

Eastlake PTSA Committee Reports November 2017

Co-President-Deb Knaus & Beth Knapick: In the month of October we volunteered at the Community Service Fair and helped put Holiday Bazaar packets together. Again, our hope is to have a good feel for all the programs our PTSA sponsors and we will continue to volunteer for our programs throughout the year.

We also attended the November PTSA Council meeting and turned in our Craft Beer basket for the Council Scholarship Basket Auction. The auction will be held in December (details to follow). We received information on the levy/bond at this meeting and are working on gathering even more information to share with the Board at our November 14th meeting. Finally, at this meeting we received information on the Pantry Packs Hunger Champion Campaign and have passed it on to Tallee, our Pantry Packs chair for further distribution (see attached flyer).

Standards of Excellence-Clea Morehart:

Secretary-Liza Wallace: Nothing to report.

Co-Treasurers-Haven Scholz & Ed Keith: The financial report was sent under separate email.

Financial Review-

Grants-Nancy Colburn: I'm going to be at the meeting on the 14th to talk about the grant applications.

Scholarship-Susan Ossinger:

VP of Membership-Jen Fowler:

VP Volunteers-Jay Pulacode: Attended the board meeting.

Sent the updated volunteer lists to the chairs.

Helped find volunteers for the Mock Interviews

Helped find volunteers for the Eastlake Bazaar

Uploaded all the volunteer lists on our OneDrive

Created a certificate that would be given to all the students who participated in the Reflections program.

Helped the Reflections chair plan the Reflections Reception.

Student Recognition- Andi Stuart:

PTSA Awards & Recognition-Aileen Sabbatani: The 2016-17 Awardees' names have been engraved on the plaques and they have been reinstalled on the wall in the front office.

Thank you to those of you who have submitted nominations for staff and PTSA volunteers to highlight in the Wolf Tracks Spotlight. Please keep those coming!

Reflections-Michele Simmons: We have had 15 entries turned in. They will be judged this week. We are hoping to have the reception on November 17th from 6:30-7:00. The time is right before the play, so we are hoping for additional traffic. We are waiting to hear back from the office, because we decided to change the original date we requested.

I will be out of town, so one of last year's chairs will assist Reecha with set up and take down.

Co-Staff Appreciation-Sarah Frankum & Ann Jacobs: EHS Staff Appreciation hosted a salad bar for the EHS staff on Wednesday 10/25. We had tons of good healthy food before the "bad" holidays. Staff

Appreciation is giving \$1000 out of their budget to Principal Bede for EHS to host their own lunch in December. It is just too hard to get volunteers during the holidays and this way EHS can plan their own festivities. Following are our upcoming events:

- o February Wed 2/7/18 – Counselor Appreciation lunch
- o March Wed 3/7/18 – Classified Staff Appreciation lunch
- o May Wed 5/9/18 – Teacher Appreciation lunch
- o May 7th-11th – Teacher Appreciation week

Projects Chair-Julie Sanders: Nothing to report

Co-VP Ways & Means-Cherene Dodge & Ajay Chakrapani:

Co-Mock SAT/ACT-Agni Bhatt, Miglena Penev & Amy Taricco: Mock ACT/SAT have nothing to report.

Co-Holiday Bazaar-Jill Corriveau, Traci DiStacio & Gigi Predmore:

Fundraising Drive/Matching Gifts-

Low Effort Fundraising-Nancy Colburn: Nothing to report for the low-effort fundraising department.

Recognition Wall Tiles-Alice Kirkwood:

VP Communications-Bobbie Conti: Nothing to report ;)

Co-Website-Patti Tornquist & Deanna Carter: As we continue to work on the website, please let us know if there is something you cannot find, either because it's "too buried," not where you thought it would be, or just not there. In the coming months, the focus will be working to meet the criteria to possibly apply for the WSPTA Outstanding Website award. Also, if you happen to come across something that is a great resource for our students, parents, college-bound kids, etc., send it to us!

Our updated Student Directory is now online. It is a new format and is searchable by first or last name, but the search criteria also applies to email addresses; for example (albeit a silly one), if you search by Sammamish, two records actually display because of email addresses that include that exact string of characters. Play around with it -- you basically have to enter enough characters to narrow the search to a number of records that is "manageable" for the system to display on the screen -- and we honestly have no idea what that threshold is!

We have made a couple "behind the scenes" changes so that the website is more aligned with Wolf Tracks (and FB) as a communication tool. (More about this in next month's meeting, time permitting.) Basically, Deanna is now included on the Communications email alias to put the website in the loop -- which means you no longer have to email both "communications" and "website" separately if you want something announced in both. Also, the format of Wolf Tracks has been trimmed down and will include the most pertinent information and, if needed, a link to the website for more details. This keeps WT more concise and can drive traffic to the website, which is why we are working to make sure it includes what people need and provide a good user experience. This doesn't mean that everything in WT will be on the website, and vice versa, but let your communications team handle all of that. :-)

So just to clarify: Deanna

and Patti are on the website alias, and Bobbie (WT), Julie (FB) and Deanna are on the communications alias. If you have any questions, please ask!

Social Media-Julie Deutscher: Page stats: 604 followers (Up 30 from October, thank you!)

How can you help our page grow?

1. Tell your EHS, IMS and local elementary school friends to follow our page.
2. Like, comment and share our posts.
3. Please send your events, kudos or other activities that need publicizing to socialmedia@ptsa.org. Or tag @PTSAEastlakeHighSchool in your relevant social media posts.

Most popular posts in Oct:

1. Eastlake Holiday Bazaar event, reached 5.9k people. Together with the Bazaar committee's fabulous FB group, the Bazaar info reached more people than ever before!
2. Promotion post for Holiday Bazaar FB group, reached 2,487 people.
3. Soliciting help for staff appreciation lunch, reached 2,768 people

Do you love social media or want experience managing a Facebook Page? I'd love to have a co-chair to share this job with. If you know someone who might be interested, please let me know.

Emergency Prep Lead-Michele Heidorn: Maura and I have inventoried the container. We have counted the expired and unexpired emergency food and water supply. We threw away over 60 cases of expired water. Kept around 60 cases of expired water to be used for washing only. Sent our numbers to Jenn Malick who is working with the district to determine when and which schools will be getting replenished supplies of food and water. We are waiting to hear the results and when Eastlake will be receiving our supply of new food and water.

Emergency Prep Chair-Maura Deoliveira:

Co-Special Needs-Amy Verrall, Susan Kang-Smith & Margaret Rogan:

Eastlake Angels-Lisa Davis:

Pantry Packs-Tallee Whitehorn: Pantry Packs is going well. I'm currently pricing food items that I could get with my budget in order to send extra food home over the Thanksgiving and winter breaks. Hopelink does not provide additional holiday packs, so I'm seeing what we can do.

Co-Senior Send-off-Carlene Camera & Renee Baker: Nothing to report

Baccalaureate-

Senior Apparel-Michelle Bickford:

Community Liaison-Heidi Schmedding: I am not going to be able to attend the Tri-Awareness and Eastlake PTSA board meetings this month. I have reached out to Lynn Freedman to see if she is available to attend Tri-Awareness in my place.

Community Liaison report: (It's a long one this month)

Attended the October Tri-Awareness meeting. Also attended my first Sammamish Nourishing Network or SNN (at Julie Olson's suggestion) and Healthy Communities Coalition (HCC) meetings. The SNN is a local chapter (run by Tyler Zangaglia) of a nationwide network. The idea is that nonprofit come together to

share tips and resources. There were a dozen attendees. The HCC (Run by the Sammamish police chief) is a newly formed group of government, faith based and other community organizations joining forces to tackle issues in the community. October was the HCC's second meeting and there were probably 50+ attendees. The first action of the group is to address cultural divides in our community and make strides to unite us and make services easily accessible to all residents. Eastlake and Carson PTSAs were the only LWSD related representatives.

Parent Education-Lynn Freedman:

Middle School Liaison - Deb Knaus:

Co-Senate Rep-Karen Cox & Missey Kirchoff: Nothing to report for Senate!

Legislative Advocate-Karen Allyn:

Community Service-Julie Olson: The Community Service Fair last month had less vendor participation than in years past. Mrs. Breynaert suggested combining it with the Clubs Fair next year. Our PTSA table was well staffed with an awesome crew! Thanks to Tallee Whitehorn for Pantry Packs, Jay Pulacode for volunteers, Liza Wallace for Holiday Bazaar, and Beth and Deb! We collected the most names for bakers/staff appreciation volunteers, and we also had students sign up to help with the Textile drive. Later in the month, the fall community service awards list was posted. The November PTSA service spotlights will be Priti Das and Olivia Harris. Priti created the new online hours tracking form, and she pulled the fall award list together. Olivia and the other Key Club officers organized the Community Service Fair.

Nominating Committee-