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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.*

## Dear Wellington Families,

Wow, we've had a busy first two months of school! We've held a **Back-to-School Social**; had our **photos taken & retaken**; **eaten popcorn on two Thursdays**; cleaned up the campus with **Dads N Dirt**; focused on safety at our **first Helping Hands service club meeting** (with 232 students and 27 adult volunteers present); held our annual **Walk-a-Thon fundraiser**; offered **Creative Arts, Robotics & Pottery classes**; and hosted **Sowah Mensah** as a Drumming Artist in Residence. Add to that curriculum nights, teacher conferences, and a couple of field trips and that's officially a busy back to school season!

If you ask me, it's time to relax, have a little fun and strengthen our community of adults... what better way than to attend our **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Eat, Drink & Bid Merry on November 15<sup>th</sup>**! See the article on Page 4 for more information about this fun night out and to learn how to get your tickets today.

Thanks to all of you who joined us for our **first General Membership meeting** on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We filled some open positions, approved our budget for the year, and talked about existing PTA programs and services. Michelle Morris spoke about the Northshore Schools Foundation; Ms. Kniep told us how the Student Council is expanding the Wellington Way program; and Mrs. Repp updated us on the eReader program. For more details see our meeting minutes at [www.wellingtonpta.org](http://www.wellingtonpta.org).

We'd like to extend a big Wellington thank you to all our **PTA and Event Sponsors**. Please, help us show our gratitude by supporting these local businesses. See Page 5 for a complete listing of our sponsors.

November is going to be another busy month! Make sure to mark your calendars with the events listed on Page 5. I hope to see all of you on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Eat, Drink & Bid Merry!

Cheers,

**Jane Flaherty**, PTA President



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## Recent Events

# Students Raise \$16,557 for this year's Walk-a-Thon



The sun was shining, we had firefighters, Mr.

Bagnall had pink hair, the students were walking and oh boy did we have fun!

This year Wellington students raised \$14,532 in Walk-a-Thon donations with \$2,025 in matching pledges

for a total of \$16,557. Company matches are a great way to double the impact of your donation. It's not too late to check with your company to see if they will match your donation!

As one of two major PTA fundraiser, these funds will afford the continuation of many important school programs and services such as science club, Helping Hands community service club, Missoula Children's Theatre, art docents, enrichment scholarships, staff appreciation, legislative advocacy and much, much more! We'd like to thank all our students, families and community supporters for making this year's Walk-a-Thon a success. Without you, none of this would have been possible!

Congratulations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for winning the grade level competition by raising the highest average amount of money

per student. As the winning grade they selected Mr. Bagnall's PINK hair color for the day and led the student body onto the Walk-a-Thon field, with student council President, Noah Rodgers carrying the Spirit Flag.

Daily raffle prizes were donated by Snapdoodle Toys in Kenmore. Our winners were Gabe Sales (Gunderson, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Carter Maki (Barnard, 5<sup>th</sup> grade); Jack Babington (Nitta, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; and Aubrey Leland (Elledge, 1<sup>st</sup> grade).

Thanks to Woodinville Fire & Rescue workers for joining us for the walk.

And finally, a huge thanks goes to Sarah Brittingham, our amazing Walk-a-Thon volunteer coordinator and all the incredible volunteers who helped count donations and make the event run so smoothly.

Mark your calendars now, the Walk-a-Thon will be back again next October!



## Dads N Dirt Rock!



A big thank you to all the dads, moms, and kids who joined us on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>: Scott, Janet, Jessy, Jake and Samantha Philp; Bernie and Michael

Deuster; Bob Geise; Andrew, Elaine, Claire, Annabel and Peter Cook; Neil Everson and Emma Hursh; Brad, Ander and Grayson Walker; Frank and Hunter Scratch; Jon, Heather, Jace and Brayden Goldy; Curt, Luke and Will Schroeder; Ben and Abbie

Hunter; Greg, Hokulani, Kailani and Makoa Orton; Charlie MacLeod; David Nelson; Jonathan Farmer; Steve and Sophia Seiller; Jon, Georgia and Theo Hunter.

Two hours of clean up at the school resulted in two huge piles of debris. Amazing what we can all do when we come together. Please watch for the next Dads N Dirt event, the plan is to finish cleaning up the Wellington school grounds in November.



### Check Out Our Website

Wellington PTA's website offers up-to-date information about our programs (including downloadable enrollment forms), newsletters, and more!

Please visit soon and give us your feedback on [www.wellingtonpta.org](http://www.wellingtonpta.org).

### PTA/PTSA district disclaimer

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# Helping Hands Service Club

## Helping Hands Halloween Candy Call!

### Fireman Fun



We had a strong start with 232 students showing up to give service on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>! Additionally, 27 adult helpers volunteered their lunch hour to assist the club members with their projects. It is amazing how much we can get done with so

many helpers. Each Wellington student was able to take home one of 600 911 bags filled with various safety information after the Walk-a-Thon. Students also made thank you cards for our community safety workers and assembled 80 goody bags for them to give to children in crisis they encounter throughout the month. Additionally, they assembled 100 safety kits that will be incorporated into our December project for individuals who are homeless. We also assembled 20 Halloween totes for our adopted families. David Weed, the Community Services Officer with Woodinville Fire and Rescue, brought his team to our service project. He shared safety tips with the kids and explained why it is important to stay "fire fit". He proved this by later walking with students in the Walk-a-Thon, decked out in his gear that weighs 80lbs. We learned that staying healthy is another way that we stay safe. Club participants loved being able to tour emergency vehicles, ask questions to fire fighters, and EMT workers. Thanks to all for your hard work and sharing your recess to bring smiles to the faces of others. Our safety project was a smashing success because of you!

### November Patriotic Project

In conjunction with the Veteran's Day Holiday, Helping Hands will be conducting a patriotic project to benefit members of our military serving in the armed forces. On Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> Wellington will be hosting the annual Veterans Day Assembly. Captain John P. McDougall from Joint Base Lewis-McChord will once again be attending our school assembly. We hope to send thank you cards and candy bags back to base with him after our service project at lunch recess. Our goal is to collect 200 pounds of candy to send to soldiers. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We'd love it if every Helping Hands club member would donate a portion of their trick or treating candy for this cause. Parents of Wellington students can donate what is left in the bowl after Halloween. Savvy shoppers can pick up a few bags of discounted candy after the holiday to contribute. Let's see how much candy we can collect for our soldiers. This is definitely the sweetest project we do all year! Come join in the fun and say "Thanks!" to those that keep us safe!

### Upcoming Projects

- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Patriotic Project for Military Service People
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Holiday Project for Homeless Individuals
- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>:** Valentine's Project Preparation for Elderly Citizens

### Requested Donations

- Individually wrapped candy
- Stuffed animals
- Books
- Toys & trinkets
- Birthday party favors
- Fabric & fleece
- Gallon ice cream buckets
- New/gently used clothes and shoes

\*Additionally, we collect clothing and shoes in good condition for school aged children for Threads and Treads, our local clothing bank that provides items at no cost for needy Northshore students. Items can be donated at any time in the Helping Hands collection bin outside the school office. Registration forms can be found in the PTA box outside the office. Registration is not required for club participation, but is helpful for our planning purposes and in communicating club happenings. The following individuals can assist as needed:

### 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.

To assist our adopted families, contact Dawn Harris at [happystamper@beagle.net](mailto:happystamper@beagle.net) or 425-487-3380.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patches

To celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Helping Hands Service Club we have a fun incentive this year! If students participate consistently with the service projects throughout the year, they can earn the Helping Hands Service Club Anniversary Patch. Patches will be awarded at the end of the year to students who have been super service stars!



# Upcoming Event

## Come Eat, Drink & Bid Merry!

Wellington PTA will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Eat, Drink & Bid Merry on Saturday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30pm at the Brightwater Community Center.**



This fun, adult only event, is your opportunity to meet and socialize with other Wellington parents and friends, while supporting valuable PTA programs and services. The event will feature a reception, silent auction, and new this year—a live auction.

### Opportunities for Involvement

Your help is needed to make this event even more successful than last year! Please, consider supporting the event in one or more of the following ways:



- **Help with auction items:** this is a great way for you, your family or employer to support Wellington! Auction item ideas include: theme gift baskets, hosted parties, share your

special talents—cooking, crafting, theme party (poker, Cinco de mayo, etc.), food, wine, holiday gift items, event tickets, new toys and games, local getaways, hotel stays, timeshares, gift cards, etc. If you had a basket idea ready for Kick-Off—this is your chance to put it together for Wellington!

- **Purchase tickets**

Tickets are on sale now! October price is \$40 per person, November price will be \$45 per person. To purchase your tickets, go to [www.wellingtonpta.org/Page/Pta/EDBM2014](http://www.wellingtonpta.org/Page/Pta/EDBM2014). Ticket will include an appetizer buffet, dessert bar, and 3 beer or wine tastings from your choice of Sparkman Cellars, Castillo de Feliciano Vineyard & Winery, Armstrong Family Winery, Triplehorn Brewing Co. and Dirty Bucket Brewery (additional beer and wine will be available for purchase by the glass).

### Silent Auction Preview



Here is a sneak peek at a few of our auction items:

- Wellington student classroom art projects
- Disneyland Resorts Park Hopper tickets
- The Herbfarm \$250 gift certificate and

signed cookbook

- The Heist cd signed by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis with beanie and scarf
- Tom Douglas' Hot Stove Society cooking class
- Woodinville Whiskey Co. gift basket and private tour
- Hollywood Tavern \$100 gift certificate
- Ebbets Field Flannels Vintage NY Yankees Jersey and Cap
- Scott Philp welded garden art pieces
- Andrea Wright English lop purebred bunny
- Rautio Family Seattle Seahawk Fall football basket
- Westhill handyman services
- Local getaways, kids' classes and experiences, wines, wine tastings, gift baskets, gift cards from many local restaurants and merchants, event tickets, and much more!

### Special Thanks to our Sponsors

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- John L. Scott Real Estate—Ryan Wilkerson

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- Colonial Optical, Todd Jubie
- Dr. Francis Riedo, Dr. Robert Geise, and Dr. Jason Van Winkle, Infectious Disease & Travel Medicine

If you would like more information, go to:

[www.wellingtonpta.org](http://www.wellingtonpta.org) and click on the Eat, Drink & Bid Merry logo or contact Jane Flaherty at

[janeflaherty.pta@gmail.com](mailto:janeflaherty.pta@gmail.com). If you are interested in

donating something for our auction, contact Brad Walker at [scarytree@gmail.com](mailto:scarytree@gmail.com).



## Fundraising

### PTA Sponsorship

Thank You to All our Wellington PTA Sponsors! Wellington PTA would like to recognize and thank these community businesses for supporting us by participating in the 2014-15 Sponsorship Program.

#### Gold—Eat, Drink & Bid Merry Event Sponsor

- Ryan Wilkerson, John L. Scott Real Estate

#### Silver—Eat, Drink & Bid Merry Event Sponsors

- Colonial Optical
- Dr. Francis Riedo, Dr. Robert Geise & Dr. Jason Van Winkle, Infectious Disease & Travel Medicine

#### Honorary Wolverine—PTA Sponsor

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- PACE @ Wellington
- PACE @ Wellington—Sock Hop
- Quality Care Physical Therapy
- Woodinville Martial Arts

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- Beth Fiorda, Coldwell Banker Bain
- Mike Rodgers State Farm Insurance Agency
- Ideal Office Suites

#### Friend of Webster—PTA Sponsors

- Dr. Jerald Bates
- Monahan Studios

### Grant Team Now Forming

Help us make our fundraising \$\$\$ go further.

The Wellington PTA is currently seeking volunteers to be a part of our 2014-15 Grant Team. We are looking for individuals who would like to participate in researching grants, grant-writing, proofing and administrative activities. If you would like to help in one or more of these capacities, please contact Jane Flaherty at [janealaherty.pta@gmail.com](mailto:janealaherty.pta@gmail.com) or Margot Schroeder at [curtandmargot@yahoo.com](mailto:curtandmargot@yahoo.com).

## Updates

### Box Top Collections & Wellington Spirit



December 1<sup>st</sup> - December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Parents, students, friends, relatives, neighbors...everyone, keep collecting those Box Tops! Our goal is to raise \$600 this year by collecting and submitting Box

Tops from our community. At 10 cents each they really add up quickly. The money raised will be used to help fund Science Club, Helping Hands, Popcorn Thursday's, Art Walk, and Field Trip Transportation—just to name a few of the fabulous programs our PTA sponsors.

The students will be participating in a Spirit Event the first week of December to see which class can bring in the most Box Tops. The class with the most Box Top submissions at the end of the week will get to house the Spirit Flag the following week. Start saving now!

For more details and a complete listing of participating products, please, visit the Box Tops 4 Education website or contact Helen Segale at [helensegale@yahoo.com](mailto:helensegale@yahoo.com).

### Advocacy Update

Thank you to the 5 people who participated in the Legislative Issues Survey! Your opinion matters and helped us narrow our top 5 choices for the 2015-2016 Legislative Platform. Stay tuned to find out what they are. Your opinion counts! We need your vote this upcoming election. Did you know that only 49% of the Wellington Community voted in the last Bond/Levy Election!? Let's make it our goal to have more parents vote. Please, be informed and vote! Advocacy is not just voting! Anytime you speak up for children and make a positive change that is advocating!

Please, let Kelly Vedaa ([kvedaa.pta@gmail.com](mailto:kvedaa.pta@gmail.com)) know if you have any ideas or concerns.

### Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 30	Health Screening Day	
Oct. 30	Pottery	3:20—4:30pm
Oct. 30	Robotics	3:20—4:30pm
Nov. 3	Creative Arts	3:20—4:30pm
Nov. 7	Veterans Day Assembly	10:30—11:30am
Nov. 7	Helping Hands	12:10—1:15pm
Nov. 10-11	No School	
Nov. 12	Full Day	
Nov. 13	Book Fair Begins	

Nov. 15	Eat, Drink & Bid Merry	6:30pm at Brightwater Center
Nov. 17	Creative Arts	3:20—4:30pm
Nov. 18	Book Fair Family Night	Library
Nov. 20	Popcorn Thursday	
Nov. 20	Katie Greer, Social Media Speaker	6:30pm at WHS Theater
Nov. 24	Creative Arts	3:20—4:30pm
Nov. 24	Hoe Down	6pm
Nov. 26	Full Day	
Nov. 27-28	No School	