



# LOYAL HEIGHTS

## ELEMENTARY

### Weekly Update - December 15, 2022

#### Upcoming Events

Now through Dec 31  
LHE Blood Drive

Now through Dec 16  
Winter Blanket Drive

Dec 14-16  
Winter Dress Up Week

#### Important Links

[LH PTA Website](#)

[LH Website](#)

[LH PTA Facebook](#)

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[SPS Website](#)

#### 2022 Holiday Blanket Drive Ends Friday!!

**When:** December 7th - 16th

**What:** New Blankets Only

**Why:** All the donations will be going to those in need during this holiday season, at Mary's Place.



**How to Donate:** There will be 3-4 bins to put all donated blankets in. They will be next to the entrance, side entrance, and cafeteria. Thank you for your donations!

#### 2022 Winter Dress-Up Week

The hallways and classrooms have been extra festive this week! Don't forget, Friday is holiday pajama day!



**Friday December 16th:** Holiday Pajama Day.

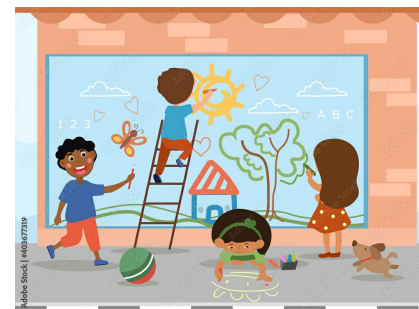
#### Giving Success!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Giving Hands this season! We were able to grant many families' wishes due to your support.



#### Art Room Volunteers Needed!

The Art room needs four volunteers or about four hours a week of help. No experience in art is necessary. You will be cutting paper, prepping projects, loading the kiln, and cleaning



supplies. Volunteers are welcome anytime during the day and days and times can be flexible based on your schedule and needs.

Thank you for your support. Please [email Ms. Cissell](#) with questions and/or interest.

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## Trading Post Coordinator Needed



Help us bring back the Loyal Heights Trading Post, a volunteer-run "book swap" where students can both trade books and take books for free. As coordinator, you'll set-up and run the Trading Post during lunchtime (you choose the day!) with a few other adult volunteers to help the kids make their choices. We already have a large inventory of books to get you started!

Interested in learning more? [Contact us.](#)

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## Extreme Beaver Reader Challenge Is On!

It's time to take the Extreme Beaver Reader Challenge! Show us how extreme you can be while reading over the break.



Here's what to do:

1. Have a family member take a photo of you reading a book while doing something "EXTREME" between 12/13 and 1/6! Some great examples from the past: hoverboarding, swimming, canoeing, sledding/skiing, jumping, driving...you get the idea.
2. Upload ONE and only one photo to our padlet: <https://padlet.com/coletteblangy/yene3rldttubuqqf> (Students have the link as a QR code on this week's bookmark.)

At the end of the challenge receive a BOOKWORM for submitting your photo by January 6th.

The padlet closes at the end of the day January 6th. I'll make a poster of the padlet to hang in the library. Show us how extreme you can carefully get and have fun while reading!

## Also from the Library:

Please take care of those library books! I've already had 6 books returned in unusable condition this year and it's only December! Most have been damaged from water damage, pets, or food!

Start the new year with a clean slate. Please return all library books by January 3rd. I'll be converting all overdue (by more than 30 days) books to LOST in the new year. This will assign fines to students with books out. Once a fine is assigned there are three options:

1. The book can be returned.
2. The fine can be paid on School Pay.
3. The book can be replaced with a new hard copy version of the book.

Thank you!  
Mrs. Blangy

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## Participate in the Loyal Heights Elementary PTA Blood Drive During December!



Loyal Heights Elementary PTA is leading by example by sponsoring a Virtual Blood Drive campaign from December 4th through December 31st. We are challenging you to be a Life-Saving Hero and donate blood this holiday season at any Bloodworks NW Donor Center or pop-up location. Every pint of blood donated is an immeasurable contribution to the community.

### Here is how you can take part:

**Step 1:** [Schedule an appointment](#) to donate whole blood or apheresis platelets/double reds/plasma with Bloodworks. (Same-day appointments are often available by calling 800-398-7888 for last-minute availability.)

**Step 2:** On the day of your donation, mention Loyal Heights Elementary or the donor code "LHE" when you are getting checked in so we can keep track of our impact.

For additional registration information, please [click here](#).

This effort holds very special meaning to our very own, Ms. Gayan. In her words:

*Thank you to Gretchen Maletich and the LHE PTA for organizing the Loyal Heights Elementary December Blood Drive. Every two seconds, someone in the US requires a blood transfusion due to emergencies, heart surgery, organ transplant or cancer treatment. This became deeply personal to my family in the past few months as we've dealt with my husband, Ben's, unfortunate diagnosis of lymphoma. Ben has received numerous transfusions throughout his treatment, and we can attest to the life-saving impact that your blood donation can have. Thank you so much for your support!*

*With gratitude and love,*

*Jackie, Ben, Bryce, and Keira Gayan-McKinley*

Loyal Heights community, there is an emergency need for blood donations & we have a chance to make a real difference! If you have any questions at all please [contact Gretchen Maletich](#).

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## Join the Loyal Heights PTA!

It's not too late to join! Through events and fundraising, we are able to help with instructional support of teachers, facility improvements, enrichment programs (such as Science Fair,



Student Council, the Arts, Equity Round Table, etc!) and so much more! **Membership is only \$15, and comes with zero obligations.**



Our success depends on our members. If you registered in prior years, you will still need to renew your membership for this school year. Please help us reach this goal while supporting the work and programs the PTA provides all year.

### [JOIN HERE](#)

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](http://loyalheightspta.org) and [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org)

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