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Do YOU have what it takes to take on a leadership role in the PTSA? Answer: **Yes you do!** We need **you!**The PTSA cannot continue to do the work it does without a full board and standing chair roles filled. The following are elected PTSA Board positions that still need to be filled:

President (must have)
Co-VP Communications
Co-VP Volunteers

In addition, we need to fill the following (not elected) standing chair positions:

Advocacy

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF)

What happens without a functioning PTSA? We risk losing essential programs: Art Docent, Science Fair, Art Walk, Culture Night, Popcorn Fridays, Walkathon, Robotics, Math Club, Spooky Spaghetti, Eager Reader and much, much more! Come be a part of the wonderful team that makes these things come to life!

Email <u>President@EndeavourPTSA.org</u> for more information



PTSA President Care Maree Harper

PTSA Vice President Casey Crane

> Treasurer Joanna Moore

Secretary Meredith Spencer

Co-VP Volunteers
Lisa Dore
Meredith King

VP Membership Lindsay Meyer

VP Ways and Means Ana Gentilini

VP Programs
Meghan Harden

Co-VP Communications <u>Lisa Peppin</u> Suma Krishnaiyengar

> Room Parent Coordinator Carly Simon

ISF Chair Sara Miller

Advocacy
Taya Montgomery

FACE Chair Rachael Wright

Membership Meeting



You are invited to our last Membership Meeting of the year on June 7th, immediately following Field Day (around 11 AM).

We must have quorum to elect our new board, approve the interim budget for next year (so we can continue to work over the summer), and vote on some standing rules changes. Please join us!



LOST & FOUND

Lots of winter coats in the L&F. Please come look for yours so you can wash it and put it away before the weather turns warm and it's no longer on your mind (oops - it's already gone!)

Keep up on what's happening in your PTSA by checking out the minutes from last month's Board Meeting.

April 26, 2017: Board meeting minutes

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 5th at 9:30 AM in P4.

Advocacy Chair 2017-18 Position

Are you interested in serving as Advocacy Chair for the Endeavour PTSA? As chair you get the opportunity to meet with legislators to advocate for education. You also attend the legislative assembly to discuss what will become the top five priority issues to advocate for throughout the year. Other issues are placed on an "also supported" list. During the odd-numbered years, members vote to amend current issues or to add new, emerging issues to the also supported list. If you are interested in expanding your civic involvement by serving in this dynamic position please contact, Meredith King at meredith.king@endeavourptsa.org.

Open Chair Positions for 2017-18

We are looking to fill the following open chair positions for the next school year. Please email President@EndeavourPTSA.org if you or anyone you know is interested in taking it on. It's a fun way to get involved and makes a huge difference to our kids.

- Back to School BUS Ambassador
- Destination Imagination
- Emergency Preparedness
- Geography Bee
- Holiday Gift Drive
- Summer Kinder Playdates
- Lost & Found
- Parent Education
- Event Parking & Shuttle Bus
- Robotics Club
- Spelling Bee

Legislative update regarding Funding for Schools - What's a "Levy Cliff?"

Some of you might be wondering, what it meant when schools averted the "Levy Cliff." A levy cliff can occur when the levy lid, the amount that local school districts can raise through voter-approved special operating and maintenance levies, is lowered without additional funding coming from the state. This can lead to teacher dismissals, program cuts, and students without access to resources.

Gov. Jay Inslee signed into law legislation the one time solution that will keep the local school levy lid at 28 percent until 2019. That lid was scheduled to drop to 24 percent in 2018. The legislature still needs to put forth a plan to fund basic education as mandated by the Washington Supreme Court in the McCleary decision.

In 2010, the Court determined that the state wasn't fulfilling its constitutional duty to fund basic education and ordered the legislature to implement a funding plan by Sept. 1, 2018. Meanwhile the legislature's delay in meeting its duty has accumulated a daily \$100,000 penalty, imposed by the Supreme Court in 2015, that has now reached \$58 million.

Currently most districts may raise up to 28 percent of their operating revenue through voter-approved property tax levies. A levy base is calculated by adding state and federal funding. Voter-approved tax levies are intended to fund programs and expenditures outside of basic education, but districts sometimes use these funds to pay for basic education programs and functions when state dollars aren't sufficient.

The above was taken from the article, "Gov. Inslee signs bill assuring schools' 28 percent levy-lid secure until 2019 expiration" By Grace Swanson/WNPA Olympia News Bureau that was featured in the Kent Reporter



ParentWiser News

ParentWiser invites you to...

- 1. Join us May 22 at 7pm for a Debrief Discussion on "The Gift of Failure" by Jessica Lahey to discuss key takeaways and implementing a cultural change in raising independent, resilient kids.
- 2. **Bookmark ParentWiser.org** for new speakers next school year!
- Access online Parent Ed conferences over the summer.
- ...because parenting continues even when school ends.

For these and other events, check out: http://ParentWiser.org

ParentWiser events are free to Issaguah PTA/PTSA members



Spring is finally here. Or maybe we're going to skip it and head straight into summer. Either way, it's a great time to think about cleaning your car! Endeavour Elementary sells Brown Bear Car Wash tickets for only \$6 each (retail is \$8). The PTSA makes a good amount of money from the sale of each ticket. Please consider buying a few for yourself or to give as a gift. To purchase, contact Alison Keith alisonvkeith@qmail.com



Our final Box Tops contest is underway! The top class K-2 will get to silly string Randy at field day!! The top class 3-5 will get to silly string Mrs. Sivadasan! Please put your Box Tops in the Box Tops mailbox right inside the front door. Make sure to include your child's teacher's name so their class gets credit. The current leaders are Penney & Parham. HUGE thanks to Mallory Paint for sponsoring the prize.



Come out to Safeco Field on *Saturday June 3rd at 7:10pm* with Endeavour Elementary and enjoy some Major League Baseball action!

Special group seating has been reserved and is available for you to purchase online. Nelson Cruz bobbleheads for the first 20,000 fans!

- \$13 View Level seats
- Buy Tickets at <u>Mariners.com/Schools</u>
 - Password: Jaguars
- Deadline to purchase tickets: Friday, June 2 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Meghan Harden at meghan.harden@endeavourptsa.org with questions.

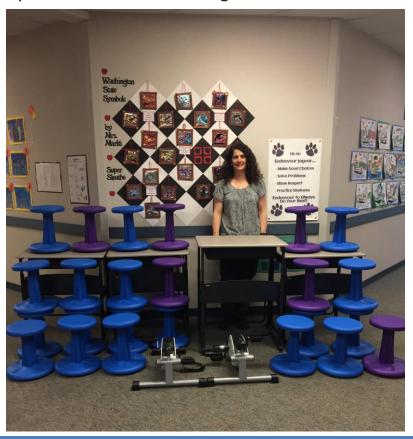


Parents save up to 40% on school supplies from EPI. school supply sale ends on June 24th, 2017. This is also a great fundraiser for our PTSA. Look for details in your child's take home folder (Here is the <u>link</u> to the order form that went home, in case it lost its way!) and online on the PTSA website www.endeavourptsa.org.

ISF Grant

Wobble chairs, desk cycles, and stand up desks that were purchased with ISF Kateri Brow Grant funds have arrived and are ready to go!

A big Thank You! to the Issaquah Schools Foundation for giving our school the means to pilot this wonderful program. Just one way ISF and your PTSA are working for the students!



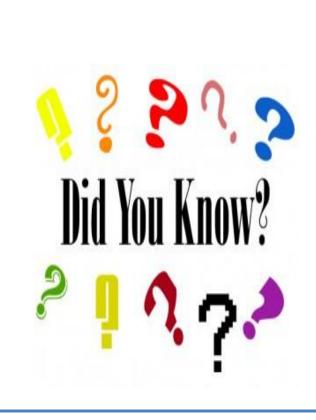
Washington State PTA Award Winner - Endeavour Elementary PTSA

In the last Jaguar Print we mentioned that several of the PTSA Current and Future Board Members attended the Washington State PTA Convention in SeaTac. But we forgot to mention that we brought home two awards! We were honored with the Silver Awards in the categories of Standards of Excellence and Outstanding Newsletter & E-blast. Thanks to Joanna Moore, Care Maree Harper, Lisa Peppin and Suma Krishnaiyengar for getting the application portfolios together. And Congratulations to the whole PTSA and Board for the wonderful work that was documented in them!





Did you know? That much of our website content is available in a large number of languages via Google Translate? Look on the top left for the language choice dropdown box.







You can still help!

There are still opportunities to help. Events like Popcorn Fridays and Field Day need volunteers. You can find something that meets your skills and availability!

See what works for you at the Endeavour PTSA website



- May 29 NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- Jun 02 Popcorn Friday
- Jun 06 Banking Day
- Jun 07 Field Day!
- Jun 07 MEMBERSHIP MEETING!!!
- Full PTSA Calendar

Did you know that every Friday is Spirit Wear Friday? Wear your favorite team's jersey or your Endeavour Spirit Wear and show your school



Popcorn Fridays Need YOU!

We need parent volunteers for the second shift in June, 12:30 – 2:00. Just head to the Endeavour PTSA website to sign up and be the most popular person on campus.

Helpful Links:

Endeavour PTSA Website

PTSA Calendar

Past Issues of Jaguar Print

Endeavour Elementary School Website

Principal's Corner



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