BEAVER TALES

Staff Spotlight | Beauty & the Beast, Jr. | Auction wrap-up

Mark Your Calendar

April 5 . . . . Spring Music concert
         6:30pm @ LH/JM

April 9-13 . . . . No School
         Spring Break

April 17 . . . . Equity Committee mtg
         7:30pm @ Northminster Church

April 20 . . . . Safety Skills Class
         K-2, after school @ LH/JM

April 20 . . . . Beauty & the Beast, Jr.
         6pm @ BHS auditorium

April 21 . . . . Beauty & the Beast, Jr.
         11am & 6pm @ BHS auditorium

April 22 . . . . Beauty & the Beast, Jr.
         11am @ BHS auditorium

April 26 . . . . PTA board meeting
         6:30pm @ location TBD

April 27 . . . . Safety Skills Class
         3rd-5th, after school @ LH/JM

May 1-3 . . . . . Spring book fair
         @ LH/JM

May 3 . . . . Science Fair & Art Walk
         @ LH/JM

May 7-11 . . . . Staff Appreciation Week @ LH/JM

Beaver Tales April
Winners of the 4th Annual Spelling Bee

Announcing the winners of our LHE spelling bee:
1st - Holden F (grade 5)
2nd - Nora J (grade 5) tie
2nd - Olivia L-F (grade 4) tie
Participants all did a fantastic job. Thank you to our judges – Ms. Gigi, Ms. Bill, Ms. Vaagsland and Mr. Hamel. Thank you to Mr. Kreiter, Ms. Saltsman and members of the Student Council; Lola, Maya, Gabriella, Lily, Kaylynn and Mayumi for organizing this fun event.

Book Fair Volunteers

The week of April 30th, book fair volunteers are needed during the school day and at the science fair. If interested, contact Claire.

Trading Post Books

We are still in great need of books for the school trading post. The post has been very popular the last few weeks and the book supply is low. We are especially in need of chapter books and graphic novels. Please drop books off in the office and let them know they are for the Trading Post.

Staff Spotlight
Kathy Katzen, LHE Administrative Assistant

I have worked at Loyal Heights in many different roles during my past twenty plus years. I started as a playground teacher, tutor, IA, office assistant and, for the past 9 years, I’ve been the Administrative Assistant. I have worked with eight principals, at least twelve PTA presidents and the best teachers in the Seattle Public Schools. I love being able to support this wonderful community. I always say it takes a village and I see that every day at Loyal Heights. I am so excited about our move back to Loyal Heights. I can't wait to be back in the neighborhood again and working at a beautiful state-of-the-art school. I feel honored to be working with your children. They bring me joy every day.

Kathy Katzen; aka Ms. Bell, Chief Flight Attendant of Pan Air

Congratulations to our Golden Acorn & Outstanding Educator Winners

Join us in congratulating our Golden Acorn Award winners Mykcal Gilge and Katrina Hupp as well as our Outstanding Educator winners Kathy Katzen and Ellen Saltsman! We will recognize them at the ceremony following our spring concert on April 5th.

Congratulations and thank you for all that you do for LHE!

Welcome baby Freya Colwell (7lbs 11oz) - born Sunday, April 1st! Congratulations to Ms. Colwell & family!
Auction 2018 Wrap-Up

A Night in Monte Carlo was spectacular. There was so much love, laughter, fellowship and best of all — generosity. Together we raised over $180,000 for our school (and still counting). If you want another chance to give, a few auction items are still available to bid online!

The audit is complete, credit cards have been charged and final receipts have gone out. Please contact auction@loyalheightspta.org with any questions about your receipt.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who donated, sponsored, volunteered or attended our event!

Auction 2018 by the numbers - so far!

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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 and 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

Student Council Update

by: Evie H

Hey there Beavers!

You might be wondering what happened in the 2018 Loyal Heights Spelling Bee last month. It was very exciting because so many spellers were getting extremely tough words correct! Huge shout out to all our amazing participants. Believe it or not, we had a tie for 2nd place. Congratulations to 4th grader Olivia L-F. and 5th grader Nora J. for their fantastic efforts to take 2nd place. The 1st place winner, and winner of the $20 gift certificate to Secret Garden Book Store is none other than 5th grader Holden F! Great job everyone.

Student Council was also very busy with some fun and entertaining dress up days. On Dr. Seuss’ birthday, the students and staff wore pajamas and on the spelling bee day, students wore bumble bee colors and green to symbolize the spelling bee and the nice spring weather approaching!

One date to make note of is Floral Day which will be happening on Friday April 6th to celebrate the colorful and beautiful spring flowers that are beginning to grow. Make sure to wear any flower prints and bright colors you may have!

That should be all for now!
Break a Leg!

"The rose she had offered was truly an enchanted rose..."

Celebrate the outstanding efforts of our student actors in TAG's production of Beauty & The Beast, Jr. by offering them a beautiful rose! Your purchase also supports 5th grade fundraising efforts for their upcoming Camp Orkila trip.

Rose and TAG poster sales will be available before and after each performance. Roses and posters are $5 each. Cash or check only, please!

Support both our outstanding cast and 5th grade all at once. See you at the theatre!

Featured Artwork

We're excited to announce TAG's school-wide call for art entries was a smashing success. All students who submitted original artwork for Beauty and the Beast Jr. will have a piece used in the creation of our backdrops and will receive credit in the playbill, noted by scene. Merci bien to the artists for sharing their talents with us!

Beauty & the Beast, Jr.

Be Our Guest and join us for a fantastic production April 20 (6pm Blue Cast), April 21 (11 am Gold Cast, 6 pm Blue Cast) and April 22 (11 am Gold Cast). Ticket sales are live now. Not sure what cast the actors you wish to support are in? Check here for cast information.

TAG WAGS, et un grand merci à tous!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, Jan Johnson, Natalie Ward, Tristan Simmons, Jera Brandvig, Taryn Coe, Becky Andrews, Zanna Satterwite, Sara Adelman, Ty Edwards, Wynden Hawkins, Vanessa Egerdahl, Andrea Bernarding, Lizz Mazza, Heather Muwero, Christine Stoffels, Ketra Konnick, Rachel Nichols, Melissa Dold, Marta Dully, Kimber Parker, Miles Ford, Krista Edmonds, and Kate Berens. Without you, rehearsals, Super Saturdays, and the photo shoot wouldn't be the same. Your support is very appreciated.

Special thanks to Mrs. Payton for graciously sharing her gym with us, to Della Chen for masterfully photographing our entire cast, and Alicia Jancola for organizing and implementing the photo shoot. Thank you to Gretchen O'Connell for being our fantastic volunteer coordinator! Merci mille fois to the TAG rehearsal team (Bret Ashlee Watson, Kelly Germann, Sadie Agurkis, Dr. David Hyre and Sara Stevens) for sharing your expertise and time with our cast - your kindness and time is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to TAG families who are working with their children on their lines, listening to Beauty and the Beast on repeat in the car, and making sure their actor attends rehearsals and is prepared for their big scene! Finally, an additional special thank you to NKS for supporting TAG and their students, and to all the teachers who diligently check and double check daily to ensure all TAG kids get to the right place!
Cultural History - Tell Your Story

In February and early March, LHE students were focused on both Black History Month and their own cultural histories. On March 2nd, we were lucky to be able to introduce our 4th graders to Keylee Fernandez, an LHE parent, who gave a presentation on her personal history. As Ms. Rountree introduced Keylee, she encouraged the students to think about their own stories and how they would tell them.

Keylee is a Master’s student at Seattle University and a graduate of Ballard High School. As Key lee tells the story of how her parents came to Seattle, by way of Honduras and the Bronx, and further how her ancestors came to live in Honduras, students and teachers were given an oral history of the Garifuna people. Garifuna are Afro-Carib people who escaped slavery to remain free from British enslavement and who continue to have a vibrant unique culture that reflects their African and Caribbean heritage. When Key lee moved from the Bronx to Ballard, she described having an identity crisis. Ballard is different from Honduras, but also very different from the Bronx which has a large population of Afro-Caribs. As a Garifuna-American student who spoke English, Spanish and Garifuna, she described not fitting in with any one group. “Who Am I?” was a question that propelled her to learn the travels of her Garifuna people from West Africa and South America to their homeland of St. Vincent. From there, many Garifuna were forced to leave St. Vincent to Honduras. Then her own family made their move, first to New York and then Seattle.

This was her story as she discovered her heritage and her place in its continuing history. Our 4th graders asked questions that revealed they were tuned in to her story and also thinking about their own history. “How did you overcome your identity crisis?” one student asked. Keylee laughed and replied, “That’s a great question. As I learned more about myself and my people, I became more confident.”

To find out more about the Garifuna and other Central American cultures, Keylee would love for you to attend Seattle’s 3rd Festival Centro Americano which usually takes place at the end of August. More information will be provided when an official time and date is set!

Are you interested in learning about your cultural history? Good ways to start learning about your own stories are:

♦ Ask questions! Ask your parents and grandparents about their parents, where they are from, how did you end up in Seattle?

♦ Reach out for help. Keylee reached out to a person who published the first Garifuna dictionary when she began to research her past. Find a church, organization, or institute that connects to your family.

♦ Find events that connect to your family culture.

February Beaver Behavior: Courage

February found 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

These students displayed Courage in February:

Equity Committee Update

Both the parent equity committee and the staff Racial Equity Team have been working this month to address issues of race and equity in our community. Below are some updates:

- **#WeDontDoThatHere**: Teachers and staff at LHE have been encouraging students to use the words "We don't do that here!" to shut down instances of exclusion, racism, bullying, or other negative behavior by their peers. Encourage your children to practice using these words at home in different scenarios.

- **DANCE This**: Consider attending this performance on July 13th at the Paramount Theater. The show includes students from ages 13-21 and highlights dance styles from a variety of cultures, including ballet, jazz, modern, hip-hop, and musical theater. Click here for more info.

- **African American Affinity Group**: Our School Counselor, Mrs. Rekeda Rountree, has organized the African American Affinity Group. This group is intended for families with African American children. Group members advocate for the academic, social, and emotional needs specific to African American children. Contact Mrs. Rountree at (206) 252-1462 or by email for more information.

*If you are interested in race and equity at Loyal Heights Elementary, please join us at our next meeting on April 17 at 7:30 in the Northminster Presbyterian Church (7706 25th Ave NW 98117). For more information, please email equity@loyalheightspta.org.

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Music Notes

Music Matters License plate info

**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

**Registration is open for Summer Fun!**
A unique performing and visual arts day camp for ages 7-12. Session 1: Olympic View Elementary (North Seattle) July 9 - 27. Session 2: B. F. Day Elementary (Fremont) July 30 - August 17
Summer Fun focuses equally on the arts as both a process and a product. Over the course of three weeks, our campers mount a new musical while building musicianship skills, acting fundamentals, dance techniques, and creating masterpieces of art along the way. More information here.

**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.
Q: How excited was the gardener about spring?

A: So excited she wet her plants.

Q: What kind of flower grows on your face?

A: Tulips (two-lips)

Q: What does a cloud wear under its raincoat?

A: Thunderwear

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**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 for a job well done!**

RAVEs to Katrina Hupp, Whitney Hass, Lisa Sand....and the WHOLE auction team, and to every volunteer that worked with kid art, the day of, either at the auction, or with set up and take down. So, many volunteer hours pour into this event, and it all trickles down to our kids and their future. It was an amazing Night in Monte Carlo! RAVEs to Mykal Gilge and Patti Watanabe for their proofreading prowess! Gobs of thanks to Kathy Katzen for her most sincere and thorough support of our school and kids. RAVEs to Tristan Symons, Sarah Mann, Steph Gardner, Jan Johnson, and Michelle Rodelo for picking up weekend backpacks from the Ballard Food Bank and delivering them to Loyal Heights every week. You are making a difference and we appreciate you so much. RAVEs to Jan Johnson, Michelle Rodelo, Jenna Olsen, and Tristan Symons for helping out on picture day. You helped make the transitions go smoothly.

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