



# LOYAL HEIGHTS

## ELEMENTARY

### Weekly Update - December 8, 2022

#### Upcoming Events

**Dec 8-9**  
Ballard High Winter  
Concert Series

**Now through Dec 31**  
LHE Blood Drive

**Now through Dec 16**  
Winter Blanket Drive

**Dec 13**  
Ballard High Vocal  
Choir Visit

**Dec 14-16**  
Winter Dress Up Week

**Important Links**  
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#### Happening Now! Ballard High School's Winter Concert Series



We are delighted to announce the return of Ballard High School's Winter Concert series, December 7-9th. While the Choir performance has passed, come check out Band on December 8th and Orchestra on December 9th. Each performance features a full combined Choral and Orchestral presentation of selections from Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

All evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Earl Kelly Center for Performing Arts at Ballard High School, 1418 NW 65th St., Seattle. Admission is free, but you can reserve seats in these crowded concerts for a donation of \$25 at [www.showtix4U.com](http://www.showtix4U.com).

You can find more details [here](#).

#### 2022 Holiday Blanket Drive

**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!

#### Ballard High Vocal Choir Visit

We are excited to share the Ballard High School Vocal



Jazz Choir is coming to visit our school on December 13! Come get into the holiday spirit and experience what the BHS choir program has to offer by visiting the playground to enjoy caroling from 7:30 - 8:00 am.

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## 2022 Winter Dress-Up Week



Break out your favorite winter holiday wardrobe and participate in Dress-Up Week as we gear up for winter break!

**Wednesday, December 14th:** Holiday Ugly Sweater Day.  
**Thursday, December 15th:** Winter hat, scarf and glove day.  
**Friday December 16th:** Holiday Pajama Day.

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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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## Support Health Equity: Culturally Inclusive First Aid Kits/Training

Rainier Beach High School graduate, Ifrah Abshir, and her organization, Blkpatch, are working to raise money to provide one culturally inclusive first aid kit with a 40-minute training to each Rainier Beach High School student before winter break. Winter break is a time when many students won't have access to health care and emergency services through schools.



As background, Ifrah was instrumental in the Orca card campaign to get free Orca cards to SPS students. The Orca card campaign started at Rainier Beach and was expanded across the district. Similarly, Blkpatch is starting with this distribution pilot at Rainier Beach High School to prove the concept to the City of Seattle, with the goal of expanding it across the district.

Click [here](#) for more information. To donate, **send funds via PayPal to [blkpatchco@gmail.com](mailto:blkpatchco@gmail.com)**.

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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.

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## 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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