

East Ridge PTA Newsletter

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President's Message

Denise Nicholson, PTA President

This is one last appeal to everyone to mail back their ballot papers on the Levy/Bond. **Tuesday February 9th** is the last day to mail in the ballots. **Please use your vote!** The measures are on both sides of the paper so please turn the ballot over.

On **February 11**, the PTA will be holding a luncheon for the teachers and staff. If you would like to contribute, please go to www.tadalist.com to sign up. The user name is **erpta2**, password- **staff**.

We had a good, well attended meeting last month about the Levy/Bond and a big thank you goes to **Bob Anastasi** who spoke and also **Cathy Swanson** for coming. We also had a talk on truffles by **Laurie Juedes**, our Hospitality Chair, and a chocolate tasting. Many thanks go to Laurie too. Thanks also to **Mary Mulkins** for organizing the Spelling Bee, which was fun and educational for the children who took part.

We have our second collection of Box Tops this week - **February 8th- 12th**. This money goes directly to the PTA for activities such as Science-to-Go, art docent materials, grants to staff and much more. Also this week Spirit Wear is making a comeback! Look out for information coming home via "kidmail" soon.

When we all return after Mid-Winter break, we have more activities such as the school play, Willy Wonka Jr, in March and more ASAP classes (after school arts program) too. Hopefully there will be something fun for everyone.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at president@erpta.org.



Spelling Bees

Way to Go East Ridge Spellers!

The 4th Annual PTA Spelling Bees took place over 3 weeks in January and they were a wonderful success thanks to enthusiastic students, supportive parents and helpful volunteers!

We had twenty-three 1st and 2nd graders, thirty-four 3rd and 4th graders, and twenty-two 5th and 6th graders participate. 2nd grader **Aya T.** took first place at the 1st & 2nd Grade Bee, spelling "beautiful" to win. 4th grader **Bennett T.** took first place at the 3rd & 4th Grade Bee, spelling "sergeant" to win. **Caleb S.** took first place in the 5th & 6th Grade Bee, spelling "miniature" to win and is eligible to move on to the Regional Bee that will take place in Seattle in March.

Spelling Bee Chair Mary Mulkins wishes to extend special thanks to volunteers **Margaret Hughes, Jeff Jackson, Laurie Gustafson, Angela Van Lierop, Sue Bowden, Lisa Hastings and Jim Mulkins** for their great help, as well as teachers **Mrs. Oliver, Ms. Schoenack, and Mrs. Collyer** for donating their talent in reading the words.



Willy Wonka

Pre-Order Your Tickets to See the Big Show!

On **March 5** and **March 6** our wonderful East Ridge actors, singers and dancers will perform in the East Ridge Annual Play.

Come for a performance filled with chocolate, lollipops, and Oompa Loompas. Watch as the East Ridge's stage is transformed into Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory!



Performances will be on **Friday March 5 @ 7 pm** and **Saturday March 6 @ 2 pm & 7pm**.

You can order your tickets for Willy Wonka now. Pre-order tickets will cost **\$ 2.00 each**. We highly recommend pre-ordering because ticket sales will go fast and this event is easily sold out! Also, tickets for sale at the door will be \$ 3.00 each, instead of the \$ 2.00 pre-order price.



And, last but not least, just like in the play, one of the pre-order tickets that we give out will be a golden ticket. That ticket will not only give you access to the play, but will earn you a **chocolate basket** as well! So, don't take any chances and pre-order your tickets soon. You might even win the chocolate!

Tickets can be ordered by returning the order form that went home with kidmail last Friday. Extra order forms are available in the office.



One Million Pennies!

A Little Can Add Up To A Lot!

In an effort to make our penny drive even easier, we will be collecting pennies on **Wednesday** mornings, near the office. Just bag your pennies and drop them in the collection bucket.

No need to count or roll pennies! Add your pennies (or nickels, dimes, quarters- I'll convert anything and everything to pennies!) and watch our collection grow!

Questions? Contact **Rebecca Gerhardt** @ 425-844-1177 or fundraising@erpta.org

Labels for Education

A New Way to Earn for East Ridge!

We will have our Campbell's *Labels for Education* collection soon! We are currently waiting on our collection bins to arrive.

Please continue to save UPC's from participating Campbell's products and send them to school during collection time. More details to come via Kidmail. We are very excited to bring this program back to East Ridge and earn free stuff for our school.

Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of eligible products and point values. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, or would like to help with our *Labels for Education* collection drive, please contact our program coordinator Laura Larsen at labelsforeducation@erpta.org.



Box Tops Collection Week is Coming!

February 8th-12th



Our second, and final, Box Tops collection of the school year is here.

For this collection there will be a prize given to the **classroom** that collects the most Box Tops. Collection boxes will be placed either outside or inside the classroom depending on the classroom preference. Please remember to check the expiration dates on the Box Tops. Only unexpired Box Tops will be counted.

Our last collection brought in \$524 for our PTA. That is under half the \$1300 goal for the year! Collecting Box Tops contributes greatly to helping make a difference in our school. Please remember that Box Tops are so wide spread and can be found on a variety of products from napkins to cereal to plastic bags, the list seems endless; so chances are you already have them in your home. Keep up the good work and send in those Box Tops. Thank you!

Questions or comments please contact East Ridge PTA Box Tops Chair Margaret Hughes at boxtops@erpta.org

eScrip

eScrip Continues to Earn the PTA Money!

A big thank you to all those families who have signed up for the eScrip program. This fantastic program continues to earn our East Ridge PTA money every time you shop. Just by signing up your Safeway Club Card, Debit Cards and Credit Cards **YOU** have helped us to raise **\$2,087.83** from September to December! Signing up is easy and free.

Sign up today by going to www.escrip.com and reference our Group Name: East Ridge Elementary PTA and Group ID: 8562022 when you sign up. (Call 1-800-Safeway if you need to find your Safeway Club Card number) You can also register your credit/debit cards as well. Purchases made at other stores like Eddie Bauer, Claim Jumper Restaurants, Macy's and others can also generate a donation. You can even get \$1,000 off a new Volvo and \$500 to your eScrip group. Once you have signed up, you are finished. Each time you use your Safeway Club Card, you save money and eScrips donates money to East Ridge PTA.

Questions? Can't sign up online? Call or email your eScrips Coordinator Margaret Hughes at 425-788-5470 or escrip@erpta.org





Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed!

The Nominating Committee finds qualified, enthusiastic people who are willing to serve on the 2010-2011 PTA Board. This year **Henmar Vlogman, Rae Anne Jordan and Chantal Daoud-Herbert** are serving on the committee.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in leading a group of volunteers by serving as a member of the PTA Board, please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee or **Denise Nicholson** at President@erpta.org.



Spring After School Arts Program (ASAP)

Le son, l'odeur, et l'art de printemps, c'est magnifique!

{The sounds, the smells and the art of Springtime are magnificent!}

Imagine your children creating all the wonderful sounds, smells, art and play that we associate with Spring. At the local cafe, delectable smells of L'il Cakes waft through the air while playful sounds of Intro to Guitar fill the background. A local Parisian boutique displays the stunning artwork from Crafty Kids and Manga Cartooning. Children Jump Roping in the town square or constructing miniatures of the Eiffel Tower in Lego Engineering. Become a hero to France when you crack the case in Mystery Busters. Visit the Louvre to see the artwork from Screen Printing.

East Ridge PTA is pleased to offer a six week Spring ASAP program beginning on Monday 3/29.

Dates: 3/29, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3 and 5/10

*Look for the ASAP Registration Packet in your child's kidmail on **March 12th**.

Complete one registration packet per child. Additional packets will be available at the front desk in the East Ridge office.

Registrations are processed "first come, first served".

Questions? Contact Mary Pat Seeman at mpseeman@gmail.com with **Subject: Spring ASAP**.



PTA Calendar

February

Tuesday	February 9	Levy/Bond Election- PLEASE VOTE!
Monday-Friday	February 8 February 12	Box Top Collection Week Send in your Box Tops!
Monday	February 15	No School- President's Day
Tuesday Friday	February 16 February 19	No School Mid-Winter Break
Friday	February 26	Popcorn Friday- Don't Forget Your Quarter!



March

Monday-Thursday	March 1-4	Willy Wonka Tech Week 3:15-5:30pm
Tuesday	March 2	PTA Board Meeting-Room 6 9:00am Everyone Welcome!
Friday	March 5	Willy Wonka Jr. Performance 7pm
Saturday	March 6	Willy Wonka Jr. Performances 2pm and 7pm
Monday	March 8	Newsletter Published
Sunday	March 14	Daylight Savings Begins- Begins at 2:00am Set Clock Ahead 1 Hour!
Monday	March 15	Northshore Council General Meeting 7pm NSD Admin Center
Monday	March 22	No School- Teacher In-Service

