



LOYAL HEIGHTS

ELEMENTARY

Weekly Update - March 16, 2023

Upcoming Events

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Supporting Gender-Diverse Youth Workshop

March 19-26
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Class Picture Day

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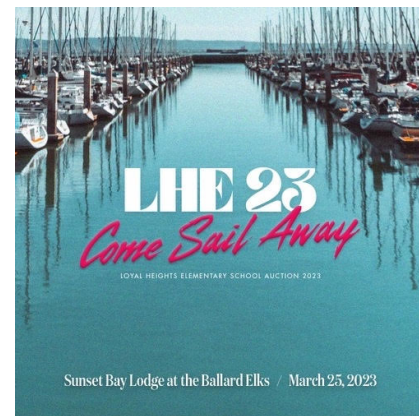
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Important Links
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"Come Sail Away" 2023 PTA Auction

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Online Auction (March 19th-26th)! With close to 200 items, the bidding will begin on March 19th and last for one week. Everyone in our community, school families, friends, grandparents, etc. are welcome to participate to support Loyal Heights Elementary.



Kids' Raffle Winner!

We had an awesome second week with over 1,200 tickets sold! **Our Top Student Seller for Week 2 is.... Walter T. in Mrs. Fourquet's Kindergarten class who sold an incredible 250 tickets!** Congrats to Walter for winning the \$25 card to Sweet Mickey's!

The Top Seller for Week 3 will win a \$25 gift card to Mox Boarding House. And currently the Top Three Classrooms in the running for the Pizza Party are Vaagsland (4th), Fourquet (K) and Kreiter (5th). Be sure to turn in your sold tickets each Friday and write your child's name and teacher on the envelope to qualify for prizes. Pick up extra tickets in the office and email [Lillian](#) and [Melissa](#) with any questions.

Looking for a babysitter for Auction Night?

Illumination Learning Studio is offering Loyal Heights Families an awesome opportunity for the night of March 25th! This is open to families attending the auction or not!



Click [HERE](#) for all the details and to sign up!

FREE Workshop: Supporting Gender-Diverse Youth - TONIGHT!

Join us for an interactive workshop, where we will build our literacy and speak affirmingly about gender-diverse identities. We will learn skills and strategies to effectively support the young people in our lives. Together, we'll walk through scenarios, review students' rights in our schools, and learn why family support is the number-one predictor of LGBTQ youth health outcomes.

Whether you are the parent of a gender-expansive kid or just want to know how to improve your allyship to these communities, we look forward to learning with you. Co-hosted by the LHE PTA Equity group **on Thursday March 16**, from 6pm-8pm, in the Adams Elementary Gym. Childcare and snacks provided.

Read more about the Workshop [HERE](#).

A Few Spots Remain for Art Wizards @ Loyal Heights!

Art Wizards is to drawing what phonics is to reading. We'll demystify the process of creating art, and show our students how easy AND how much fun it can be. We'll show them the best ways to use chalk and oil pastels, when colored pencils might be a better choice, and where to put their attention so that the picture they have in their mind is what they see on their paper.

Registration is open for Artwizards drawing class for grades K-5. There are a few more seats available. Class starts Friday March 24 at 2:30-3:30. More information and Registration [HERE](#).

Inviting ALL Students to Join the Happy Beavers Poster Project

We need students' help in creating inspiring posters to display throughout the school. The posters will look something like the image shown.



Entry forms are now available through homeroom teachers, in the front office, or [HERE](#).

Students will submit their favorite, inspiring quotes and choose whether they want their photo on the poster if they win. All Loyal Heights students may enter. The Contest runs from Monday, March 13 through Monday March 20. Find more details on the entry form. Thanks for helping make our school an even happier place!

Committee Spotlight: TAG (Theater Arts Group)

Constanza Malfanti has spearheaded TAG this year with the help of **Cait Freeman, Vanessa Tarantino** and **Polina Yurova** (not pictured). It takes a lot to run this program from background checks, building permits, negotiating agreements with theatre providers, creating a website to advertisement and that's to just get the program running! These amazing volunteers also manage enrollment, waitlists, ensure safe space for students, maintain constant communication with families, gathering students after school and dismiss them to their parents for over 80 kids this session! Thank you for all of your hard work to make TAG such a wonderful program!



Also, thank you to **Alexis Holzer, Allison Lupton, Mekhala Fentin, Kerri Keil, Stuart Johnson, Rula Saleh** and **Katie Huss** who have been constantly supporting the program and have jumped in whenever extra hands are needed. It takes a village and that is what LHE is!

For Spring Workshops, visit www.lhetag.org.

Class Picture Day - Help Needed on March 21!

We need several volunteers throughout the day to help usher students around for class picture day. There are 1.5 hour shifts throughout the day.

Please sign up for a slot [HERE](#).

Spanish Enrichment Class Volunteers Needed

Spanish Enrichment is happening again on Mondays from 2:30-4:30pm and we are in need of a volunteer to check students in/out. The parent volunteer is guaranteed a place in the class for their student. Classes begin after Spring Break on **Monday, April 17**.

Please [contact Jill](#) to volunteer.

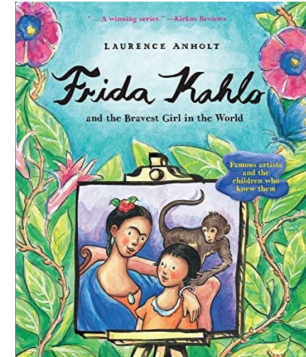
PNW Parent Education Event

We are partnering with [PNW Parent Education](#) for a FREE online presentation titled **“Consent at Every Age: Why and How We Need to Talk to Our Young People About Consent”** with Jo Langford, M.A. on **Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm**. For more information or if you are interested in attending, please visit [HERE](#). If you can't make the date/time work, register anyway as all registrants will receive an email with the recording following the event.

Frida Kahlo Performance April 4

TAG and Seattle Opera are joining

together to bring the performance "Frida Kahlo, and the bravest girl in the world" to LHE students. This opera is based on the Laurence Anholt book and will be a wonderful multicultural experience for our kids. We are very excited for this opportunity.



The performance will be on April 4th during school. Ms. Chutich will have special lessons about opera and Spanish for the students as well.

For more information about this opera, visit [HERE](#).

Teens or Parents Needed for Childcare at Autism/ADHD Info Night

Do you have a teen who is looking to complete their community service hours for school, or just loves hanging out with kids? We are looking for 4-5 teens to volunteer their time during the ADHD/Autism Info night, **Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**.

Teens will keep an eye on kiddos in room 208 during the presentation, and the PTA will provide coloring sheets and other activities. Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#), or email us with questions [HERE](#).

Inviting ALL families to LHE's First Autism/ADHD Info Night!

In observance of Autism Acceptance Month, LHE PTA and UW Autism Center invite ALL families to an interactive discussion about Autism and ADHD.

- Gain understanding and appreciation for neurodiversity.
- Learn and teach your children how to better communicate, play, and resolve conflict with their neuro-diverse peers.
- Help us create an inclusive environment at home and school, and let's narrow this invisible neuro-cultural divide.

When: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: LHE Lunchroom

Snacks and drinks will be available. Childcare provided for ages 3+.

Find more information [HERE](#). RSVP [HERE](#) by March 28th.

Field Day Save The Date - June 27th



We're excited for another Field Day this year, on June 27th. It's a super fun day that all the kids look forward to! If you would like to help with planning and organizing, please [contact Erin](#).



Ballard Performing Arts Playmakers - The Secret Garden

Ballard High School Playmakers present The Secret Garden. This dramatic adaptation of the classic children's story features a beautiful score by Grammy award-winning composer Lucy Simon. The talented BHS cast and chorus will be bringing this story to life, accompanied by a live orchestra made up of BHS instrumentalists.



Opening night is March 16th! Order tickets for shows March 16, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 26 at [HERE](#). For more details click [HERE](#).

Support the Southeast Seattle School Fundraising Alliance (SESSFA) this month by eating Pizza!

Tutta Bella is again supporting SESSFA's annual Move-A-Thon! Every Sun-Thurs, now through March 23, Tutta Bella will donate 20% of the cost of your meal to the SESSFA! Order at ANY Tutta Bella restaurant via dine-in, delivery, takeout or curbside from tuttabella.com. Use/Enter code **EasyAsPieSESSFA**.

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LHE Family Sounders Game - SOLD OUT!!

Thanks to all the excited families who purchased tickets to the Sounders game. We are officially sold out!



Join the Loyal Heights PTA & Receive Member Benefits!

Did you know when you join the PTO

you also receive [member discount benefits](#)?

When you join the PTA, you provide a voice for your child, support our school community AND get discounts to different businesses! Your membership pays for itself with airport parking to FedEx printing.



[JOIN TODAY!](#)

Please [contact the membership chair](#) with any questions.



Volunteer at Loyal Heights!

Our school is always looking for volunteers to help with programs, events, and classroom activities running. When volunteers commit to serving at a school,

students achieve higher grades, have access to more opportunities, and gain community connections to help them thrive.

IMPORTANT: All returning AND new volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year are required to have an approved Volunteer Application on file.

Returning volunteers: If you plan to volunteer in any capacity during the 2022-2023 school year, please make sure that your Volunteer Application is approved and up to date before you start volunteering.

New volunteers: All volunteers must complete a Volunteer Application Form online which includes completing an online training video (Adult Sexual Misconduct Prevention Safety), and background check. Instructions for updating and completing [Volunteer Applications can be found here.](#)

Please Note: Mr. Steve receives Volunteer Status Updates from the district once a week on Wednesdays. Please make sure that your applications are completed/updated at least 2 weeks before you plan on volunteering. Updates and applications created after Tuesday evenings will not be reviewed until the following Wednesday.

[Contact Steve Beaulieu](#) in the office for more information or to confirm your Essential Volunteer status.

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About LHPTA News

The Loyal Heights Parent-Teacher Association (LHPTA) provides information on our organization's activities as well as school-related news on a regular basis via email. Please contact [Kari Saurage](#), LHPTA Communications Director, with any questions.

About Loyal Heights Parent-Teacher Association

The Loyal Heights PTA is proud of our ongoing commitment to our learning community and our support of Loyal Heights Elementary. We are vital to Loyal Heights' strong tradition of family involvement. As PTA members, we are part of an active local, state and national organization: the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. For more information, see loyalheightspta.org and www.wastatepta.org

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