02.02.2024 Cat Tracks PTA Items

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS & VOLUNTEER LINKS

2/3 @ 2:30PM and 5PM - All School Play - Princess & the Pea
2/9 - Equity Coffee Talk @ 8:40am - 9:40am
2/9- Popcorn Friday
2/22 @ 1-5pm- Kindergarten Registration
2/22 Chili Cook-off - Staff Appreciation
2/22 - 2/23 - Enrichment Art Lessons
2/23 @ 6:30pm Movie Night- Trolls 3
2/29 @ 7p - Parent Education Night - Ready, Tech, Go!
Yearbook Committee:
Ongoing Mystery Reader:

2/3 JUANITA SCHOOL PLAY: THE PRINCESS & THE PEA 🎭

Come support all the amazing students who are participating in this year's school play. This classic tale is played out by students from K to 5. Their delightful performance will have you laughing and cheering. This year's production of The Princess & The Pea is brought to you by the Missoula Children's Theatre.

There will be two show times at 2:30PM and 5PM. Tickets for sale at the door (CASH or CHECK)

- Students/teachers/+65: \$5
- Adults: \$10

Concessions will be available for purchase. 🌹





2/22 - STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH - CHILI COOK OFF

Let's show Juanita El 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

2/29 Parent Ed Night -Is your kid ready for a phone? Are you? What are effective ways to manage screen time?

The Juanita El 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. We will review and discuss PTA resources to help you make informed decisions about



technology and children. **This is an in-person only event.** Dessert will be provided. We are hoping to have supervision for children as well, more information to come.

Please let us know if you plan on attending by RSVPing here:

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 time so we can research and find answers ahead of the event. It can be about technology use at home or at school. Poll: <u>https://forms.gle/Ck4ePtUrzZ7bwGVv8</u>



MYSTERY READER

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. Juanita PTA is piloting a Mystery Reader program and we need readers like you! 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.



GREEN TEAM NEWS 🌱

We are collecting donations for Winter Seed Sowing in which the students will plant seeds in milk jugs and the seed will harden and sport during the cold months. By the time spring arrives, we will have an abundance of starts for our school garden and Earth Day Extravaganza. We need milk jugs, seeds and soil. Please click the link to donate items for this fun project.



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.

2/22 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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. Sign up here to donate snacks or volunteer:

JUANITA MATH CHALLENGE

Interested in solving some math problems with your kids? The Juanita Math Challenge is FREE, and no sign-up is necessary. All students K through 5th grade students are invited to participate. Students who answer the minimum number of questions correctly are entered into a drawing for a small prize.

The raffle winner of Math Challenge #7 is Pranaini B.P from Ms.Moss's class.

Math Challenge #9 is available on Feb 2 and due Feb 14

Find the Math Challenge and participation instructions at

https://www.mathinaction.org/juanita-elementary.html

JANUARY GENERAL PTA MEETING RECAP

At this month's meeting, the PTA workshopped the Coffee Talks program to make it as useful to you as possible. Keep an eye out for those changes! Other topics included:

- Approved funds for second graders to visit the Planetarium as part of their Pacific Science Center field trip in February
- Princess & The Pea play, opening this weekend
- Programming for the Ready Tech Go event, February 29
- An expanded Kindergarten Registration Open House which will include online booking for school tours.

Our next general meeting is March 21st at 7 PM.

Also, we're seeking PTA members to join the Nominations Committee. If you are a PTA member and interested in helping find PTA leaders for next year, please reach out to <u>info@juanitaelpta.com</u>.

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 <u>treasurer@juanitaelpta.com</u>.

2/23 Movie Night- Trolls 3: Band Together



Grab a blanket or stuffie and join us in the cafeteria for Movie Night on February 23rd!! Doors open at 6:00pm for this free event with the movie starting at 6:30pm. This is **NOT** a drop off event and students need to show their PRIDE characteristics during the screening. Concessions will be for sale (CASH ONLY) starting at 6pm. Proceeds from this event benefit the Outdoor Ed Program here at Juanita EI.

Outdoor Ed:

4th Grade Families: Time to start planning for Outdoor Ed trip in 2025!

Outdoor Ed planning and fundraising transferred to the 4th grade class on April 1st. We need a core group of families that will help lead our efforts.

5th Grade Families:

We are down to the last few Volunteer Opportunities!

If you still need a volunteer shift or 2, we have the following opportunities left:

- Popcorn Fridays: March 1st: 8:45am-1:00pm
- Movie Night: February 23rd : 5:45pm-8:00pm
- Camp T-shirt/Sweatshirt Lead Email outdoored@juanitaelpta.com
- Legacy Gift Coordinator: Need someone to research model options and prices. Source item for purchase. Email outdoored@juanitaelpta.com
- Graduation/Moving Up Event Lead Email outdoored@juanitaelpta.com

Paperwork Reminders!

Reminder that T-shirt forms are due by March 1. Registration packets and payments are due by April 1st.

LOST & FOUND PHOTO ALBUM

https://photos.app.goo.gl/FXW1MiUqZt1ixbVr5

For the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year (ending in June), you'll be able to browse the Lost and Found rack from the comfort of your home. A photo album has been made to update pictures of found items.

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: <u>https://bit.ly/3sM0MYD</u> Become an approved LWSD volunteer <u>https://www.lwsd.org/get-involved/volunteering-in-lwsd</u>