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OTTER TALES

Creekside PTSA Quarterly Newsletter



SPELLING BEE

The Creekside PTSA is hosting a Spelling Bee! This is an optional event for students in grades 2 - 5. We are also seeking volunteers to help administer the bee. Study lists will be provided in advance. **Registration closes on Friday, December 20 at 5 PM.**

Our spelling bee will be held on the following dates:
January 8, 2PM - Written qualification class bee
January 17, 6PM - School Bee in the MPR

For more information, please visit the PTSA website or contact the Spelling Bee Chair, Laurie Friedl at laurie.friedl@gmail.com.

BANK DAY

Let's get your kids saving! Creekside has teamed up with WA Federal Bank to bring you a "Save at School" program to help teach your children the habit and value of saving money. On the first Friday of every month, our Bank Day rep will be available in the library balcony to collect deposits any time from 9:00am-10:00am. If your child does not already have a student account with WA Federal bank, please visit the bank (off of 228th in Sammamish) in person with your child, along with an opening deposit (min \$5) to get your child started. Note: The parent will need to provide a state issued ID or passport for their child to open the account. If they do not have any of these forms of ID for their child, then the bank will need their birth certificate and social security card. For questions or more information, please visit the PTSA website.

BANK DAY
OPEN A SAVE AT SCHOOL ACCOUNT TODAY!
Make a deposit every first Friday of the month.

Washington Federal. Invested here.

A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED.

HAWK-A-THON

Thank you again to all of our Creekside Families for helping us make our goal during Hawk-a-Thon! We did it, and surpassed our goal of over \$100,000 and exceeded it thanks to all of you and your support!

We raised the funds needed to offer additional student enrichment programs and support and saved in hosting this event in-house so that your dollars donated would go directly to our school!

Mr. Pollock's 5th grade class took 1st place this year with Mrs. Skone in 2nd and Ms. Merrick in 3rd! Let's give a shout out to the rest of our Top 15 teachers/classrooms: Stephens, Gelbrich, Foos, Dodd, Hannley, Carlson, Biller, Yea, Shade, Emsky, Bulmer, and Cromwell. Also, two of our lucky Creekside students each won a set of Seahawks tickets to the October 20th game (thank you to Garrick and Lisa Lo). What an exciting week it was and we thank you for your support!

THANK YOU for all of your generous donations!

When you donated, if you selected that your company matches, please make sure that you fill out the necessary information with your employer to ensure matching is verified and sent to Creekside.



We will be looking at ways to improve the school with any excess funds and then the core of the money raised provides our operating budget for the year for curriculum and academic support.

Thank you to all of our parents, students, families, and staff for the amazing support for our PTSA. We could not have had this success without you!

We are looking forward to another great fundraising event next year and can't thank you enough!

DECEMBER STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT

Every month the PTSA holds a staff appreciation event. Third grade has been assigned to December, but we would like to open it up to all families who would like to contribute to the staff cookie exchange. Please click the link to sign up for something to bring or to volunteer. The items need to be brought to school on December 20th by 10am.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4FA8AD2CABFC1-christmas>

Thank you for helping us show our Creekside staff how much we appreciate them by providing treats to them this holiday season!

Questions? Contact Marisa Loper, PTSA Staff Appreciation Chair.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date for Creekside's Family Movie Night on Friday, January 24th, in the MPR. This is a FREE family event! Doors open at 5:30pm and movie begins at 6:00pm. The whole family is invited to come and watch Abominable! Kids can wear pajamas and bring blankets and pillows. The PTSA will be selling pizza, popcorn and candy (cash only). Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities and sign up details!

Questions? Contact Hailey Chamberlain, Family Movie Night Chair.


REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Thank you to our Creekside students who entered the PTSA Reflections program this year. We had 55 incredible entries and the creativity and hard work was inspiring! We had a great reception night, admiring and honoring our Creekside artists.



Congratulations to our 12 Creekside Elementary finalists who will be moving on to the Issaquah District level competition: **Jaanya**, Kindergarten - Visual Arts, **Olivia**, Music Composition - 1st Grade, **Brindha**, 2nd Grade - Visual Arts, **Mehwish**, Visual Arts - 2nd Grade, **Emma**, Literature - 2nd Grade, **Sarthak**, Visual Arts - 3rd Grade, **Ray**, Visual Arts - 4th Grade, **Arjun**, Visual Arts - 4th Grade, **Arnav**, Literature - 4th Grade, **Luke**, Photography - 4th Grade, **Mateo**, Visual Arts - 5th Grade, **Kruthi**, Visual Arts - 5th Grade.

Best of luck to you all at District! The District reception is open to everyone.



YOU'RE INVITED!

The Issaquah PTSA Council celebrates the ISD Reflections participants and their families. Join us at an art walk gallery viewing of our students' interpretation of the 2019 theme:

LOOK WITHIN

Visual Arts ★ Literature
Photography ★ Film Production
Music Composition ★ Dance Choreography

Tuesday January 14th, 2020 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Issaquah High School 700 2nd Avenue SE

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Popcorn Friday is cancelled for THIS Friday, December 20. We will resume Popcorn Fridays in January 2020.

If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up on the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4eacae2fa0fc1-popcorn>



LOST AND FOUND

Please continue to label ALL jackets, sweatshirts, hats and gloves with your child's first and last name. Also, please label ALL lunchboxes and water bottles with a sharpie on the outside of the item. Volunteers are working hard to get these items back to your child if things are labeled.

Next charity donation is THIS Friday, December 20th, end of the day. Future charity donation dates: Jan 31, Feb 28, March 27, *Thursday April 30, May 29, and June 19.

ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020 LEVY

February 2020 Renewal / Replacement Levy – Local Support for Our Kids!

Levies are the only locally approved ballot measures that directly pay for classroom and educational needs in our schools that the state can't meet.

This February 11, 2020, voters will have a chance to continue supporting the great programs and services funded by the previous levy which is set to expire in 2020.

For more information, visit <https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/levy-2020>





CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all of the families who donated canned goods for Creekside's canned food drive to benefit the Issaquah Food Bank. **We collected 383 lbs of canned goods!**



In addition to the the school-wide canned food drive, Mrs. Hannley's 2nd grade class came up with a project to take action and make a difference in their community. They decided to have a classroom food drive. Students then made their own flyers to pass out to neighbors, family, and friends. Together they collected 414 items and donated them to the Issaquah Food Bank. They did an amazing job making a difference in their community!