Mark Your Calendar

Nov 2  PTA Board Meeting
       6:30pm @ West Side Church

Nov 6-9  LHE Book Fair

Nov 7  Harvest Night
       6-8pm @ LH/JM

Nov 9  Veterans Day assembly
       2:50pm @ LH/JM

Nov 10  No School
         Veterans Day

Nov 10  LH Bingo fundraiser
        7-9pm @ The Dane

Nov 14  Better Together
        5-7pm @ West Seattle HS

Nov 20-22  No School
           parent/teacher conferences

Nov 23-24  No School
           Thanksgiving Break

Nov 27  PTA fundraiser
        5:30p @ Lagunitas Brewery

Nov 28  Picture Re-take Day

Nov 30  Giving Hands Lunch
        11am @ LH/JM

Dec 15  1-hour early release
LHPTA President’s Message
Natalie Ward & Sarah Mann, co-presidents

Recently I had a conversation with a friend about her daughter entering kindergarten next year. After laying out a long case against her neighborhood school—lower test scores, higher staff turn-over, discipline problems—she said, “You’re so lucky your kids go to Loyal Heights. That school is a good school, so they’ll be successful.” Over the past weeks, I’ve thought a lot about her statement. I feel very fortunate my kids can go to LHE; my friend is right, it is a “good” school. We have fantastic teachers, many long tenured in our building, and excellent programs. Most of the students arrive ready to learn with their basic needs already met, which helps reduce potentially problematic behaviors. We may not be perfect, but LHE is pretty awesome.

All of the factors above contribute massively to the success of students. And yet, 100% believe our kids could be successful in any school. I believe that because kids at LHE have families who show up and are involved. Over and over again, educational researchers have come to the same conclusion: the number one factor in student success is family involvement. Families who value education and are involved in the schooling process are more apt to have students who excel academically—regardless of the school they attend.

And so, I want to take a second to say Bravo: To the dad I saw jogging, his tie still on, at Jogathon. To the mom sweeping the gym in HEELS during Jogathon clean-up. To the tired Grandparent checking homework while watching that dinner doesn’t burn on the stove. To the parent googling “number bonds” in an attempt to help with the math worksheet. To the volunteer who shows up, a toddler in tow. To families who leave work early, battle traffic and park a half mile away, just to attend school functions. To everyone who listens to halting new readers, screechy clarinets and homework protests, night after stinking night. YOU make a difference. You, as much as anything else, are why we have such a great school. Greatness is not the result of any one factor alone, but our amazing families are a big piece of the puzzle.

To that end, I’d be remiss if I didn't highlight one special parent this month. Can we give a big round of virtual applause to Andrea Gomes Morrison? Andrea balanced a full time job, a small business, and a family to organize and run Jogathon! She did it excellently! Jogathon exceeded its financial goal by more than $5000! Thank you Andrea!
Loyal Heights Elementary at John Marshall

LHE Jogathon XXII Wrap-Up & Thank you’s

What another successful year for the Running of the Beavers. It was our 22nd year, and we all did awesome! We had a goal of raising $45,000, and with matching pledges still coming in, we’ve already raised $50,436! Wow! (Yes, you can still submit matching donations to treasurer@loyalheightspta.org).

We ran a ton; 14,341 laps to be exact... or 1,434 miles. Now that's impressive! Hearty congratulations to Ms. Schroder's class for running the most laps for a K-2 classroom and congrats to Ms. Bill's class for running the most laps for a 3-5 classroom. These two classes receive an extra recess with Ms. GiGi. Top lap runner boy for K-2 grade is Henrik C., and the top lap runner girl for K-2 grade is Ava C. Top lap runner girl for 3-5 grade is Emma C., and for top lap boy in 3-5 grade, we had a tie with Kosei V. and James S. These students received prizes from Fleet Feet Sports Seattle.

Big Beaver Wowzahs to Ms. Fewel's class for being the top K-2 fundraising classroom at $3937. They also had the highest class participation! The top 3-5 fundraising classroom was Mr. Kreiter's at $4599. These two classes win an ice cream party. Top fundraising student is Isabella P. and she wins a Garmin Vivofit Jr. fitness band from Fleet Feet Sports Seattle. Tied for second, we have Ana J. and Calder H. They’ll also win prizes. Nicely done!

Big thank you to everyone who helped us raise over $50,000! All students who fundraised were entered a drawing for prizes from local businesses and received those at the Jogathon Awards Assembly.

Auction Volunteers - We are still looking for a few leads to help run this year’s school auction. Please consider the following roles: Kid Art Coordinator, Auction Catalog Designer and Signage. Email Katrina Hupp if you want to help. Also, look for the big reveal of the exciting auction theme at Harvest Night!

Field Day Coordinator - We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to plan a fun day of activity for our school. Field day is all about moving and having fun and the volunteer for this job will plan the activity stations, order equipment, and coordinate set up/dismantle of the equipment. We will recruit a group of volunteers to help you along the way! This event takes place in the Spring, but some early planning is required. Last year’s event was so fun and can be your guide. If you are passionate about getting kids to move around while being silly and having fun, this is the event for you to take on!

Student Council

Student Council has solidified its 2017/18 committees! Each committee will work together to plan different events for the year and work towards making this school a better place to learn!

Dress-Up Day Committee
Leads:
Maya, Lola, Gigi

Newspaper Committee Leads:
Evie, Mayumi

Food, Book and Goods Drive Committee Leads:
James, Tommy

Talent Show Committee Leads:
Holden, Will, Nate, Kaylynn

Talent Show Helpers:
Lola, James, Maya, Evie

Spelling Bee Committee
Leads:
Rex, Gabriella, Mayumi

Spelling Bee Helpers:
Lily, Tommy, Nate, Kaylynn

Student Ideas Committee
Leads:
Sophia, Lily

Student Council November

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Harvest Night Celebration

Join the LHE community for a night of celebration for the whole family. Harvest Night & Book Sale will take place on Tuesday, November 7th from 6 - 8pm at LHE @ John Marshall. The 5th graders will provide dinner for $5 and dessert for $1 as a fundraiser for Camp Orkila. Come to play fun games, make crafts, watch the kindergartners chicken dance, shop for books and give back to our community by bringing food donations for Hunger Intervention Program.

The chicken dance schedule will be as follows:
6:10 - Ms. Magnusson's class
6:30 - Ms. Colwell's class
6:50 - Ms. Beckley's class
7:10 - Ms. Lepse's class

Volunteers are needed to help run the games & crafts we will have available for the students that day. Sign-up to help out here! It's fun for everyone.

Harvest Night Book Fair

The LHE Fall Book Fair is here, available online now and at school November 6-9, including during Harvest Night. Our book fair goal is to raise $10,000 to complete our school library’s collection of diverse books, current fiction and graphic novels. Click here to shop now or select the "volunteer" button to sign-up to help. More volunteers are needed! Questions? Email Claire Elam.

Healthy Students Learn Better

Cold and flu season is right around the corner! We are already seeing students with colds and flu symptoms here at Loyal Heights so we want to remind everyone about how YOU can help to keep your family well and flu-free.

- Get the flu shot! This is the best protection from influenza.
- Teach your children how to use a tissue or elbow to cover cough and sneezes.
- Wash hands frequently
- Stay home and away from others when not feeling well.

Keep your child at home and away from others if they have had a fever (100.4+) in the past 24 hours OR obviously are not feeling well.

Keep your child home if they are experiencing frequent coughing spells. This disrupts the teaching of lessons, the concentration of others in the classroom, and is exhausting to your child. Recovering in the comfort of home is best for kids.

Please do not send your child to school if they are sneezing, coughing, have drippy noses and are not feeling well. Those germs get spread around very easily in the school environment.

Have a plan for who will care for your sick child if you need to be at work. Again, we do not have staff or space to run an infirmary. Remind your children to drink lots of water, eat well and get plenty of rest.

The health of all of our students and building staff depends on us minimizing the spread of germs during the cold and flu season. Please do your part to keep the spread of these germs to a minimum.

Nurse Julie just got her flu shot...HAVE YOU???

Questions? Contact Nurse Julie or the office staff at 252-1500.
**Notes & Updates**

A reminder that **school doors will be locked** during school hours, 8:55am-3:25pm. The parking lot door will be kept locked. We would like everyone to enter through the front door and sign in at the office. Thank you for helping keep our kids safe!

Our next **Community Circle Assembly** is Nov. 1st @ 1:30PM. Second grade students will be presenting on the Beaver Character trait: GRATITUDE.

**Veteran's Day**: We are reaching out to our Military Veteran Community about presenting to our students at a special assembly set on November 9. Please email Principal Guerrero if you have a veteran in mind who might like to participate.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** are set for November 20th - 22nd. Teachers have sent or will send you information about how to sign up for a conference.

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Auditions are complete! The kids were extraordinary on stage and the casting team was impressed with the level of preparation that went into this year's auditions. Congratulations students on a job well done. Here are a few important dates moving forward:

**11/1: Call backs** - Cast members invited to callbacks will be assigned to a specific session. Call backs will be at JM/LHE in groups beginning at 2:25.

**11/4 at 6 pm - Cast posting** will be up on the LHE TAG website. See TAG Calendar [here](#) for details.

**11/7 Lead rehearsals begin**. See TAG Calendar [here](#) for details.

**1/3/2018 Rehearsals begin** for some ensemble roles.

**4/20-4/22 Performances** at Ballard High PAC

TAG WAGS to our outstanding volunteers for helping with audition workshops, auditions, choreography, volunteer organizing, music, wrangling, supervising and all around assistance. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you to Laura Renz, Erika Goodmanson, Jenny Wohlhueter, Tristan Symons, Vanessa Egerdahl, Madalyn Getman, Jon Connolly, Jan Johnson, Kelli Soccorsy, Tyler Donnelly, Lydia Van Schepen and the TAG Team David Hyre, Sadie Agurkis, Kelly German, Bret Ashlee Watson, Jen Haldimann, Gretchen O'Connell and Sara Stevens.

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**Ballard HS Fall Concerts**

**Orchestra Concert**

Thursday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.: Highlights include Anton Arensky's Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky, Holberg Suite by Edvard Grieg. Mozart's Symphony 25 and Danse Macabre, by Saint-Saëns. The Chamber Orchestra and Symphonic Orchestra will perform.

**Band Concert**

Wednesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.: Highlights include Gustav Holst's First Suite in E-flat, and Jazz Band I performing the classics Basie Straight Ahead and A Night in Tunisia. The concert will showcase 175 band students in Symphonic Band, the audition-level Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Bands I and II.

All performances will be at the Earl Kelly Center for Performing Arts at Ballard High School, 1418 NW 65th Street. Concerts begin at 7:30 P.M. Admission is free. If you would like to make a donation to Ballard Performing Arts, you can reserve seats in these crowded concerts. Tickets for reserved seating may be purchased online here.
Q: What do you call it when it rains turkeys?
A: Fowl weather!

Q: What do you get when you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
A: Pumpkin pi!

BEAVER RAVES for a job well done!

Big beaver Jogathon thank you’s to Andrea Gomes Morrison, and her amazing team for pulling off a very successful and fun jogathon! Amber Kolln, Brian Morrison, Brian Jones, Mykcal Gilge, Natalie Ward, and Tristan & Scott Symons for volunteering all day, to Kate Donnelly for procuring all of our prizes, to Jennifer Clark for leading our bake sale, to Madeline Vilches DeGracia for being our entertaining emcee, to Nellie Waddell, Sabrina Savarin, Rachel Horak, Kristina Gallasi, Devon Shannon, Nola Pearson, Andrea Bernarding, Alexis Cruikshank, Kristine Kenney, Caroline Knaub, Becky Andrews, Laurie Gold, and Melissa Dold for helping with special projects, to David Hyre for help with A/V and the video, to Gretchen, Oil, Mac, and Peter for the beautiful photos, to all the parents that signed up for volunteer shifts at Jogathon, to all the families who contributed goodies to the bake sale, to the Student Council for picking our video music, to all of the staff that helped make the day run smoothly, and to all of the little beavers who ran laps all day long! RAVEs to Kali Sakai who came and sorted school supplies for the office. The room looks great! Thank you to all who bought tickets to the Sounders game, making the 5th grade fundraiser a success. RAVEs to Jennifer Waldron, Tristan Symons, Michelle Rodello, Alisa Yamamoto, and Tami Wietfeldt for helping out with picture day. You made it all go smoothly. Big thanks to Peter Howland for the beautiful Jogathon photos in this issue of Beaver Tales.
Principal’s Message
Ms. Guerrero, LH Principal

There are many things to celebrate at Loyal Heights. Over the last two months, the staff and I have come to know your child a little better. Time has been spent getting to know where your child is academically and socially/emotionally. Our beginning-of-the-year benchmark assessments have been completed for your child in math and in literacy. Our Walk-to-Math program started on October 9th (2nd – 5th graders) and staff has launched a new district initiated literacy curriculum called Collaborative Literacy.

There is also community building time embedded in the class schedule so that students get to know one another and have time to problem solve conflicts or offer ideas. We continue to work towards knowing your child’s story, strengths and needs. I am looking forward to the productive conversations that will be happening during the Parent-Teacher Conferences set for November 20th – 21st. Contact your child’s teacher if you have not signed up for a conference time.

This year our school has reinstated monthly school assemblies called Community Circles. Every grade has chosen a Beaver Characteristic to present on at their assigned Community Circle. In October, the first grade students sang songs about RESPECT. On November 1st, second grade presented on GRATITUDE. Our next Community Circle will be on November 29th at 1:30pm. It will be on GENEROSITY and our very own Student Council will be presenting.

Lastly, November is an important month at Loyal Heights. On November 9th, we will have a special tribute assembly for Veterans Day. A few guest veterans from our community will be present at this event. We want to thank all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their honorable service and sacrifice… especially those within the Loyal Heights community.