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Hi Everyone!

This usually would be a letter bemoaning the rain and wet... not this time! We have had beautiful weather - I hope that you have been able to enjoy it!

We have our General PTSA meeting MARCH 17TH - at 7pm. These meetings are concise but have a great deal of information in them! We try to make it fun too! I promise no one will ask you to volunteer if you come.

I am always amazed at the generosity of our membership. We have people that work in classrooms, and people that work in programs that benefit the entire school. When one of our own is in need - we do whatever we can to open our hearts and our wallets to contribute. Our community is amazing.

I would like to start with a huge BRAVO to Hollie Smith. Hollie has a 3rd grader and a 5th grader here at Discovery. She coordinated and ran the Spelling Bee this year - and it was fabulous! Everyone who participated had a great time!

Another gigantic shout out goes to Katie McDorman. Katie ran the Eager Reader program this year. She made Willy Wonka come to life in our hallways and the kids had an amazing time. We culminated that program with a Family Movie Night where the kids got to watch the original, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

Katie McDorman also was the main organizer of the "Hearts for Maddie" fundraising campaign. As you walk into the school you can see the 500+ hearts that are decorated around sweet Maddie's face. To date we have earned over $22,000 for Maddie's family. If you have not seen this or heard about it - please check out our website: http://discoveryptsa.org/Page/PTSA/Hearts_For_Maddie Our fundraising goal is $50,000. 100% of what you give goes straight to Maddie's account and matching is allowed!

We have the Science Fair coming up on the 25th - even if your child is not entering a project - you are encouraged to bring your family to see the amazing work! :)

Enjoy this weather!
Discovery Science Fair 2015  
March 25, 2015

Calling all young scientists! It's time for the Discovery Elementary annual science fair! All students are encouraged to participate by working on a science project at home, and displaying it proudly at the fair for the world to see. Below are the basic guidelines; be sure to check the website for more details.

Register to participate. All young scientists wishing to display a project at the fair must register in advance. We strongly encourage early registration. Final registration deadline is March 24, 2015.

Projects should be student-driven. Project ideas should come from the students, and the project should be driven by them. Parents should use their best judgment in deciding when to get involved, such as when there is a potential safety issue. For especially young kids, parents may provide some guidance, but it is important that the kids be able to call the project their own.

Judging and awards. Our science fair is non-competitive, as our goal is simply to encourage scientific exploration and discovery and promote a deep lifelong passion for science. Each participant will have an opportunity to briefly present their project to a judge, and they will each receive a certificate.

Student display set up. Students should arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 pm to set up their displays. Only a few tables will be reserved for those that need electrical outlets or larger space, so arrive early if your project needs extra time to set up.

Volunteers needed! A big event like the science fair wouldn't be possible without the help of numerous volunteers. We have all kinds of different jobs to be done, so if you can spare an hour or two on the day of the fair, we would love your help! Please check out our volunteer page and sign up now!

Science Fair Guidelines. 1. All participants must be registered 2. Displays should be clearly labeled with the student’s name. 3. Experiments should include all components of the scientific method 4. Safety first! No weapons, explosives, live animals, corrosives or dangerous entries. 5. PTSA is not responsible for displays. Please avoid using anything valuable or breakable.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Join the General Volunteer group to receive emails when a teacher, staff member, specialist or even the PTSA needs additional help throughout the school year. Opportunities may be for a short period of time or ongoing. You will receive detailed email requests as they come in and only need to reply to those you are interested in and able to fulfill. This is a great way to get involved at Discovery when the timing works with your schedule! Please sign up on the PTSA website (www.discoveryptsa.org) or email Jennifer Rankin with questions at jenniferrankin@comcast.net.

We are in need of 2-3 more volunteers for Waste Free Wednesdays? What is Waste Free Wednesday? The helpers/volunteers go around the lunchroom and check the kids lunches and mark them on the class roster for having a waste free lunch (from home). We look to see if they have for example, cloth napkins, reusable utensils, reusable containers and so on. We basically want them to be reusing, reducing, and recycling! It’s also a great way to interact with the kids at lunch. Timing is from 12:30-12:45 on the following Wednesdays: Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27.

Have Fun and Get Involved!!!
We are grateful for the financial support from our local retailers and businesses~
Thank you!

**Safeway**

Please remember to register your Safeway Club Cards at www.escrip.com or you can go directly to our website to register www.discoveryptsa.org). Even if you registered in years past, you need to go to escrip.com and renew. It’s completely free and it’s so beneficial to our school! Encourage your friends, neighbors, and relatives to register their cards too.

**Box Tops**

An easy way to earn money for Discovery Elementary!!!! Simply cut, and collect and turn into the school. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. Believe it or not, these really do add up. We earned over $1,000 last year. Kids love looking out for these on packages.

**B Cards (Bartell)**

Enroll for your ‘B’ Carding Card at Bartell Drugs by filling out the form and turning it into the store. (http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/bcaringcard/pdfs/visit_stores_bartell.pdf)

**Office Depot**

Shop at Office Depot for your school supplies and use ID# 70107272

**Target**

If you have a REDcard, go to www.target.com/tcoe to designate Discovery as your school of choice and use your REDcard every time you shop.

**Yo Plateau**

On the first Friday of each month, mention you are with Discovery and 20% of the sales will go to our school.

Discovery’s Amazon link is now on our website! Simply shop on Amazon through our link and a percentage of your sale will be donated to Discovery PTSA.

Become a VOICE Mentor, Change a Life

The Issaquah Schools Foundation’s VOICE Mentor Program matches caring adults with students in need of academic or social support. We’ve made hundreds of matches this year, but more than 100 students throughout the district are still waiting for a mentor. Could that mentor be you? Contact VOICE Director Susie Gierke at VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu. Learn more at voicementorprogram.org.

The Write Stuff

Thanks to Issaquah Schools Foundation donors, the top-notch writing instruction in all our elementary schools will soon arrive at every middle school. Foundation donors are funding teacher training to help middle school educators bring the new curriculum to their classrooms. Want to support writing at home? Our innovative teachers suggest starting a family journal!

Congratulations, 2015 Grant Winners!

Our intrepid Balloon Brigade volunteers traveled the district on February 27 to surprise the 15 Classroom Enrichment Grant Award winners. Classroom Enrichment grants fund projects of $1,000 or below that reflect innovation in learning or cover basic needs. Learn about this year’s awards at isfdn.org/grants/classroom-enrichment-2015. Watch for the Balloon Brigade on March 27 to celebrate our Kateri Brow Big Idea/Biggest Need Grant winners. Want to be part of the Banner Brigade fun? Contact Stacy at 425-391-8557.