

Endeavour Elementary PTSA 2.6.20 26205 SE Issaquah Fall City Road, Issaquah, WA

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Attention all Artists – Call for Entries

Visit endeavourptsa.org for details! Turn in date: 10/30/2020

Questions, contact: reflections@endeavourptsa.org



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Please Donate!

In lieu of holding our annual fundraiser (Jag-A-Thon), we are asking families to make a simple annual donation to help support our mission during this unique year. Our goal is to raise **\$25,000** to fully support our staff, families, and students in these key areas:

PBSES Support Grant

Includes monthly student recognition, classroom books, and tools to build school wide community even while learning remotely.

Literacy Enrichment

Provides materials for extended small group virtual instruction for students both at and approaching grade level standards.

Staff Grants

We are maintaining the full grant amount (\$250) for each staff member to invest in remote and traditional teaching materials.

Staff Appreciation

Especially needed during this time of remote learning, we plan to r ecognize and celebrate the hard work of our staff.

Local Family Support

We are partnering closely with school staff and counsellors to help support those most at need within our Endeavour community.

To help us reach our goal, please go to our website, endeavourptsa.org, to donate by Friday, October 23. If we reach our school fundraising goal of \$25,000, we will celebrate with a fun reward for all Endeavour students!

Nominate a Deserving Endeavour Staff Member Today!

Help us recognize the amazing work our Endeavour Staff is doing by nominating someone for Staff Member of the Month! If a teacher, specialist, paraprofessional, office professional or any other staff member has gone above and beyond for your student or family, let us know! One staff member will be selected (by random draw from all nominees) to be recognized each month at our monthly PBSES assembly. We love our Endeavour Staff, and want to recognize their hard work and dedication!

Click <u>HERE</u> to nominate a staff member.



Drop off Gift Cards on Supply Pick Up Day (November 4) for the Holiday Gift Drive -Benefiting the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank

Because of the unique circumstances of this year, the Holiday Gift Barn will look a little different this holiday season. There's still a huge need for community support and, for everyone's safety, the Issaquah Food Bank is asking for donations of gift cards or financial gifts only this year. Gift cards will allow parents to shop online to select the exact items that fit their children, restoring their dignity and giving them the joy of shopping for their family. We are asking for \$25 gift cards from local businesses as well as stores like Target, Fred Meyer, Sephora, PlayStation, etc.

Please drop off gift cards at Endeavour on the next supply pick up day, November 4, and help brighten the holidays for families in our community!



The Washington State PTA is the largest non-profit, volunteer organization in Washington. As a member of the Endeavour PTSA, you're one of over 100,000 amazing members in our state who advocate for the well-being and education of all children.

Every fall, members from around the state meet to select issues for coming legislative cycle. The 42nd WSPTA Annual Legislative Assembly will take place virtually on October 24-25, 2020 to determine the top **5** legislative priorities for 2020-2022.

The Washington State PTA <u>legislative platform</u> is a two-year platform to mirror the Washington state legislative cycle. On the even-numbered years, the new platform is voted on by members at the legislative assembly in the fall. The top five issues become our short-term platform and consist of our priority issues when advocating throughout the year. Other issues are placed on an "also supported" list.

To "Learn More" about the WSPTA Legislative Assembly, click here.

To "Take Action" in our state, get updates or email a legislator, click here.

To learn more about National PTA platforms and advocacy, click here.



Membership Matters!

Did you know you need to re-join the PTSA each school year?

If you're are already a member, thank you for joining! If not, please join today!

Funds raised by the PTSA directly support your child's educational experience. Vital programs such as PBSES Grant for Social/Emotional Learning, Literacy Enrichment and Family Support are funded by the PTSA. The PTSA also helps fund important enrichment, such as laptops, teacher grants, and monthly Fun Fridays.

Your membership not only benefits your child, but PTSA Membership has many privileges. Your PTSA Membership provides access to our Online Directory, and also gets you access to huge savings through the Washington State PTA negotiated programs: Office Depot, FedEx Office and Lego Bag discounts, and much more. Check out the <u>WSPTA page</u> for details!



Did someone say Yearbook?

Yearbook plans are in the works!

Our yearbook chairs are hard at work on a plan for this year. The order date is TBD, we will keep you posted! Keep a look out on the PTSA website and school e-news.



Book Fair is coming!

Book Fair will be virtual this year. Plan to shop after Thanksgiving for some winter reading and holiday gifts.

More Information coming soon!

Mayor's Day of Concern

HALLOWEEN FOOD & WINTER GEAR DRIVE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 2020 | 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun and easy way to help Eastside neighbors prepare for the cold winter months ahead by donating food, basic needs, or winter gear items at the Mayor's Day of Concern drive this Halloween!

We will ONLY be accepting items off these lists:

URGENT NEEDS

- Pasta sauce (small/med., canned/plastic jars)
- Cooking oil (small/med. bottles)
- Boost or Ensure
- Peanut butter and jelly (small/med. jars)
- Hearty soups (such as Progresso, Chunky, or Campbell's—regular and gluten-free)
- Spaghetti noodles (regular and gluten-free)
- Canned pasta
- Diapers (size 5, 6, and Pull-Ups)
- Baby wipes
- Feminine pads (smaller packs preferred)

Non-expired, unopened items only please

WINTER GEAR NEEDS

- Outerwear coats
- Rain coats/ponchos
- Boots
- Warm hats
- Gloves
- Thick socks
- Thermals

New items only please

No contact, drive-thru donation drop-off at two locations:

Central Washington University 120 228th Avenue NE Sammamish, WA 98074

ISSAQUA

Food & Clothing Bank

Our Savior Lutheran Church 745 Front Street South Issaguah, WA 98027





All donations will be distributed to the local community through the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank.





10/22 Issaquah School Board Meeting

10/23 PTSA Fundraiser Ends!

10/23 PTSA Decorate a Pumpkin Day

10/30 PTSA Virtual Costume Contest

10/30 Reflections Turn in Date

11/4 Holiday Gift Card Drop Off

Full PTSA Calendar



Grants

The Foundation will be offering grants to teachers and staff this year just as in the past. Grant information and a link to the applications can be found at: <u>http://isfdn.org/</u> <u>grants</u>. The deadline for submission is **November 19th**. Teachers, staff and administration in the Issaquah School District may apply for grants from the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Parents, PTSA members etc. are welcome to write a grant on behalf of a teacher/staff member with their approval.

Cultural Bridges

Cultural Bridges helps to build relationships between families from diverse cultures, the district, and the community through outreach, events, translation serves, and the Cultural Bridges magazine, now offered in 7 languages! The current issue is posted online at: <u>Cultural Bridges</u>

Helpful Links:

Endeavour PTSA Website <u>PTSA Calendar</u> <u>Past Issues of Jaguar Print</u> <u>Endeavour Elementary School Website</u> <u>Principal's Corner</u> <u>PeachJar Flyers</u>



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