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*It is the mission of Wellington Elementary PTA to promote the welfare of children, provide staff support, foster teacher, parent & community cooperation, and enrich student learning.*

# VOTE

on

## February 11<sup>th</sup>

The Northshore School District Board of Directors has approved resolutions that will put three measures on the ballot for the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, election:

Proposition 1: Renewal Education Operations  
Support Levy

Proposition 2: Capital Projects Bond

Proposition 3: Renewal School Technology Levy

On Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, your Wellington PTA General Membership voted to support both the levies and the bond!

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# The Wellington Way

## A New Movement

The Wellington Way is a **set of core values** we deem important for our students to aspire to!

It's a level of excellence, a standard we hold each other accountable to. Some of our core values are kindness, empathy, generosity, courage, friendship, good stewardship, and respect.

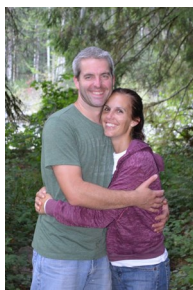
A child who befriends someone who may not have someone to play with, a child who sits with someone on the bus who may typically sit by themselves, a student who holds the door for a teacher with their arms full, a student who picks up a jacket off the playground and puts it in the lost and found, a child who offers kind words to another who is hurt... It's the Wellington Way.

Webster is leading the way! He's got a new pair of spy goggles and is looking out for small acts of kindness and courage. He found one last Friday in Mrs. Haaland's room!



## Board of Directors Spotlight

Have you met Scott Philp? You're going to want to. Scott is the dad of Jessy, a third grader and twin Kindergarteners, Jake and Samantha. Scott sits on this year's board as Bernie Deuster's partner on Dads N Dirt. Scott is a dedicated dad, artist, mechanic, beer brewer, farmer, loving husband of Janet, creative builder (barns and playhouses), and professional chicken breeder. Scott is committed to helping keep Wellington's grounds beautiful and safe. You can meet him at the next Dads N Dirt event coming up soon!



# Fundraising/Volunteering

## New Playground Equipment?



With your help, we could add to/improve our kids' school playground.

As part of a national campaign to eliminate childhood obesity, the Healthy Playground Makeover Sweepstakes is awarding two schools with a **\$30,000 grant** in new playground equipment and prizes.

There's no cost to enter; simply fill out the form with Wellington Elementary's name and address (16501 NE 195<sup>th</sup> Street, Woodinville, WA 98072). Be sure to submit entries once daily from any unique email address. The more entries we submit, the greater our odds are to win. Simply visit <http://www.togethercounts.com/at-school/win-for-your-school/sweepstakes> and help increase our odds to win.

The first time you enter, you will have to manually enter in Wellington Elementary's name and address. After you enter the info in once, the next time all you need to do is enter in your email and your vote is instantly submitted on behalf of Wellington. Don't delay, cast your vote today!

## Help us Bring "Checkpoint Charlie" to Life

Would you consider joining our safety team?

We are looking for parents to help monitor the parking area/pedestrian path on the backside of the school outside of the barricade. At the start and end of the day, volunteers would carry a radio that communicated back to the school with possible issues or requests for help. We want to make the journey to and from school safer for our students.

Contact Charlie MacLeod at [charlie7diver7@comcast.net](mailto:charlie7diver7@comcast.net) for more information.



# Helping Hands Service Club

## Busy Helpers For Cupid



### Getting ready to share the love

**O**n Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, we had 160 helpers show up to our Valentine's workshop service

project. Participants spent their lunch recess making 150 napkin rings with heart beads, 150 Valentine's placemats, 80 decorated key chains, 135 beautiful Valentine's Day cards, and dozens of creative tissue paper flowers. All items will be delivered to senior citizens in our community at Foundation House Bothell. Students also stopped by a station and signed their names to a giant "We Miss You!" heart card for Ms. Testu-Rumsey, our Wellington Office Manager, who has been away from school, recovering from surgery. We wish her a speedy and full recovery!

### Field Trip Directions

Foundation House Bothell  
17502 102nd Ave NE Bothell, WA 98011

Directions: At the intersection of Main and 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE in Bothell, head south, go over the bridge and up the hill. Foundation House is on the left.

### Helpers Wanted

It's not too late to join Helping Hands! Participation in the Helping Hands Service Club is open to all students and there is no cost to students to participate in this PTA sponsored program. Participation forms are located outside the Wellington office or on the PTA website. These are used for membership records and to communicate club happenings. Wellington families are able to help with needed supplies by donating items from our wish list. We collect gently used clothing for school-aged children throughout the year to give to the Threads and Treads clothing bank that benefits needy youth in the Northshore

School District. Donations can be left at any time in the Helping Hands collection bin outside the school office. Parent volunteers are also needed to help our projects run smoothly. Let Caroline Ahlstrom know if you can lend a hand on our project days from 12:00 to 1:15pm. Service Matters!

### Upcoming Projects

- February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Valentine's Field Trip to Foundation House  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Service for Moms & Babies at Special Delivery

### Donation request

Small & Medium Stuffed Animals

Small Toys & Trinkets—party favors, kids meal toys, small stuffed animals

Gently Used Clothing for school-aged children

### Contacts

For general questions, contact Meggin Mann at [megginm@me.com](mailto:megginm@me.com) or 425-485-5606.

To volunteer, contact Caroline Ahlstrom at [ahlstromca@comcast.net](mailto:ahlstromca@comcast.net) or 425-424-0780.

Threads & Treads coordinator is Grace Johnson, reachable at [gracejo1@msn.com](mailto:gracejo1@msn.com) or 425-445-0337.





## PTA Programs

### Reflections Program



Congratulations to all our Wellington students for participating in the 2013/14 Reflections Program: Believe, Dream, Inspire!

Student artwork entries were judged at the local school level earlier in the year by a panel of professional artists and librarians, resulting in a dozen winners from Wellington that advanced to the district level competition for the chance to compete at the state level.



On Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Council judges announced that **three from our school have advanced to the WA State PTA level of competition** and may be eligible to compete at the national level as well. Final winners will be announced later this spring; in the meantime we present a big round of thanks and kudos to all our Wellington talent—we are proud of you!

Thank you to all our Wellington participants:

Andrew Brooke	Ria Larsen
Emma Flaherty	Hailey Mays
Brielle Harrison	Sidney Mays

Congratulations to all our Wellington District Finalists:

1<sup>st</sup> place Wellington—Charlotte Carey, Musical Composition  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place Wellington—Natascha Crowley, Dance  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place Wellington—Daniel Blatner, Visual Arts

Gabriel Blatner	Varshini Hari
Grace Carey	TennyLarsen
Keegan Chapko	Emmalyn Mann
Cody Church	Alexa Monahan
Vanesha Hari	Landon StremLOW

Bravo to our Wellington District Winners that Advanced to the State Level:

Charlotte Carey, Musical Competition  
 Emma Mann, Photography  
 Vanesha Hari, Visual Arts

Special thanks to our generous judges who took a lot of time to carefully judge each piece, **Shirley Rudolf**, **Ellen Williams**, and **Patricia Morin**. These ladies are very talented accomplished artists. Visit their web sites for more information about them: [www.ellenwilliamsphotography.weebly.com](http://www.ellenwilliamsphotography.weebly.com) and <http://www.shirleyrudolf.com/>. Patricia Morin, a retired librarian, judged the literature.

## PTA Advocacy

### Why is February 11<sup>th</sup> Important?

There will be **3 Northshore School District propositions** on the February 11<sup>th</sup> ballot and each one is matters to our children and their education!

- **Renewal Education Operations Support Levy**—23% of the district's budget for daily operations and educational programs is provided by this levy. This levy will renew the expiring levy we passed in 2010 and passage of this levy will NOT add additional tax dollars.
- **Capital Projects Bond**—This Bond will complete the final phase of the Woodinville High School remodel, build a new 9-12 grade high school to help address significant enrollment growth, improve student safety and security, and allow for long-range facilities plan to modernize & replace aging schools heating and ventilation systems, roofs, flooring, and boilers.
- **Renewal Technology Levy**—This levy will continue NSD efforts to stay relevant and keep up with changing technology, to expand student computing devices, and to further integrate technology in classrooms. This levy will renew the expiring levy we passed in 2010.

### What is Focus Day?

On **February 4<sup>th</sup>**, parent and teacher advocates from around the state will gather in Olympia to rally, lobby and discuss issues that affect kids. Please, consider grabbing a couple of your friends and joining in this event because together our voices have a greater impact. We are arranging carpools or possibly even a charter bus for PTA members in our district. Please, email Stacy Meyer at [smeyer.pta@gmail.com](mailto:smeyer.pta@gmail.com), if you want to be included.

### Mark your Calendars

Feb. 3	Sketchbook Journaling
Feb. 4	Science Club
Feb. 6	11:55 Dismissal (No Science Club or Pottery)
Feb. 7	11:55 Dismissal (No Creative Drawing)
Feb. 7	Helping Hands Field Trip to Foundation House, Bothell
Feb. 10	Sketchbook Journaling
Feb. 11	VOTE on Bond and Levies!
Feb. 11	Science Club
Feb. 13	Science Club and Pottery Club
Feb. 14	Creative Drawing
Feb. 17-21	Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 24	Sketchbook Journaling
Feb. 25	Science Club
Feb. 27	Science Club and Pottery Club
Feb. 28	Last Creative Drawing Class
March 3	Sketchbook Journaling, Knitting Begins
March 7	Science Fair
March 10	Sketchbook Journaling
March 10-14	Food Drive
March 11	PTA General Membership Meeting

