



BEAVER TALES

December/January 2019

Upcoming Events

Feb 7 PTA general meeting
@6:30pm
LHE Cafeteria

Feb 12 Equity Committee
Meeting
@7:30pm LHE

Feb 18-22 No school
Mid-winter Break

Feb 28 Multicultural Night
@ 6-8pm LHE

March 12 Equity Committee
Meeting
@7:30pm LHE

March 22 End of 2nd
Trimester

March 23 School Auction
@5:30pm
Nordic Heritage Museum

March 30 & 31 LHE Tag
Presents **Mary Poppins Jr.**
@1pm & 6pm
Ballard High School

April 8-12 No School
Spring Break

April 16 Equity Committee
Meeting
@7:30pm LHE

April 26 Spring Concert/
Awards





Color the Night

MARCH 23, 2019

NORDIC MUSEUM

Pick your color and dress from head to toe.



One hue. Hundreds of Colors. Brilliant Masterpiece.

Message from our Auction Chairs

It's officially auction season! We're gearing up for our 25th Annual PTA Auction. LHE Color the Night on Saturday, March 23 at our neighborhood's brand new Nordic Museum. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and it takes a village to pull off such a big event. Thanks so much for sharing your enthusiasm and asking how to help. We've got lots of opportunities! We're excited to share what's going on.
~Katrina and Whitney

Tickets on Sale to Color the Night!

Grab your significant other for a romantic evening, or gather your friends for a fun and colorful night out. Either way, be sure to get your tickets for the party of the year, our annual Loyal Heights PTA auction -- Color the Night.

Tickets are on sale now at lhes.ejoinme.org/tickets.

Color the Night

WHAT: Silent auctions, raffles, wine toss, dinner, live auction, photographer and so much more

WHEN: Saturday, March 23, 2019. 5:30-10:30 pm

WHERE: Nordic Museum in Ballard

WHY: The auction is not just the party of the year, it's the *fundraiser* of the year. Dollars raised at this event pay for the many essentials that are simply not provided by the school district, but help make our school so special.

Buy Tickets Online

We are offering three levels of tickets this year: VIP (\$125), General (\$85) and Cocktail "Standing Room Only" (\$60). Guests are also able to purchase drink tickets in advance when buying admission tickets online. Auction tickets must be purchased in advance.

Printed invitations came home with kids on Friday. Here are some additional details about the different ticket options:

General Admission

This is the traditional auction ticket that we've always had. It includes admission for the night's

Dates to Remember

Jan 31 Procurement Deadline (forms)

Feb 5 Procurement Deadline (items)

Feb 10 Class Baskets Due

Feb 11 Kid Art Catalog Description Due

Feb 15 Ticket Sales Close

Feb 18-22 Mid-Winter Break

Feb 25 Raffle Tickets Go Home

March 1 Last Day to drop off wine bottles (and get a receipt)

March 1 Final Kid Art pieces due

March 23 Auction!





event, a bid card/number for silent and live auction, appetizers during happy hour and a plated dinner. *This includes a seat at a table of 10.*
\$85*

VIP Admission

This level of admission includes everything that the general admission ticket receives with special extras, such as a VIP entrance at the Nordic Museum, a glass of champagne at arrival, VIP access to the bar and a swag bag. *This includes a seat at a table of 10.*
\$125* (limited quantity of tickets are available)

Cocktail "Standing Room Only" Admission

This level of admission is intended to allow guests to come to the auction at a lower cost, participate in the night's festivities but does not include a seat at the dining tables or the plated dinner. Included with this admission is a bid card/number for silent and live auction, appetizers during happy hour and 1 happy hour drink ticket. We'll have a designated area with cocktail tables during the dinner and live auction portion of the evening.
\$60* (limited quantity of tickets are available)

VIP and General admission ticket purchasers will sit with their requested group (more details in email blast from the PTA about how to note your preference when you buy tickets online). For example, if you buy a VIP ticket, you're not restricted to sit with only VIP ticket holders.

**Buy your tickets early! Tickets purchased Feb. 16-23 are subject to increased pricing.*

Drink tickets can be purchased in advance when you buy your admission ticket online. They will also be sold during the event.

Group Tables

Consider organizing a table with friends or other parents in your class. Select a "table captain" and enter their last name in the GROUP NAME field when you check out. Don't want to organize a table? No problem. We'll do our best to seat you with other parents from your child's grade. List your child's teacher and/or grade in the GROUP NAME, and our Tickets and Tables Lead will do our best to seat you with other families in your child's class/grade.

To help registration go smoothly, you can pre-register your credit card number for your auction purchases.

Stay in the Know

Look for our dedicated **Auction News email** blast each week from the PTA, check out our Auction website and like us on **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/lhptaauction> for lots of important details leading up to the big event.

Check out our auction FAQ page at <https://lhes.ejoinme.org/FAQ> for more detailed info.

Contact Auction Co-Chairs Katrina Hupp and Whitney Haas with questions at auction@loyalheightspta.org

Volunteers Needed

Have a little bit of time to spare? We'd love to have you join our team. In addition to tasks leading up to the big event, there's also a small army needed to help with setup, event staffing and cleanup on the big day. Volunteering is a great way to give back and still enjoy the action! Watch for our SignUpGenius or email auctionhelp@loyalheightspta.org



LHE PTA AUCTION
MARCH 23, 2019
Nordic Museum



Seeking Donations

Thursday Jan. 31 is last day to turn in donations!

We're still gathering donations for silent and live auctions!! Think gift certificates, services, sports tickets, weekend getaway, dinner party, bottle(s) of wine, dessert or something else...It's amazing to see the auction packages come together but we can't do it without your help. Please check out our Wish List on the auction website for ideas at <https://lhes.ejoinme.org/wishlist>

Email the procurement team with ideas and questions at procurement@loyalheightspta.org.

We ask that commitments are solidified and procurement forms are **submitted by Jan 31, 2018** so our amazing Procurement Team can work its magic. Forms can be picked up at school or filled out online at <https://lhes.ejoinme.org/donate>.

Kid Art, Room Baskets & Grade Level Parties

Kid Art Coordinators are working hard to create their masterpieces, Room Parents are gathering gift baskets and families are working on grade-level parties. Thank you all for your hard work! Important dates/deadlines are listed below.

Procurement forms for (baskets and grade parties) due: Jan 31

Kid Art catalog descriptions due: Feb 11

Kid Art pieces due: March 1

Sponsorship Packages Available

Contact Sponsorship Lead at

auctionsponsorship@loyalheightspta.org

Business sponsorship is a great, tax-deductible way to advertise your business to the 1,000+ Loyal Heights Elementary School parents, teachers and students who live in and around Ballard.

A variety of sponsorship levels are available, all with excellent exposure for your organization.

Donation Highlights

Rad Power Bikes RadWagon Electric Cargo Bike

This exciting donation comes from one of Ballard's own, Rad Power Bikes, with the help of LHE mom Traci Schlosser. The RadWagon Electric Cargo Bike (in white) is valued at \$1,799! This bike is just like a standard sized bike yet can handle big cargo loads. It's stylish, safe and comfortable. Get ready to raise your bid card high and leave your car in the garage!



Private and Rare Whisky Tasting

This popular item is back for another year! Enjoy this private whisky tasting for 10-12 of your closest friends in your home. Whisky nerd and Maker's Mark Ambassador (and LHE dad) Dave Kearns will cater a whisky tasting to your brown-spirited interests (valued at \$1,700). Whisky and heavy appetizers will be provided.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Take that extra minute to walk into your favorite store or restaurant and ask if they'd be willing to donate a gift certificate. Email your room parent to see if you can help put together the class gift basket. Gather your friends to host a dinner party or activity. Ask your company if they'd be willing to donate, or even sponsor a portion of our auction. More often than not community businesses are happy to help out their local schools, but often don't know how or aren't asked.



Wine Toss

The Wine Grab was a huge hit at last year's auction, so we're doing it again this year (but in the form of a Wine Toss)! Here's how it works: Parents donate bottles of wine that are valued at \$20 or higher. Then at the auction, you can buy a ticket to "toss" a ring and get a bottle of wine. The bottle you get will be worth at least \$20 or much, much more! You can't lose--and you might win BIG!

We'd love your help building our wine selection by contributing a bottle of something you fancy. We're hoping to see all bottles valued at \$20 or higher. So pick up a bottle during your next grocery visit (or grab a friend and split the cost). We'd like to offer an array of price points and varietals, so we recommend using the strategy listed below. This is just a suggestion, but if enough people follow this guideline we should have a nice variety.

- Kinder: White (any)
- Grade 1: Cabernet
- Grade 2: Merlot
- Grade 3: Pinot Noir
- Grade 4: Anything from France
- Grade 5: Anything from Italy



Yellow wine tags went home in Kid Mail last week. Be sure to attach the tag (if you can't find yours, just tape a piece of paper to your bottle) and provide the following information:

- Donor name (can be anonymous)
- Wine value
- Your email address (if you'd like a tax deductible receipt)

You can drop off your wine at one of the following locations anytime in January (we cannot store wine at school):

- Katrina Hupp - 8029 26th Ave NW
- Whitney Haas Otto - 8342 21st Ave NW
- Jayne Noland - 7516 30th Ave

Dessert Dash



Donating a dessert for the Dessert Dash is an easy way to contribute to the auction...and to help make it a delicious success! Cakes, cookies, pies, truffles or other treats are all accepted (non-

refrigerated items are preferred). Not attending the auction? You can still donate something yummy!

Look for more information from our sweet Dessert Dash Leads Wendy Gaylord and Molly Sousley coming soon! Email them at dessertdash@loyalheightspta.org if you are interested in contributing.



Thank you 2019 Sponsors!



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Staff Spotlight

My name is **Zina Hottovy**. I have had a fabulous and exciting year so far and I adore my kindergarten class. I was married in October of this year in a sweet, small ceremony in the Fremont neighborhood. In our



Mrs. Hottovy hanging out with her dog Millie



spare time, my husband John and I take our dog Millie to dog parks and spend time with our families. My hobbies include drawing, ceramics, and Pilates. I grew up in Seattle and attended Wedgewood, Eckstein, Nathan Hale, and UW.

Before becoming a kindergarten teacher at Loyal Heights I worked as a teacher at Nurturing Knowledge and completed my student teaching at Loyal Heights. I feel incredibly lucky that this is my third year at Loyal Heights but my first year teaching kindergarten!

Traveling Suitcases

Safeway and Loyal Heights Traveling Suitcases continues! **Next up: learn about Asian Culture.** Traveling Suitcases is all about our families sharing pieces of their heritage and customs. How does your family celebrate your Asian culture here in Seattle? This month, we will celebrate the cultures from Asia including **China, Japan, and Korea.** We would love families that have a connection to these countries to share their family stories with us. We will work with you on the best way to share your stories! Whether this is student or parent led is up to you! And you can share as little or as much as you'd like. Interested?

volunteer@loyalheightspta.org





Staff Spotlight



Mrs. Morrell and her family
3rd grade teacher

I'm really enjoying being at Loyal Heights this year where I get to work with such great kids, staff and parents! I came to Loyal Heights last year as a guest teacher and knew it's where I wanted to be. I live nearby in West Crown Hill with my husband, Jim and two kids, Sophie (11), and Thomas (8). When I'm not teaching, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, family, and our new puppy, Penny. We recently became a ski family so we're hoping for lots of time in the mountains over the winter. I'm also a big football fan. Go Hawks!



Message from the Library

Colette Blangey, our Teacher-Librarian is looking for donations of either empty tissue boxes or those cardboard building blocks that families may no longer need.

"My new library shelves - while awesome, are so deep that the smaller books are slipping behind each other."

Her plan is to put those cardboard blocks or empty tissue boxes behind them to fix the issue. Thank you to

those who have already dropped off some tissue boxes! Reduce, reuse, recycle!



Friday, April 26th

Please put Friday, April 26th on your calendars for our joint Spring Concert and PTA celebration.

For those new to the school, this is an evening event not to be missed. All the grade levels will share songs and music we've worked on this year. Also the PTA will recognize the volunteers and other people who have contributed to the Loyal Heights community to make it the outstanding school it is. It is a fun end-of-year event that brings everyone together for the evening and will be held at school at 7:00pm.



Student Council Newsletter


What is Student Council?


Student Council is a group of 4th grade and 5th grade students who help the staff run many school events and fundraisers.


They also are school leaders who implement student body ideas that can possibly make the school a better and safer place. Additionally, they help with stuff like: The Spelling Bee, talent show, donation drives and dress-up days.


Lastly, don't forget that if your child ever has any ideas to make the school a better place, there are "**Student Idea Boxes**" located in the hallways and in the cafeteria. Fill out the slip and Student Council will vote on your idea!


Who is on Student Council?

 **Bella Paron** is our new and awesome president this year.

 **Clay Stuart** is our amazing vice president for this year.

 **Miles McGarrity, Sofia Levy** and **Orly Fletcher** are our spectacular treasurers.

 **Chace Pearson, Beatrix Holt, Ruth Stevens, Ana Juneau,** and **Marquez Burzenski** are our fantastic Public Relations Directors.

 **Henry Thomas, Zoe Young** and **Nate Sousley** are our brand-new, and hard-working Secretaries

There are also different committees that each member will be working on throughout the year. Here they are:

First, there's the Talent Show Committee with Bella, Henry and Marquez. They plan the entire talent show. Mark your calendars because the dates are out! The two rehearsal dates are April 19th and 24th and the actual show is May 3rd.

Ana and Beatrix are in the Spelling Bee Committee, and they plan the entire

Spelling Bee. The 5th annual Spelling Bee is going to be **Friday March 15th**.

Chace and Nate are in the Dress Up Day Committee, and they plan all the dress-up days.

Ruth and Zoe are in the Newspaper Committee, and we write the newspapers, like this one!

Miles and Clay are in the food, book and goods drive committee, and they plan all the school fundraiser and donation drives.

Lastly, we have the Student Ideas Committee with Orly and Sofia. They are in charge of the student idea box where they will value and look into everyone's ideas!

Thanks for reading!

By: Ruth and Zoe



RAVES to all who help make this year's Giving Hands a huge success. To all the volunteers and to all the people who participated in buying gifts and gift cards. You brought joy to a lot of families.

RAVES to Jan, Tristan, Natalie, Sarah and everyone who volunteered for the New Family Tour.

RAVES to the room parents of Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Fourquet's classrooms. The coffee cart was a huge hit along with all the breakfast treats.



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The TAG cast, RATS and volunteers are hard at work rehearsing for Mary Poppins Jr. Be sure to save **March 30th and 31st** on your calendars so you won't miss this phenomenal show at Ballard High School's Performing Arts Center.

Do you enjoy dancing? We need adult volunteers to teach the MP choreography at Wednesday rehearsals. The choreography has been done, we just need adults to learn it and teach the kids. Click here (lhetag@comcast.net) if you are interested.

Artists are needed! We need adults to do faux painting on some of our sets. Click here (lhetag@comcast.net) if you are interested. Please note, you do not need to have a child in TAG to volunteer for any of our positions.

TAG sends a special shout out of gratitude to our talented Costume department. **Carrie Rees Johnson** has designed, ordered sourced and completed many of our costumes for this year's production. To date she has completed 94 with 61 to go. This year, she has two sewing aides, who helped sew Chimney Sweep pants and linings. Thanks to **Alisa Yamamoto** and **Christina Scheuer** for their help!

Ever wondered where TAG gets their cool graphics for posters, t-shirts, the website and tickets? For the last two years, Matthew Goodmanson has been our Graphic Designer extraordinaire. Keep your eye out for some cool graphics coming from him soon! Thank you Carrie and Matthew, for your excitement and dedication.

Thank you also to our **rehearsal volunteers**. These volunteers are invaluable and our rehearsal team couldn't have practices without them. We need at least one volunteer at all rehearsals. If you would like to volunteer at rehearsal, please click here (<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30e0e4fa4a62aa3fb6-mary1>)

TAG extends heaps of gratitude to our December and January volunteers. Thank you to **Dani Forbess, Vanessa Egerdahl, Kate Donnelly, Paul O'Connell, Madalyn G, Sheila Howe, Allie Lupton and Brad Howe, Bret Ashlee Watson, Sadie Agurkis, Elizabeth Woods, Kelly German, Rachel Nichols, Laura Coyle, Tyler Donnelly, Vanessa Egerdahl, Suna Jun, Gretchen O'Connell, Alexis Cruikshank, Jen Haldimann, Zanna Satterwhite, Karen Stockton, Dani Forbess, Mada G. Ben M., Paul O'Connell and Bindiya Patel** Thank you!