

Issaquah High PTSA

"Soaring to New Heights"

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Upcoming Meeting Date

Our next **PTSA meeting** will be held Friday, **March 11**, at Issaquah High. Meetings are a great opportunity to get to know other parents and to hear directly from our principal, Paula Phelps, about what's happening at school. Come at *9:00 am* for a half hour of socializing; the meeting will begin promptly at *9:30 am*. We meet in the Conference Room in the Issaquah High office and hope to see you there! Parking is limited, so we encourage you to

carpool and bring lots of friends. If all visitor spots are filled, you may park in an empty staff spot for the meeting.

Fundraising

We're closing in!

Virtually all of our Grant Funds come from "Pass the Hat" donations. We have two more rounds of grant funding ahead of us, and we currently have a shortfall in our Pass the Hat fund. BUT.... a couple of BIG CHECKS have come in through our **Matching Funds** program. They bring us to within \$1,000 of our target funding for Grants.

If you have not yet filed for Matching Funds and are eligible to do so, please file now!

If you are able to make one more contribution toward helping PTSA fund teaching grants, [please consider making a\(nother\) contribution](#), and remember to file for your Matching Funds contribution from your employer.

Legislation

Focus Day in Olympia was on February 21st. Many PTSA members rallied on the steps and met with individual legislators to show them that education issues remain a top priority for the Washington State PTA.

If you were not able to make it to Olympia for Focus Day during Winter Break, please take a few minutes to send an email or leave a voice message for your local legislators explaining that you were not able to attend, but feel compelled to remind them of the importance of education to the children in your community. You can locate email contact information for your legislators here: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pages/home.aspx> (click on the "Find Your District" tab, enter your address and a map of your legislative district along with the email addresses for your legislators will be displayed). If you'd prefer to leave a voice message, the Legislative Hotline number is 1.800.562.6000.

For more information about Washington State PTA's advocacy issues and the current legislative session, check out the "Advocacy" section of the [WSPTA website](#).

News for Seniors

SENIORS - It's not a party without you! There is still time to sign up for the Senior Graduation All-Night Celebration. The event will take place Friday, June 10,, from 10:00 pm - 6:00 am and includes transportation to two secret venues, entertainment, food and fun! This is an opportunity to celebrate with your classmates one last time! The price of the event is \$160. If you cannot afford the price of the ticket, scholarships are available. To sign up for the event or if you have questions please email PTSA Senior Events Liaison [Ana Stern](#).

JUNIOR PARENTS - We are looking for volunteers for the Class of 2012 Senior Graduation Celebration. It's a fun project and perfect for one or two chairpersons. Now is the time to make your plans, as reserving venues is extremely competitive. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please contact [Ana Stern](#).

Awards

Congratulations to Golden Acorn Award recipients....

**Karin Allen
Lisa Gaan
Dianne Buggé
Mark Hahn**

Much appreciation goes to these deserving members who give so much of their time and talents to the Issaquah High School community!

Parent Ed

Upcoming seminars that may be of interest to you....

“Parenting with Love and Logic”

March 1, 8 15, 22, 29

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Grand Ridge Elementary School Library

Series Fee: \$20 per person, for all 5 classes and workbook

Sponsored by the Issaquah PTSA Council, the Grand Ridge PTSA proudly presents a *Parenting With Love & Logic* series where parents can learn practical and effective strategies that can be put into action as soon as you get home!

BE THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE!

- * Take some of the stress out of parenting and add more fun back into your family
- * Learn how to discipline without lectures, threats and warnings
- * Learn how to stay cool, calm and collected in front of your kids

Love and Logic is an approach to raising kids that provides loving support from parents while at the same time expecting kids to be respectful and responsible. Build and refine the skills necessary to parent children of all ages. This five-week course will provide you the opportunity to learn with

other parents and problem solve with a trained professional!

Mercer Island Parent Education presents....

"A Day with Michael Thompson"

March 7, 2011

Renowned author ("Raising Cain: The Nature of Boys", "The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School and in Life", "Best Friends, Worst Enemies: Friendship Development, Popularity and Social Cruelty in Childhood"), psychologist and consultant Michael Thompson shares his vast knowledge with parents.

For more information, see

<http://misd.k12.wa.us/news/districtnews/PTA2011upcomingevents.pdf>

Pine Lake PTSA presents....

"Cybersaavy and Safety for Parents of Teens"

Presenter - Andrew Phillips

Thursday, April 21, 2011

7:00 pm

Pine Lake Middle School Commons

For further information about Parent Ed seminars, please the Issaquah PTSA Council Web site's [Parent Ed page](#).

Issaquah Schools Foundation

We Like You, Will You Like Us?

Why settle for ISF updates on a monthly basis? "Like" the Foundation's Facebook page and you'll always be in the know. Look for the big red apple and become a Foundation fan.

***Nourish Every Mind*—What's All the Fuss About?**

Curious about the ***Nourish Every Mind*** Luncheon? Find out why the Luncheon is one of the most popular and well-attended social events of the year. Join us at ***Nourish Every Mind* 2011, Thursday, April 28** from **11:00 am – 1:00 pm** at the Issaquah Community Center. Hear testimonials from ISF program participants, enjoy a silent auction, and celebrate with 900 other civic and business leaders, parents, and friends. Contact [Michelle](#)

[Weldon](#), to add your name to the invitation list.

We're Looking for Table Captains! Parents, we need your help to meet our goal of 100 **Nourish Every Mind** Table Captains. If you'd like to perform this fun, yet critical job, please join us at our **Table Captain Kick Off** on **Friday, March 11 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm** at the Administration Building. You'll learn what the job entails, hear behind-the-scenes news from members of the ISD Cabinet and enjoy a light lunch on us. Please contact our Table Captain Chair, [Cathia Geller](#) for more information.

Academic Enrichment Grants Update

Dedicated teachers and staff submitted 55 applications to the 2011 Academic Enrichment Grants programs. Grant requests ranged from literacy to leadership and demonstrated the commitment and creativity of our staff. Winning applicants will be notified later this month. Be on the lookout for congratulatory banners at your school.

We're Here to Help

Could your child use extra homework help? Remind him/her to use the Foundation's **FREE After-School Homework Labs**. Available at every middle and high school, the Labs offer teacher-assisted tutoring for students of all levels. Some teachers even offer make-up classes and tests during this time. Contact your school for its After-School Homework Club/Lab schedule.

Donor Dollars Making a Difference

"Thank you for your financial support this year as I pursued National Board Certification. Rest assured that my hard work and intense reflection will carry forward to improve student learning." Patti Banashak, IMS Science Teacher

Your contributions made it possible for the Foundation to contribute \$1,500 toward program fees for Ms. Banashak and 30 other teachers who achieved National Board Certification status in December. Thank you for making a difference.

Your PTSA at Work

Many thanks go to **Blythe Meigs** and **Tina Weber** for their dedication in taking on the huge, yearlong task of organizing the SAT Readiness Classes and Mock SAT and ACT Exams!

A sincere thank you to our Nominating Committee for recruiting leadership candidates to continue the good works of IH PTSA next year: **Vicki Hahn**,

Kellie Woodford, Cyn Baumert, Tina Weber, and Jody Mull.

Thanks also to the Awards Committee of **Lisa Westover, Patty Flynn, Cyn Baumert, Sandi Lum, Kim Dreiblatt,** and **Kellie Woodford,** for honoring those special IH PTSA volunteers that we so rely on and appreciate.

And a big thank you also to **Lisa Gaan** for her "can do" attitude.... her leadership in organizing refreshments for the recent all-school 5K run at short notice and also in organizing school spirit and support at a recent Special Olympics event.... just to name a couple of the special things she has done!

Thanks so much to all of our wonderful committee chairs and volunteers!

PTA Spotlight

Washington State PTA's members recently participated in *Focus Day 2011*, February 21 with a march and rally on the Capitol steps. PTA volunteer advocates make a difference when they come to the Capitol in large numbers. For more information about Washington State PTA (your non-profit membership association which seeks to bring together the home, school and community on behalf of all children and youth) visit [Washington State PTA](#).

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, the **National Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child and the best tools to help their children be safe, healthy, and successful - in school and in life.

National PTA's 2011 *National Legislative Conference* is coming up – March 9-10, 2011 in Washington DC. For more information about the conference or National PTA, visit [PTA.org](#).

ASB Report

TOLO 2011: "Old School"

Friday, March 4th

TOLO Kick-off and Winter Sports Recognition Assembly – 35 minute pm

assembly

Week-long Fundraiser

Coin Drive for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society March 7th – 11th
Please bring in \$ to help fight cancer!

Monday, March 7th

Dress-up: Tie-Dye

Evening Event: Movie Night at Regal Issaquah 9 Theater at 6:00 pm (free tickets with pass)

Tuesday, March 8th

Dress-up: Tube Socks Tuesday

Evening Event: Skate King at 7:00 pm (free entry with signed permission slip)

Wednesday, March 9th

Morning Give-Away: Sweatbands

Dress-up: Retro Jersey/Athlete

Evening Event: Buff Puff at 6:30 pm at Issaquah High School (\$15.00 per team)

Thursday, March 10th

Dress-up: Jazzercise

Evening Event: Mr. Issaquah at 7:00 pm at Issaquah High School (free entry)

Friday, March 11th

Dress-up: Retro Issy Gear

Evening Event: Cram the Stands Lacrosse Match* at 7:30 pm at Issaquah High School

Saturday, March 12th

Back to the Future Dance at Issaquah High School from 8:30-11:00 pm
\$10.00 with ASB, \$15.00 without

* *Please note –*

This Lacrosse game is not an Issaquah High School event. The Tolo activity for the evening is "Cram the Stands". Our students will be attending as an outside group just as they would for a Mariners, Seahawks, etc. game.

Dress-up Ideas:

- Flapper
- Neon

- Hippie/Disco
- Futuristic
- Alien
- 90's grunge
- Jazzercise
- Poodle Skirt/Greaser

Students of the Month

January: Organization:

Freshmen: **Daniel Kim** and **Hanna Choi**

Sophomores: **Ryan Fukuda**, **Grace Bankson**, **Mikayla Talton** and **Birte Fichter**

Juniors: **Nick Ryder** and **Laura Tochko**

Seniors: **Josiah Lim** and **Alexis Suprenant**

Upcoming PTSA Events

March 11, 2011 IH PTSA Meeting, IHS Main Office ; 9:00 am social; 9:30 am meeting begins

March 14, 2011 Coffee with Issaquah School District Superintendent Dr. Steve Rasmussen; IHS Main Office, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
