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Tyee Middle School PTSA (#2.3.145) is dedicated to enriching the educational experience for children and their families through collaborative efforts with teachers, educational staff, and the local community. We are committed to our mission and goals, which aim to foster a vibrant learning environment and strengthen the bond between school and community.

PTSA/School Calendar

Monday to Friday, March 4 to March 15: ASB Food Drive
Wednesday, March 13: Tyee Registration Info Night
Wednesday, March 20: Parent/student Panel 6pm-8pm at Tyee Commons
Friday, March 22: Snow Day Make-up
Tuesday, March 26: 6th Grade Camp Orkila Parent Info Night 6:00 PM in the Gym
Friday, March 29: Night at the Park - Rainier's game at Cheney Stadium

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PTSA NEWS

Taiko Drums Performance Fundraising

Experience the Thunderous Rhythm of Japan: Taiko Drums Live! Dive into the performance that transcends mere music to become a powerful, pulsating spectacle. Feel the ground shake and your spirit soar as our master drummers unleash the ancient art of Taiko, enveloping you in a rhythmic journey that traces back centuries. Each beat tells a story, each performance a unique exploration of tradition, strength, and harmony. This isn't just a show; it's an immersive experience where every drumbeat echoes in the depths of your soul. Witness the majestic art of Taiko and be part of a living legacy. **This performance primarily aims to raise funds for the Dragon Boat Race at Lake Union during the Dragon Boat Festival on June 8th this year. Book your tickets now and prepare to be moved to the core by a performance that's nothing short of spectacular!**

- *When:* **April 14, 2024. Starts at 3pm.**
- *Where:* **Renton Ikea Performance Arts Center**

General tickets retails at $35. Enjoy a discounted price of **$25** which is exclusive to Tyee families. A percentage of the tickets sales through the PTSA website would be donated to Tyee PTSA. Purchase your tickets here: https://tyeeptsa.org/Packet/TaikoDrumsTickets ***Please purchase your tickets by April 3, 2024 midnight.*** We will schedule a date/time for students to pick up the purchased tickets during the school day and send a follow up email.

Parent/Student Panel Night

Tyee PTSA is hosting a parent/student panel on March 20 from 6 to 8 pm in the Tyee Commons to hear from past Tyee students and Parents of High Schoolers on How to Best Support your Child in Middle School - Supporting healthy perspectives. This will be an interactive Q and A format, topics will range from first hand experience of finding balance physically, emotionally, academically for your child to how to learn from mistakes as students mature through their middle school years. We acknowledge that high school registration is also taking place, and we will have parents with high schoolers that would be happy to share their perspectives on transition to high school.

The panel serves as a parent education opportunity through first hand experiences. We recognize that our students are going through tremendous change in middle school and as this happens, how can we as parents be the best support to help them grow, learn from mistakes, and take on a positive perspective with managing all aspects of their development. Any questions that you would like to the panel to address on the 20th, feel free to email them before the 15th to parentpanel@tyeeptsa.org. Hope to see you there!

Tyee Makers Market

On April 26th Tyee will hold our first Makers Market. Students can register to have booths to sell handmade items, or food or drinks they have created. Each product should have at least 4 items or 4 ingredients that you have put together to create your unique product, unless it's individually crafted, such as origami, crochet, face painting, caricatures, pottery, photography, braiding, etc. There will be a rental fee of $30.00 (deducted from their sales) which will go towards Redecorating The Staff Lounge. Each vendor will also choose a charity of their choice to donate a percentage of their sales. We encourage students to hold tables in groups of 2 or 3, but other student names can be added to your table in the future. We will host three workshops the last 10 minutes of each lunch period to help create sales ideas, price-point, and marketing. If you have a great idea, lock it in now! If not, you will have ample time to decide upon the perfect thing, with the PTSA's help.

Students can also showcase their talents on the Performance Stage during the Makers Market. You can play an instrument, sing, perform magic or juggle, a comedy routine - or other! You can receive donations just like a busker at Pike Place Market. Each slot is 10 minutes long. You can also have a vendor table at the event, just have someone to cover your table during that time. Those playing musical instruments must be in groups of 2-4.

Students have been sent a Sign Up on Teams. Please have your students check Teams to sign up for both the Student Table Sales and the Student Performances.

We are seeking more parents to get involved in our planning committee, particularly in the role of event Treasurer. Please contact Sirisha Tadepalli at makersmarket@tyeeptsa.org if you are interested in joining.

Bellevue School Foundation Spring for School

Join us as we cultivate the next generation with a garden party! Funding raised through Spring for Schools yields critical programming in Bellevue School District. Our annual fundraiser joins community leaders, corporate stakeholders, and philanthropic individuals who are committed to making sure that all 18,000+ students at 28 schools in the District can blossom through programs and enrichment opportunities critical to their growth as students and future leaders of our community.

Tyee PTSA will host a table and warmly welcomes Tyee parents to join us. If you'd like to attend, please Registration so we can count you in. This event is for adults only!

- When: 5:00 – 8:00 PM (program starts at 6:00 PM) on Saturday, March 30th
- Where: The Meydenbauer Center: 11100 NE 6th St, Bellevue, WA 98004
- Parking: Parking is complimentary for all registered guests. The Meydenbauer Center garage entrance is midblock at 11100 NE 6th Street, between 110th Avenue NE and 112th Avenue NE.
- Attire: Please dress as you wish for the "Garden Party," with any and all floral attire highly encouraged!
- Food and Drink: Complimentary non-alcoholic drinks and tasty bites will be provided; alcoholic drinks are available for purchase.
- Free Childcare: First come first served basis (3-12 years old, must be potty trained)

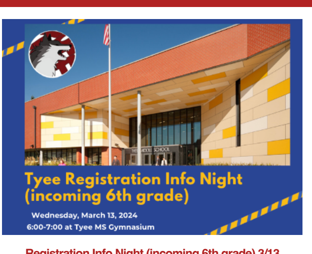
Tyee Choir : Night at the Park – Rainier's Game

Come support our Tyee singers while they sing the national anthem for the opening Rainier's game Vs Oklahoma City Dodgers on Friday, March 29th at Cheney Stadium. Join us for a night of food, fun, and baseball! Join us early so you don't miss our school choir perform the national anthem to kick off the baseball season! Tickets are on sale now through March 8th at midnight. You may purchase through your student's payment portal here https://wa-bellevue.intouchreceipting.com/ $20 will cover your seat, hotdog, snack, and water.

7th Grade Carnival Planning Committee

The PTSA is looking for parents to help plan the 7th Grade Carnival event May 31st from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Most of the work is already done so time commitment is low, but the joy of helping in your student's big event is high! Please email: studentsocials@tyeeptsa.org.

SCHOOL NEWS



Registration Info Night (incoming 6th grade) 3/13

Incoming Tyee 6th grade students and families are welcome to join us for a presentation about registering for 6th grade classes in the 2024-25 school year. Families and caregivers will receive similar information to what their students will learn in 5th grade classroom so they are able to support their students with selecting courses. Please join us for a presentation, followed by a live Question & Answer session with Tyee Administrators and Counselors.

- **Location:** Tyee MS Gymnasium
- **Date:** Wednesday, March 13
- **Time:** 6:00-7:00

If incoming 6th grade families are unable to attend the in-person event, presentation information will be posted to the Tyee website beginning March 14.

ASB Food Drive 3/4-15

Tyee is hosting our annual Food Drive this month to support our local community. We accept donations of non-perishable food in jars, boxes, cans and sealed packets. We are also accepting new homecare and personal hygiene items. Donations are accepted at the Tyee Main Office, and contributions will be made to Northwest Harvest, who distributes food to over 375 food banks across our region. Thank you for sending your student to school with an item or two to contribute!

March 22 & Pre-Arranged Absences

Following the January 17 school closure, March 22 is now a regular school day for students. If you have already made plans for that day, please note Bellevue School District's pre-arranged absence requirements:

- Bellevue School District allows each student 5 pre-arranged absence days per school year. These absences are excused and can be used for family events, travel, extracurricular events, private school interviews, etc.
- To excuse an absence, complete the pre-arranged absence form before the absence. Students must get their teacher and parents' signatures. After obtaining all teacher signatures, students should submit the completed form to the attendance office at least 3 days before the planned absence.
- For more information and to access the pre-arranged absence form, visit: https://bsd405.org/tyee/report-an-absence/

6th Grade Camp Parent Info Night

It is time to start preparing for the Outdoor Education Camp experience at Camp Orkila on Orcas Island, May 21 to May 24! There will be a **parent information meeting in the Gym on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:00 PM.** We will present a summary of our camp program and answer questions. Please complete the following for your student to attend the trip:

- The permission forms are on Final Forms https://bellevue-wa.finalforms.com
- Trip fee of $375 can be paid online at https://wa-bellevue.intouchreceipting.com/
- A YMCA Release of Liability form must be completed for all participants: https://surveys.ymcaexchange.org/f/182400/3ee6/

Please complete these forms and submit payment on or before **Wednesday, April 3**. Scholarships are available upon financial need; scholarship application forms are available in the office or from your school counselor and must be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 3. Questions? Please contact the Camp Directors: Blaine Craig: craigb@bsd405.org and Hailey Gurrad: gurradh@bsd405.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Enjoy a welcoming video from our Newport PTSA Co-Presidents, Karen and Mei!

Newport High School is looking for rising 9th grade parents to join the NHS PTSA

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents of 8th graders who plan to attend NHS to get acquainted with high school and be involved in the PTSA. The PTSA at NHS is responsible for many key activities such as the annual NHS Ski Swap Fundraiser, teacher/staff grants impacting student learning, as well as being a bridge between our parent community and staff.

For more info pls go to Newport High School PTSA PTA#2.3.155, Rev1.2

NEWPORT GIRLS SELECT BASKETBALL

Spring Girls Basketball - Starting March 21st

Starting March 21st, join us at the Tyee Middle School Gym for Spring Skills Training. Our coaches will help the girls work on their basketball skills and organize scrimmages. The fee is $150 and it is open to girls of all experience levels in 2nd – 8th grade that eventually will go to Newport High School! Most sessions will be on Tue/Thu and it runs through May 30th. Based on skill level, there will be 2 time slots:

- 6:15-7:45pm: Beginner/Intermediate skill level
- 7:45-9:15pm: Advanced skill level

Register: https://newportgirlsselectbasketball.sportngin.com/register/form/636746508
Email newportgirlsselectbasketball@gmail.com for more details on how to register.

Explore UW Youth & Teen Programs

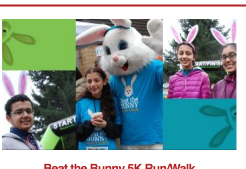
The University of Washington's Youth & Teen Programs offers enrichment opportunities during the school year and summer.

This summer we're excited to offer a variety of in-person and online courses for students entering fourth through 12th grades. Visit the Summer 2024 Courses page, where you can filter courses by grade, date, time and location.

Visit https://www.youth-teen.uw.edu/ for more summer program information

City of Bellevue "How To" Classes This Spring

Learn how to live more sustainably! City of Bellevue Utilities are pleased to offer free, interactive "How to" classes. Participants are welcome to attend a single class, any combination, or all of the classes. All classes are designed to participate independent of the others. Attendees will receive a digital kit of resources, tips, and tools after each class. All ages are welcome; however, these classes are geared towards adults and children over seven. **Registration is required to receive the link to the class.** To register contact the City at **recycle@bellevuewa.gov** or 206-949-1787. You may also find more information at www.bellevuewa.gov/greener-living-classes



Beat the Bunny 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, March 30 @ 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Event Website

Join us for our annual Beat the Bunny 5K race, a fun, family-friendly event! Whether you run, walk, stroll, hop, or beat the bunny, everyone wins a prize. The race also includes a FREE kids' dash at 9:30 a.m., prior to the start of the 5K race at 10 a.m.

The race starts from the Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village located at 6505 176th Ave NE Redmond, WA 98052. Parking is available at the community center parking lot and surrounding side streets. The start/finish line will be directly behind the community center with an out and back route running thru the scenic Marymoor Park.

Washington State Gaming Expo

Friday, March 29, 2024 —Monday, April 1, 2024
https://wagamingexpo.com/

The Washington State Gaming Expo will be held at the Washington State Fair and Events Center in Puyallup. Washington Gaming Expo will feature gaming vendors, artists, and exhibitors across 80,000 sq. ft. of show floor and exhibit space.Gaming fans will get to meet over 20 of their favorite celebrity voices from their favorite video games and movies. Meet the voices behind the characters from Nintendo, Microsoft, Sony, Blizzard, and so many more!

Teen Action Fair

Calling all teens who are interested in making a difference and creating positive change in their communities and beyond! Join us on March 23 for Teen Action Fair 2024: Waste to Wonder.

Teen Action Fair is an annual event created for teens by teens in our Youth Ambassador Program. Engage with local organizations, take part in games and activities, connect with other teens, and enjoy live performances.

This year's event is tied to our new exhibition, A Better Way to Go. Participants will explore how sanitation intersects with topics like the environment, health care, equal access, self-care, poverty, innovation, and sustainability. No RSVP required, but join and share our Facebook event!

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