

03.01.2024 Cat Tracks PTA Items

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS & VOLUNTEER LINKS

3/1: 5th Grade Outdoor Ed forms and payments due
3/7: 7:00 pm 4th Grade Outdoor Ed Info Night
3/8: No School- LEAP Day
3/14: March Staff Appreciation - Volunteer to help
3/18: Class Pictures & Spring Portraits - Volunteer to help
3/21: General PTA meeting @ Library or Join Virtually
3/22: Coffee Talk
3/28: Cultural Night
Yearbook Committee:
Ongoing Mystery Reader

CHILI COOK OFF SUCCESS

The chili cookoff was a huge success! The staff absolutely loved all the chilis and were curious about the recipes! If you made chili and want to share your recipe with the staff and Juanita El community please send to hospitality@juanitaelpa.com.



THE CHILI COOK OFF WINNER IS.....Teresa Bailie!

She shared her recipe with us and even gave us a few tips. She usually doubles the chicken and uses both cumin and chili powder. She adds the cheese last! Thank you all for participating and making Juanita El staff feel loved!



3/28 Culture and Music Night

Please join us for a fun night of celebrating the diversity of our school community and watching our students perform musical pieces from around the world! Students will be learning about different regions of the world and will be displaying their creations. Would you and your family like to share something (food or a display) about your culture or heritage with our community?

3/14 PI DAY - MARCH STAFF APPRECIATION

We'd like to put on a March Staff Appreciation by celebrating Pi Day (3.14) with PIES!



You can drop your items off at the PTA office on 3/13 during school hours or at drop off on 3/14. Please plan for pies that can be sliced into 8 slices or if you're bringing hand/individual pies, bring 8 please. Thank you so much for providing wonderful treats for our Juanita El staff. We could not do these events without your support! Questions? Email hospitality@juanitaelppta.com.

3/18 SPRING PICTURE DAY

Monday, March 18 is Spring Picture Day! Class photos will be taken and students will pose for individual spring portraits. All students will have a spring portrait taken and families will receive a proof so they can see the portrait before deciding to order. Class photos will be provided to students at no charge! We will need volunteers to bring kids from classrooms, line them up, and make sure they're looking their best.

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 or contact Victoria Goetze-Nelson at lunchbuddy@lwsd.org



GREEN TEAM NEWS



The Green Team was busy this week beautifying the grounds of the newer upper parking lot. The LWSD approved our school to receive over 80 native and pollinating plants to landscape our newer upper parking lot. The plants we received are all native to this area and are beneficial pollinators.

If you are interested in learning more about attracting native pollinators to your yard, the Kirkland Library is hosting a class this Saturday at 1pm on this exact topic! Information can be found here: <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/65b8119ad20c652a4a0c0c98>

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, 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. This is especially fun to do if your child has a birthday during the week or if you are having a surprise guest. Reading in your native language is strongly encouraged! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3FVfGPk>



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.

YEARBOOK ORDERS NOW OPEN

Your student received a paper yearbook order form. 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!

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. Meeting link and call in info below. Email outdoored@juanitaelpta.com for more information. Join Zoom Meeting

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

The graphic features a large green pine tree on the left, a wooden signpost in the center with two arrows pointing right, and a campfire on the right. The signpost has two signs: the top one says "March 7, 2024" and the bottom one says "7:00pm". Above the signpost, there are two lanterns. The top lantern is next to the text "Learn About:" followed by a bulleted list: "• What is camp?", "• Camp Costs", "• Fundraising Opportunities", and "• Volunteer Opportunities". The bottom lantern is next to the text "Join us in the Library or Online" above a QR code. Below the QR code, it says "Email Questions to: outdoored@juanitaelpta.com". At the bottom center, it says "About IslandWood: https://islandwood.org".

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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>