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Summary of Nov. PTA Meeting

By Ying Huang / PTA Board

The general meeting on November 21 was a big success.

The focus of the meeting was to vote in our PTA Standing Rules and budget, and to give updates of recent PTA events. Our president Laura started the meeting with PTA Trivia. We all learned some interesting facts about our local and state PTA. We then talked over and voted in our Standing Rules that are presented by Laura. And we discussed and proved our budget of 2017-18 schoolyear that are presented by our Treasurer Elaine. In addition, we were honored to have our Legislative Chair, who is also Region 6 PTA Director Sherry Rudolph and the Vice President of Shoreline Special Needs PTA Kristen Bannister to be our guest speakers. Sherry updated us on Legislative Assembly. And Kristen talked about Inclusive Education. Both talks were informative and inspiring. We look forward to seeing you in one of our general meetings. Your ideas and feedbacks are important to us.

More info about legislative assembly, please visit this [LINK](#)

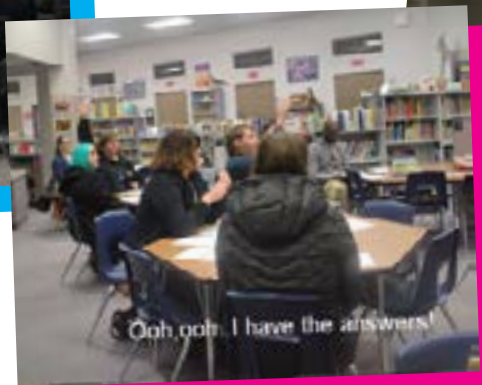


Next meeting

Januray 16, 2018

7:00 pm

We hope to see you there!!



WINTER BREAK

December 2, 2017 - January 2, 2018

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

THE PTA NEEDS YOU!!

PTA membership is 40% lower than last year. PTA members help build a stronger school community and without members, we can't support all the great programs that benefit all of our students. In addition, we only have about 40 people signed up to volunteer for events and programs, which is significantly fewer compared to last year. Many highly anticipated events and programs won't happen without the help of PTA members and volunteers.



December is the season of giving. By joining PTA, you're giving a precious gift to our school and students. Bonus: your donation/membership is tax deductible! Just request a tax receipt with your membership fee.

Please go to this [LINK](#) to join, or fill in the membership and volunteer form from our [WEBSITE](#) and return them to the school office.

HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Please help us "Treat the Staff"

This December we're asking people to bring a dozen cookies of every kind available, so that we can send home a bag of them to EVERY member of our fabulous Ridgecrest Staff. Please go to the perfect potluck link to sign up to bring something for our wonderful Ridgecrest Staffers. This feeds over 65 people and we can't do it without YOU!



Don't have time to bake?? Come help us make bags to send home.

Where: Staff lunchroom

When: Mon. Dec. 18th

Time: 9am to 11am

To sign up to bring cookies please visit this [LINK](#) and let us know what you are bringing. Another way others can access your meal schedule is:

<http://www.PerfectPotluck.com> Coordinator Last Name: johnson Password: 1650

SHOPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Ridgecrest PTA has set up some fundraising programs with the following retails. Please consider them while you shop for this holiday seasons!



If you shop through this [LINK](#), 4-8% of your Amazon purchases comes back to Ridgecrest PTA.



Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Ridgecrest earn a donation while you still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today. Set up your card [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPAGHETTI FEED & FAMILY DANCE NIGHT

It's time to party like a rock star! Come in costume as your favorite rocker...Gaga, Niki, Katy, KISS, Beatles, Beyonce, Hendrix, the choices are endless with LOTS of opportunity for team costumes. Form a band!

Get your ALL ACCESS pass to fun, treats and prizes!

Friday, January 12, 2018
7-9pm



Start the evening off with a Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7pm and then dance the night away! This a fundraiser to send the 6th grade student to Camp Caber in May. **Absolutely no drop offs.**



ChessMates Tournament Summary

By Vivian Yang / Chess Club Chair

On November 18th 2017, 10 Chess Club students attended their first Fall Kick-Off ChessMates Tournament together representing Ridgecrest. We reserved a table and everyone sat together, kids and their parents. It was an all day event, with first round started at 10 am and event ended around 4:30 pm. For some, it was their first or second tournament, for others, they had attended a few from the past years. Regardless of how many tournaments they had been to, the excitement is always there. 5 rounds of game, and each one is as intense as the next. Students shared their experience as they head back to their table while Coach Dan and Jacob would check in with them between rounds to review their last moves. Parents are proud their students showing good sportsmanship. Nothing beats going together with their friends and having a blast. During the trophy ceremony, Declan Kuo was awarded first place trophy in the first grade section. Here are a few pictures to share:



Break Between Rounds- 7 kids at table:
From left to right, back row first, TJ Kenaw,
Finn Kennedy, George Pentz, Declan Kuo,
Dim Tartarinov
Front row: Pasha Tartarinov, Lucas Deng



After Award Ceremony: 7 kids with medals/trophy:
From Left to right: Tristan Kuo, Declan Kuo,
TJ Kenaw, Lucas Deng, Atticus Allison,
George Pentz, Alexander Vollmer



Total of 176 students Competed!



Green Team has started!

A HUGE thanks to Mrs. Tombelaine and Ms. Rae for starting up the milk carton recycling in our lunchroom this year. Our kiddos are excited to wear their green team aprons and help sort recyclables and garbage. And special shout outs to parent Eva Glosson for mending our aprons and Custodians Jason Burke and Tu Huynh for their hard work!



Gifted Education Day

Save the date: Gifted Education Day is 2/8/18 in Olympia.

Join the Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group and 25 Shoreline parents in an excused absence to Olympia on February 8, 2018. We will advocate for equity, funding and services in highly capable education, meet our legislators and tour the Capitol building while learning about how government works. More information [HERE](#).

GIFT OF GIVING

Please help fulfill our school library wish list by shopping through this [LINK](#) or bring a gently used book from the wish list to Ms. Freeman. Thank you for your support!



The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



#GIVING TUESDAY

By Kim Ositis / President, Shoreline PTA Council / shorelineptapres@gmail.com

On behalf of the Shoreline PTA Council, I am excited to announce that we have raised more than \$3,600 of our \$18,000 goal! Can you join us in supporting children and families here in our local community through programs like The WORKS, Holiday Baskets and the Back to School event? Your contributions are crucial in providing services to more than 2,500 children and 1,500 families every year. Make a tax-deductible donation today [ONLINE](#) or by check along with a completed donation form.



Holiday Baskets and Teen Gifts is the combined effort of Shoreline PTA Council and community partners to provide holiday food and gift support to families in need. Schools conduct food and gift drives and families receive food and can 'shop' for gifts at the distribution event on Saturday, December 9th.



Open every Wednesday evening during the school year, The WORKS offers clean, gently-used children's and teen clothing. Families can shop for items, and each child is given an allotment of clothing for the year, including new socks, underwear and a hygiene pack. More than 380 students reported experiencing homelessness in the Shoreline School District in 2015-2016. The WORKS provides direct services to these students in collaboration with school family advocates and nurses.

Shorecrest Highschool Technology Student Asociacion Presents...

ELEMENTARY STEM DAY

Who: All Elementary age students
Priority will be given to new registrants

What: A STEM activity day that will include structural challenge, driving a robot, designing efficient boat, coding, and more!
Snacks will be provided

When: Saturday, December 9th, 2017
Session 1: 9am - 12 pm *or*
Session 2: 1pm - 4pm

Where: Shoreline High School - M180
15343 25th Ave NE Shoreline, WA 98155

Why: Help support the Shorecrest High School Technology Student Association by sending your kid to a fully supervised, interactive event that exposes them to technology classes at the high school.

How: Go to [LINK](#), pay the \$25 flat rate and enter the info for your child in order to get them registered. Registration is required prior to the event.

Need Help? E-mail:
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