

# The Wolverine Track

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## President's Message...

### Dates to remember

**Nov. 4:** Election

**7:** Popcorn Friday



**7:** Principal Meet & Greet  
8:45-10am

**10-11:** NO SCHOOL

**12:** PTA Board of Directors  
Meeting 1-3 pm

### Parents: Don't Cry, Do WA State Education Homework

Members of the executive committee and I attended a Key Communicators luncheon recently where a representative from the state presented its financial problems as it relates to education. Our Northshore Superintendent, Larry Francois, said he was, "ready to shut himself in a dark room, and have a good cry." I think we all did.

The outlook is bleak. The way we define and fund basic education in our state was last defined 30 years ago, so as you can imagine, there is not enough money to support the many requirements since put in place by the state, nor has it set aside funding appropriately to address current needs for education in today's technical world. I walked out of the meeting thinking that as parents of school-aged children, we need to do a better job of educating ourselves and forming opinions about the issues and the people who make critical decisions about our kids' future.

**But how?** Many of us work or don't have the time or passion to bury ourselves in financial statistics or want to study up on the legislative process that is required to get things done at a state level. It is boring to read. It is confusing. But it's whether our kids are prepared for college. It is whether there are educated people to hire from our state in the future.

**Here is how:** Attend brown bag lunches and brunches and read all you can about the issues. Listen to people who are passionate about the issues; talk to people and organizations you know and respect so you can vote people into office who have the skills and passion to unknot this rat's nest.

On November 4th there is an election that will determine our State Superintendent of Education. A Basic Education Taskforce is reviewing 5 proposals and recommending a new definition and model of education financing to the Governor and Legislature by 12/1/08. In the Spring of 2010 we will vote on a levy for school funding for the Northshore School District. As parents, we should shut ourselves in a room; not to cry but to educate ourselves about how the state and district should finance education. It is important for our kids and for the health of our community. Our voices make a difference. -Rochelle Dammel



### Websites that discuss Washington State and Northshore School District educational funding:

[www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us) Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)  
[www.educationvoters.org/taskforce](http://www.educationvoters.org/taskforce) League of Education Voters  
[www.WhatItTakesForKids.com](http://www.WhatItTakesForKids.com) Bipartisan subset of the Taskforce Legislators  
[www.wssda.org](http://www.wssda.org) Full Funding Coalition  
[www.nsd.org](http://www.nsd.org) Northshore School District  
[www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org) Washington State PTA, choose legislative

Next WT deadline is  
November 12th

## From the Executive Committee ...

# PTA Dollars at Work



### '08/'09 PTA Executive Committee

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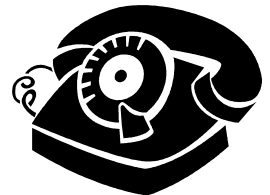
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## Thanks to our PTA Emergency Preparedness Committee...

...for their efforts to create a safe environment for our children in the case of an earthquake, act of terror, or any other catastrophe. PTA will spend \$750 of donated money to update the emergency containers located at Wellington. The money will purchase Millennium bars (the old Millennium bars will be donated to Hope Link), water and batteries, and will be spent on classroom emergency backpacks, as needed. The Emergency Committee is also responsible for establishing two emergency callers per classroom, creating an Emergency Call Tree to inform families of any emergency as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support of the PTA and our many valuable programs. A special thank you to our Emergency Callers, our PTA Emergency Committee chairperson Jim Dunlap, and the parents who have volunteered to help on his committee. They are working hard to make sure our children are safe at Wellington.

Arlene Bruce  
PTA Treasurer



## Principal Meet and Greet

How can I learn more about my child's school?

Get together with Wellington's Principal, **Marsha Moore**, for an informal "meet and greet" coffee hour from 8:45-10am on **Friday, November 7th**, hosted by Wellington's PTA. Meet at Northshore Church of Christ, which is where PTA holds its BOD meetings. It is on the same road as Leota Jr. High between Leota and the light at Woodinville-Duvall Road. Questions, email Rochelle Dammel at [ro.dammel@comcast.net](mailto:ro.dammel@comcast.net)



## Volunteer Accountant Needed

Wellington PTA is looking for a CPA or Tax accountant to help the Treasurer with the filing of tax form 990ez. Fee is negotiable.

Please volunteer to help by calling Arlene Bruce at 425-398-0426 or email [arlenebruce@yahoo.com](mailto:arlenebruce@yahoo.com)



Wellington PTA Presents...



## The 2008-09 **Reflections** Art Program

The reflections program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works, created around the theme: "WOW!" You decide what this means to you and demonstrate it with your artwork. Students can enter a total of three works, with no more than one in each of the following categories. Each category has its own set of specific rules. Further information is available at the WA State PTA site:

[http://wastatepta.org/programs/Reflections/08\\_reflections\\_booklet\\_web.pdf](http://wastatepta.org/programs/Reflections/08_reflections_booklet_web.pdf)

Only original works of art created by the artist, working alone, for the 2008-2009 theme will be accepted.

Categories include: **Choreography/Dance \* Film/Video \* Literature  
Music Composition \* Photography \* Visual Arts**

Art and literature **workshops** are scheduled for Wed., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and Tues., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00-4:30 in rooms 27 & 28. Volunteers welcome!

Contact: Rae Shepherd at 425.489.8226 or [rae.shepherd@gmail.com](mailto:rae.shepherd@gmail.com)

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## Legislative News... Education Funding in the State of Washington – We Have a Crisis

The Washington State Legislature has formed a Task Force to develop a new system for the delivery and funding of K-12 education in this state. Despite changes in expectations, the model for education funding has not been changed for 30 years. Washington State PTA and many other organizations throughout the state are deeply concerned about the crisis in K-12 education funding in our state. In fact WSPTA is working on these concerns this year – now!

### *Is there a crisis? Some facts to consider . . .*

1. In general, the state funds K-12 education on a per pupil basis. The average per pupil allocation from the state *does not cover the actual cost*.
2. The state allocation pays for only 5 class periods per day. Most school districts offer students 6 or 7 periods per day. They pay for those additional periods out of levy and other funds.
3. The state legislature has passed a number of mandates, but provided *no additional funding* for school districts to comply. For example, unfunded mandates for a our district cost almost \$17 million or approximately 10% of their \$172.6 million budget.

4. When the state's allocation doesn't cover the actual costs, some districts make up the difference with levy funds, foundation funds, or PTA fundraisers. Not all school districts in the state can raise the same amount of funds to make up the difference, so *not all Washington State students are receiving the same basic level of services*.

5. Larger class sizes are not just a problem in your school district. Washington State ranks 46<sup>th</sup>, *fourth worst in class sizes*. (Source: NEA Ranking and estimates)

6. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has currently placed *7 school districts under Binding Conditions* for the 2007-08 school year. This means that these districts could not cover their bills for the year. There have never been this many school districts so close to bankruptcy in the memory of OSPI officials. Are you concerned? The single most important thing you can do is to get informed and engaged. Start by talking with Northshore School District about their concerns (like the costs of unfunded mandates), then help us to spread the word. Then, plan to head to Olympia, in January, to support the Education Task Force's proposal to our legislature. The date in January is forthcoming. Our kids are depending on it.

## More info ...

### **Incredible COAT DRIVE**

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the Wellington families for your generosity during our annual coat drive. We collected **over 300** coats, hats and mittens. These items will all be donated to the Maltby Food Bank and distributed locally to those in need. We have been told that there is so much more need this year.

So again, a **BIG THANK YOU!!!**

We would like to thank all those volunteers who helped: Melanie Commons, Shirley Handley, Joan Ritter, Suzanne Leamer, Jason Kaufman, Ronee Baldie, and Tina Stember.

Thanks also to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders for their beautiful posters, and for collecting the coats every morning.

Your support helps others!  
Ingrid Johnston and Lisa Stefanzik



## **Why join Wellington PTA?**

To be a part of something bigger than you are. Studies have shown that when parents are actively involved in education, students' academic achievement improves. By becoming a member and attending general meetings you are also showing your child(ren) that you value their education and have a vested interest in their school. With only three general meetings a year it doesn't have to be a major commitment for all of us who lead busy lives.

PTA is an organization that allows parents to have a say in the education of their children. Our children do not have the right to vote nor are they able to participate in the legislative process, but we as their parents do have those rights and responsibilities. PTA is concerned with the health, welfare, safety and education of our children and as an organization it lends its voice to the legislative process, speaking out on behalf of our children.

On a more personal level, the Wellington PTA supports our staff through IEF funds that are spent in the classroom to enrich the education of our children and students, by providing programs that would otherwise not be possible. Wellington parents and staff help to make these programs possible: Missoula Children's Theatre, Classic Books, Reflections, Chess Club, Art and Science Docents and so much more! We thank the 360+ that have already joined PTA and hope that more of you will consider being a part of this amazing organization whose focus is children and education. I encourage you to go to [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org) and learn more about PTA.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact: Sandra Mollerup, VP of Membership at [smollerup@hotmail.com](mailto:smollerup@hotmail.com) or 425-806-4970

## **The Wellington Directory**

**Many THANKS To Our Amazing Advertisers!!!**

- 405 MOTORS
- A NANNY FOR YOU
- BEAD CLUB
- CASSELL PHOTOGRAPHY
- CREATIVE MEMORIES
- GROUNDS UP
- FSH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
- MARY KAY
- PACE AT WELLINGTON
- QUALITY CARE PHYSICAL THERAPY
- TUOI'S TAEKWONDO CENTER
- STUDIO ONE
- UW WASHINGTON CLINIC
- WASHINGTON PIZZA CO
- WASHINGTON PHYSICAL & HAND THERAPY
- WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE
- WEST MASTER FAMILY MARTIAL ARTS
- WESTERN PACIFIC
- WINDERMERE REAL ESTATE – BUTLER & BUTLER
- WOODINVILLE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
- WOODINVILLE SKI AND SPORTS

If you are in need of some services or goods, please refer to our school directory. Show your appreciation by calling or visiting the above business establishments and let them know that you saw their name in the Wellington Elementary directory!

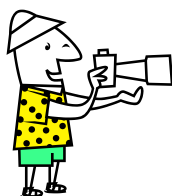


## Wellington PTA Membership 2008-2009

Thank you Parents, Teachers and Staff for your wonderful support of Wellington PTA! Without you we could not offer the exciting programs and support that we give to Wellington. We are 368 members strong and still growing!

If you haven't signed up yet, please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to school in an envelope marked "PTA Membership".

Aaron Sun	Dawn Rosner	Jaffe Family	Lusaya Family	Rickard Family
Accimus Family	Deanna Schroeder	James Dunlap	Lynn Fischer	Ritter Family
Alicia Medina	Deb Stemmerman	Jamie Loonam	M. Johnson Family	Rochell Dammel
Amy Wilson	Debbie Carlson	Jan Mudrovich	M. Johnston Family	Ronne Baldie
Ana Villa	Debi Johnson	Jane Mitchell	Maleeha Ahad	Rose Family
Andrea Jensen	Deborah Taylor	Janet Willett	Manju Mohan	S. Johnston Family
Andrea Wright	Denise Merrill	Jean Tucker	Maresca Family	Sally Deboer
Ann Bhat	Diana Boyd	Jan Bailin	Marsha Moore	Sally Peterson
Arlene Bruce	Diane Sage	Jennifer Dardzinski	Mays Family	Sarah Cutler Purvis
Arlene Whalen	Dianne Borcher	Jenson Family	Mazur Family	Sarah Peterson
Balzotti Family	Donna Larson	Jo Rayl	Meenakshi Rani	Schatz Family
Barbara Haaland	Donny Lau	JoAnn Silkes	Meg Nafziger	Schenck Family
Bauman Family	Doug Elledge	Jodi Richardson	Meggin Mann	Schommer Family
Beaupre Family	Earl Family	John Borga	Melanie Pollon	Sexson Family
Bill Cline	Edwards Family	Jones Family	Melanie Spencer	Shadrin Family
Blake Family	Eileen Treusch	Judy Hope	Melinda Hallen	Shah Family
Bogdan Family	Erica Smith	Julie Barry	Menon-Mohan Family	Sharon Todhunter
Brad Kadet	Everham Family	Karen Voth	Meyers Family	Shawn Stewart
Bradbury Family	Ewert Family	Karim Khaki	Michael Dziuk	Shepard Family
Brandy O'Farrell	Fazio Family	Kathy Bergstrom	Michelle Bedell	Shift Family
Brenda Miner	Fletcher Family	Kathy Buford	Michelle Blakeslee	Sproule Family
Brenski Family	Fosse Family	Kathy Leland	Michelle O'Grady	Stember Family
Breshears Family	Gayle Hickey	Katy Gedney	Miltenger Family	Stewart Family
Brigitta Suwandana	George Shaw	Kaufman Family	Minnehan Family	Subir Sidhu
Brissey Family	Gerber Family	Kelly Zuger-Biggs	Minter Family	Sue Styrlund
Brooke Family	Gerdes Family	Kim Cline	Mollerup Family	Sunaina Bahadur
Brown Family	Glessner Family	Kim Davis	Mucklestone Family	Tammy Gunderson
Bury Family	Grace Liu	Kims Osgood	Mychal-Lynne Pfiester	Tara Barth
C. Johnson Family	Gummer Family	Kirsten Burns	Myers Family	Taya Vercelli
Capell Family	Hageman Family	Knoles Family	Nelson Family	Theresa Ariz
Carol Yuan-Hung Liu	Hamm Family	Koruga-Tiersma Family	Nicole Van Avery	Theresa Beers
Carole Wandless	Hammond Family	Kralj Family	Olson Family	Thoma Family
Caroline Ahlstrom	Handley Family	Kramer Family	Ortiz-Villarreal Family	Thompson Family
Catherine Gallo	Hank Stecker	Kristi Thompson	Pam Bissell	Tina Morse
Cathleen Gustafson	Hansen Family	Larsen Family	Pam Kovarik	Tina Orton
Cecchetto Family	Hanson-Knutzen Family	Larson Family	Pam Matthews	Traverso Family
Cheri Kirchmeier	Hawkins Family	Laura Barnett	Pam Otto	Vedaa Family
Cheryl Watts	Heath Family	Laura Ross	Pare Family	Vidmore Family
Cheurront Family	Heather Tomlinson	Laury Kohut	Partna Family	Vuong Vu
Chin-Wen Teng	Heinzerling Family	Leamer Family	Patil Family	Webb Family
Christine Boody	Hitchcock Family	Lee-Wu Family	Paulette Bauman	Welch Family
Church Family	Hoagland Family	Linda King	Pederslie Family	Wendy Wong
Commons Family	Hoffstetter-Rebozo Family	Linda Roundhill	Peg Weborg	Whittle Family
Connie Brusklund	Hong Family	Linda Worley	Pell Family	Yen-Wen Chiang
Covington Family	Hoogerwerf Family	Lisa Culhane	Porter Family	Young-Kingswell Family
Crowley Family	Hubler Family	Lisa Foshee	Pregler Family	Yuan Gao
Cyndi Kellison	Hulsey-Vincent Family	Lisa Stefanzick	Pudwill Family	Zander Family
Cynthia Shelton	Itrat Talpur	Liz Bohlin	Quilantang Family	
Dan Boyd	Jacobsen Family	Liz Dodd	Ralph Family	
David Blatner		Logan Family	Reyla Family	



Do you have recent pictures of school events?  
Please send to Jean Tucker at [jtucker@nsd.org](mailto:jtucker@nsd.org)

## Sign Up Now for Ski Bus and Lessons



The **Lyon Ski School** has partnered with the Wellington PTA for years to provide Wellington students and families with affordably priced ski and snowboard lessons with transportation to Steven's Pass each Friday during the winter ski season. Lessons run January 9-February 20 and chaperoned buses leave Fridays from Leota Junior High at 3pm and return around 11:45pm.

Sign-ups for lessons begin now, and flyers with additional information come home in the Monday packet. For specific details about lessons and transportation, please visit [www.lyonskischool.com](http://www.lyonskischool.com)

Lyon Ski School donates \$20 to Wellington PTA for each Wellington participant. Parents who participate in the bus chaperone program receive discounted fees and can get more information at the Lyon Ski School website.

Northshore Council PTSA's website:  
[www.northshoreptsacouncil.com](http://www.northshoreptsacouncil.com)

Important PTA information, forms, and council newsletters are available at this site.



## Walk-A-Thon - MAY 15th, 2009



#### PTA/PTSA district disclaimer

"These activities are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Northshore School District or any of its schools. The district assumes no responsibility for the conduct during or safety of the activities. Northshore School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action, claim, or petition filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials including attorney's fees and judgments or awards."

# PTA DISCOVERING ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Live the Adventure.....Join PTA!



## PTA MEMBERSHIP

I would like to join Wellington PTA.

I've enclosed:

\_\_\_ \$15.00 for an Individual Membership **or**

\_\_\_ \$20.00 for a Family Membership

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

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Address : \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**, please email me about  
PTA/School information.

**No**, please do not email me about  
PTA/School information.

Youngest Child at Wellington:

\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign up for PTA and receive a free  
Student Directory!**

Please return your completed membership form with payment to the school office in an envelope labeled "**PTA Membership**".

Make checks payable to Wellington PTA  
Thank you for your support!