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

Proposition 1: Renewal Education Operations Support Levy
Proposition 2: Capital Projects Bond
Proposition 3: Renewal School Technology Levy

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

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 195th 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 for more information.

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!
On Friday, January 10th, 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 102nd 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 7th: Valentine’s Field Trip to Foundation House
March 7th: 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 or 425-485-5606.
To volunteer, contact Caroline Ahlstrom at ahlstromca@comcast.net or 425-424-0780.
Threads & Treads coordinator is Grace Johnson, reachable at 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 art work 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 10th, 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:

1st place Wellington—Charlotte Carey, Musical Composition
2nd place Wellington—Natasha Crowley, Dance
3rd place Wellington—Daniel Blatner, Visual Arts

Gabriel Blatner  
Varshini Hari

Grace Carey  
Tenny Larsen

Keegan Chapko  
Emmalyn Mann

Cody Church  
Alexa Monahan

Vanessa Hari  
Landon Stremlow

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

Charlotte Carey, Musical Competition
Emma Mann, Photography
Vanessa 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 and http://www.shirleyrudolf.com/. Patricia Morin, a retired librarian, judged the literature.

PTA Advocacy

Why is February 11th Important?

There will be 3 Northshore School District propositions on the February 11th 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 4th, 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, if you want to be included.

Mark your Calendars

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