McKenna, Cheryl Jacobs, Schelleen Rathkopf, Megan Noller Holt, Suzanne Granger, and Rebecca Hoyt.

Load In/Out: Jan Johnson, Heather Muwero, Neil Young, PV Sivakumar, Lizz Mazza, and Jeremy Holt.
Our Company party was another smash success and such a fun way to celebrate our cast and crew. The TAG team kicked off the night with a special dance number to "Be Our Guest" to the delight of the students (who performed much, much better than we did). Sincere thanks and appreciation were expressed to all 5th graders and TAG team volunteers and finally a dance party was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who contributed to the Company party with food, set up or clean up! What a fun night of celebration!

Thank you to the following volunteers: Sara Stevens, Rebecca Robinson, Kelly Germann, Charlotte Schonwald, Alexis Cruikshank, Michelle Mayo, Kajsa Puckett, Merete Rusten Meyer, Suzanne Granger, Heather Muwero, Sarah Pereyra, Ellen Saltsman, Christine Stoffels, Dot Arab, Erik Youngren, Natalie Ward, Beatrix and Jeremy Holt, Becky Andrews, Laurie Wetzel, Amber Kolin, Jennifer Waldron, Rachel Nichols, Georgia Pashalidis, April McKenna, Carrie Byron, Lydia Van Schepen, Christine Stoffels, Courtney Anderson, Colin Ernst, Jenny Wohlhueter, Kelli Soccorsy, Saffa Bardaro, Katrina Hupp, Lizz Mazza, Rebecca Hoyt, Tristan Simmons, Hayden Stillwell, Shannon McCarthy, Mike Anderson, Heather Stovall, Amy Paron, Sammy Yamamoto, Gretchen O'Connell, Vanessa Egerdahl, Rachel Horak, Ashley Johnson, Karin Winsweller, Allison McCabe, Kate Goldyn, Sadie Agurkis, Katherine Diers, Taylor Rogers, Kristin Geyer, Cheryl Haines, Amber Kolin, David Hyre, Caroline Knaub, Taryn Coe, Carl Haynes, Bret Ashlee Watson, Jen Haldimann, Bindiya Patel, Schelleen Rathkopf, Beth Gardner, and the entire TAG Team. See the RAVES section on the last page for, even more TAG Wags!

Finally, “Winds in the east, there’s a mist coming in, like something is brewing, about to begin.” LHE TAG is proud to announce that our students will be performing Disney’s Mary Poppins Jr. next year! Click here to read a synopsis.

State Benchmark Assessment Schedule

State testing will be taking place for grades 3-5 over the next few weeks. The schedule is below:

4th Grade:
Mr. Kreiter & Mrs. Vaagsland:
May 8, 10, 15, 17

5th Grade:
Ms. Bill, Ms. Saltsman, Mr. Hamel:
May 7, 9, 14, 16, 21

Special education 3rd-5th grade (FOCUS program) Mrs. Gayan:
May 7, 9, 14, 16, 21

Please make sure that your child is well-rested and prepared the night before their State Assessment. Contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Click here and here for resources to help prepare your child for what to expect during testing.

Volunteers Needed for Enrichment Coordination

We are looking for one or two parent volunteers to help coordinate an after-school enrichment program at our new building next year. The job will be to coordinate with a vendor to create an offering schedule, work with the school to find space, and serve as the point of contact. Interested? Email us!
Equity Committee Update - March Community Conversation Recap

On March 22, a group of 25 LHE parents and teachers gathered to discuss race and equity at LHE Equity Committee’s “Community Conversation.” Participants shared their own experiences with race and equity as well as honest stories about discussing these concepts with their children (ranging from inspiring to embarrassing). We thought about LHE’s role in educating our children about race, equity, and privilege. Below is a summary of our discussions:

**When should we start talking to our children about differences, race, and equity?**
- Early. And let’s not be afraid to answer questions when they come up or address issues of difference when our children call them out.

**How are you speaking about race and difference with your children?**
- In context, via books and in response to a story line in movie or show, and at events such as Multicultural Night. Also by going to explore other places in Seattle (“ordering Pho on Jackson is quite different than ordering Pho on Market Street”).

**What role would we like to see LHE play in educating our children about race, equity, difference, and privilege?**
- While there is no mandated social studies curriculum, we’d like to see more social studies content in these areas. Maybe even some assignments to discuss topics like diversity in context of family. We’d love more guest speakers in classrooms to share their diverse stories and backgrounds as well as an intentional approach to teaching empathy beyond the Roots of Empathy program. Participants’ reflections:
  - “It made me think more critically about things I take for granted.”
  - “I appreciated hearing what other parents are experiencing. . . More people should participate!”
  - “I want to continue to respect, honor, and acknowledge differences in our kids, other kids, and the world.”
  - “Would love to see more dads!”

June 12 Workshop: Recognizing Inequity and Making Positive Changes

Mark your calendars for the next Community Conversation, taking place on June 12! **Keylee Fernandez** and **Shelley Bolser**, two Loyal Heights parents, will facilitate a workshop on “Recognizing Inequity and Making Positive Changes” at John Marshall from 6-8 pm. Building on the topics discussed in our previous Community Conversation, Keylee and Shelley will help us look at how institutionalized racism and imbalances of power have shaped our region, our lives, and our relationships with each other. Importantly, they will teach us skills for recognizing inequities so that we can work toward equity and inclusion—in the LHE community and beyond. Childcare will be provided.

Please RSVP to equity@loyalheights.org if you need childcare.

**Keylee Fernandez** has a kindergartener at LHE. Keylee is a trilingual Garifuna/Honduran American and represents and embraces her Garifuna culture and Honduran community, serving as secretary for the first Central American festival in Seattle. She has always been interested in working in the psychological and counseling fields within multicultural communities and is currently obtaining an MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Seattle University.

**Shelley Bolser** has a fifth grader at LHE. She works as an urban planner for the City of Seattle. Through trainings with the City of Seattle over the past twelve years, she has learned strategies to change institutionally racist practices, recognize unconscious bias, and facilitate conversations about race and social justice. She has served as a facilitator, served on racial equity committees, and continually works to incorporate a race and social justice lens in her work.

This Month’s Recommended Read: **So You Want to Talk About Race** by Seattle area author, **Ijeoma Oluo** The National Book Review writes: “This book is for everyone - white or black or any color in between. If you are white, it will make you see nuances of racism that you were probably not aware of, including within yourself. If you are a person of color, it will give you ways to respond… when dealing with the well-meaning ‘I’m not racist’ white friend or coworker.” Available at the Seattle Public Library.
Taco Tuesday Family BINGO @ The Dane

All LHE families and friends are invited to come play Bingo at The Dane on **Tuesday, May 22**. Jump in at any round from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Suggested donation for a bingo card is $1 and ALL proceeds from Bingo will go to Loyal Heights Elementary! Enjoy tacos from El Taco Loco (located just across 80th from the Dane). **The Dane** is located at 8000 15th Ave. NW on the corner of 80th.

Questions? Contact **Melissa Murray**.

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**BEAVER RAVES to the TAG Team for a job well done!**

So much gratitude to everyone including **Kelly Germann**, Producer; **Bret Ashlee Watson**, Director; **Dr. David Hyre**, **Jen Haldimann** & **Sadie Agurkis**, TAG Chairs; **Dr. David Hyre**, Music Director; **Ben M***, Stage Manager; **Cameron B*** & **Asher W***, Assistant Stage Managers; **Carrie Byron**, Treasurer; **Sadie Agurkis**, **Kelly Germann** & **Sara Stevens**, Choreographers; **Jen Haldimann**, French Coach; **Miles Ford**, Brittish Coach; **Alexis Cuikshank**, Costume Chair; **Carrie Rees-Johnson**, Costume Vice-Chair; **Kelli & Nathan Soccorsy**, Sets Chairs; **Lydia van Schepen**, Props Chair; **Erika Goodmanson** & **Rebecca Robinson**, Hair and Makeup Chairs; **Gretchen O’Connell**, Volunteer Coordinator; **Alicia Jancola**, Photo Shoot Coordinator; **Sadie Agurkis**, Bus Coordinator; **Dr. David Hyre**, Chief Sound Engineer; **Yize S.R.***, Sound Engineer; **Max H***, Lighting Designer; **Maraike V.S.***, Lighting Operator; **Cameron B***, **Adele C*** & **Asher W***, Projection Engineers; **Kai B*** & **Lucie C***, Microphones; **Matthew Goodmanson**, Graphic Designer; **Della Chen**, Photographer; **Brian Jones**, Videographer; and **Mia W***, Historian.  

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**Q: What did the gardener say to the DJ?**
**A: Lettuce turnip the beet**

**Q: What kind of trees grow on your hand?**
**A: Palm trees**

**Q: What kind of flower can’t tell the truth?**
**A: Lilac (lie-lac)**

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