

# 02.14.2024 Cat Tracks PTA Items

## UPCOMING PTA EVENTS & VOLUNTEER LINKS

- 2/22 @ 1-5pm- Kindergarten Registration
- 2/22: Chili Cook off for staff
- 2/22 - 2/23 - Enrichment Art Lessons
- 2/23 @ 6:30pm Movie Night
- 2/28 3-7pm Free Mini Golf at Flat Stick Pub in Kirkland
- 2/29 @ 7pm - Parent Education Night - Ready, Tech, Go!
- 3/1- 5th Grade Outdoor Ed forms and payments due

### Help! My kid is asking for a cell phone!

On February 29th at 7 PM in the Library, the Juanita EI PTA is hosting a parent education night called **Ready, Tech, Go!** We'll discuss how to decide if your child is ready for a phone and ways to manage technology use at home. **This is an in-person only event.** Children are welcomed with supervision and activities provided in the Art and Science Room. Dessert will be provided (Midnight Cookie Co. and NW Gluten-Free Baking Co.).



**We need your help!** Please consider volunteering. Roles include event photographer, greeter and sign-in, set up, and clean up.

**What technology-related questions do you have?** Please submit questions ahead of the event. It can be about technology use at home or at school.



### 🚩 **Calling All Mini-Golfers!** 🚩

Flatstick Pub in Kirkland is hosting a Juanita EI Family Night on Feb. 28th from 3-7 PM. Golf is free, and drinks and food are available for purchase. Come when you can to enjoy some quality family time.

### **2/22 - STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH - CHILI COOK OFF**

Let's show Juanita EI staff how much we appreciate them by providing a chili cook-off for the staff on National Chili Day, Feb 22, 2024 . Please see the sign-up for available slots to contribute.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to:

[hospitality@juanitaelpta.com](mailto:hospitality@juanitaelpta.com)



## LINKS LUNCH BUDDY MENTORS NEEDED

Do you have one hour a week you can share with a child? Become a LINKS Lunch Buddy mentor! Mentors come during school hours once a week and spend the lunch hour in a pre-assigned area to eat, play games, make crafts, talk, go to recess, and do other agreed-upon activities. Help us provide social-emotional support to elementary students who need a little extra one-on-one attention. Please share with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. For more information about LINKS, visit: [lwsd.org/LINKS](http://lwsd.org/LINKS) or contact Victoria Goetze-Nelson at [lunchbuddy@lwsd.org](mailto:lunchbuddy@lwsd.org)

## Movie Night: Trolls 3: Band Together- Feb 23 @ 6:00pm

Join us Feb. 23rd for this FREE event! Doors open at 6:00pm and the movie starts at 6:30pm. Concessions will be available for purchase (CASH ONLY). This is **NOT** a drop off event and students **MUST** have an adult monitoring them throughout the event. All proceeds benefit our 5th Grade's Outdoor Ed trip  
Email [outdoored@juanitaelpta.com](mailto:outdoored@juanitaelpta.com) with any questions.

JUANITA PTA  
**FAMILY  
MOVIE NIGHT**  
FEATURING  
**TROLLS 3 | BAND TOGETHER**  
RATED PG

**DATE** 📅  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

**TIME** 🕒  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM  
MOVIE START 6:30PM

**NOTE** 🗣️  
NOT A DROP-OFF EVENT.  
ADULT MUST BE PRESENT.

**CONCESSIONS** 🍿  
PIZZA, POPCORN,  
CANDY, DRINKS  
CASH ONLY

**OUTDOOR ED** 🚌  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED  
FOR OUR 6TH GRADERS



## Green Team News



The seeds have been sown and now we wait! The Green Team planted 74 milk jugs of a variety of seeds including pumpkin, cucumber, pepper, tomato, sunflower and a few more. These seeds will sprout and harden over the next few months and then they will be transplanted into the community garden. We are also saving some for our upcoming Earth Day Extravaganza (Sunday April 21st 11-2) Details soon!



## MYSTERY READER

Do you like to read? Do you have 20 minutes to spare? Juanita PTA is piloting a Mystery Reader program and we need readers like you! Reading out loud not only builds vocabulary but it also improves comprehension and active listening, reduces stress, strengthens fluency, helps improve memory and it is a fun experience to share with your child. All you need to do is sign up, send your child's teacher 4 clues about you then come and read a book to the class. Please sign up if you, or a family member, are interested in being a Mystery Reader this year. Dates and times will be scheduled directly with the classroom teacher. We have already had a few parents partake in this fun opportunity. Here is a testimonial from 3rd grade dad Johnathon Alexander "I had such a great time being the Mystery Reader! It was a blast."



## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Artist in Residence and Juanita mom, Rachel Wichlacz, will teach a lesson on color theory starting with a scientific explanation of how color is actually made of light, using watercolor pencils and paint. Lessons will be **February 22nd and Feb 23rd**. Please click the link below to volunteer to help students with this fun art project.

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - Feb 22**

Juanita's Kindergarten registration event for the 2024-2025 school year will be the afternoon of **February 22nd**. We need help to make this a successful event for incoming kindergarten families. Volunteers will greet families and assist staff as needed.

## **Want to help decide what programs the PTA supports and how we spend fundraising money?**

The PTA is looking for members to join the Budget Committee to review our current budget and provide input on the budget for next year. The time commitment is minimal and can take place outside of normal work hours. If you are a PTA member and interested in joining the Budget Committee, please email [treasurer@juanitaelpta.com](mailto:treasurer@juanitaelpta.com).

## **YEARBOOK ORDERS NOW OPEN**

Your student will be receiving a paper yearbook order form soon! Please note that this year, the Juanita Elementary PTA is offering variable pricing. This means you can choose to pay whichever option that fits best for your family financially, \$8, \$16, or \$25. The \$25 option helps ensure that all students who want a yearbook have access, supporting our mission of building an equitable community. Your flexible pricing choice is always kept confidential and will not affect the quality of your student's yearbook. A big thank you to the generosity of our families that can contribute more! You can also order online by using this Yearbook ID: 15219224 here: [ONLINE Yearbook Orders](#)

## **OUTDOOR ED**

### **4th Grade Families: Outdoor Ed Info Night: March 7th, 7:00pm**

Join us in the library or online to find out more about the Outdoor Ed Program, info about costs, volunteer and fundraising opportunities. A link to the online meeting will be sent closer to the meeting date. Email [outdoored@juanitaelpta.com](mailto:outdoored@juanitaelpta.com) for more information.

### **5th Grade Families: T-shirt orders Due March 1st**

Every student receives a T-shirt for free, even if they are not attending camp. Hoodies are optional and available for purchase. Be sure to turn in the T-Shirt form, and payment if applicable for your student before March 1st. Email [outdoored@juanitaelpta.com](mailto:outdoored@juanitaelpta.com) with any questions!

## **SIGN UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER**

Sign up to be on our volunteer list! All volunteers must be LWSD approved volunteers prior to events. Check out the upcoming volunteer opportunities below:

Sign up to be on the PTA volunteer list: <https://bit.ly/3sM0MYD>

Become an approved LWSD volunteer <https://www.lwsd.org/get-involved/volunteering-in-lwsd>