



ELK PLAIN K-8 PTA NEWSLETTER

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READ & LEAD 2018

Jan. 8 - Mar. 19



EPSOC PTA's annual reading program is in full swing! Thank you to all of the families participating in the Read and Lead 2018.

Here are a few Read and Lead reminders:

- ▶ If your student is not participating yet, it is not too late! We will be accepting completed Read and Lead sheets until March 19th.
- ▶ To be eligible for the ice cream party, your student's class must be at 100 % participation (each student has turned in at least one completed tracking sheet) or your student must have turned in 10 completed sheets.
- ▶ The last turn in date for completed Read and Lead sheets is Monday, March 19th.
- ▶ If you do not want your student to participate in this program, you may request an Opt Out form (contact email address below and a form will be sent home with your student).



from the President

MELISSA PATE

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Hello Elk Plain Families!

Elk Plain PTA committee chairpersons have been hard at work to support our students and staff. I'd like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteer chairpersons and their teams for their efforts and for taking pride in a job well done!!

One of PTA's biggest events is Field Day. The K-5 Field Day will be on Friday, June 1 and the students voted for an Olympics themed day! If you are interested in helping out with this fun filled event, please contact Marie Reed at marienot@comcast.net. The Middle School students will have their day of fun on Thursday, May 31st. They also voted for activities and those results are not yet in. More info will come soon!

Thank you for the support you have shown Elk Plain PTA so far this school year. Check out our calendar and list of upcoming events for many more activities and volunteer opportunities to come!

Thank you,
Melissa Pate
Elk Plain PTA President



We hope that this program serves its purpose of creating quality family time and challenging your student to read every day. EPSOC PTA appreciates your support and dedication to your student(s)!

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Read and Lead team who have worked so diligently every week to track those sheets, move the students' progress up the board, and fill out the weekly prizes. Your hard work is appreciated!!! Read & Lead Team: Ross Avichouser, David Bahr, Crystal Green, Brittany Higgins, Teresa Lewis, Jessica Mays, Deanna Nussbaum, Tawnya Paquette, Melissa Pate, Jessika Robinson, Lisa Vigil, Kenny & Rasheeda Williams, and Jennifer Wrye

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact: Marisa Courson gohawks12thman@yahoo.com. Thank you!

VH = Opportunity for Volunteer Hours ♻️ = Recycling Available

MARCH/APRIL EVENTS

- » **READ and LEAD** **VH**
Monday, March 19th
Last day to turn in R&L Sheets!
- » **PTA Board Meeting** **VH**
Thursday, March 8th, 2:15pm
Elk Plain Library
- » **Spring Picture Day**
Friday, March 9th
- » **PTA Membership Meeting** **VH**
Thursday, March 15th, 2:15pm
Elk Plain Library
- » **Read & Lead Ice Cream Party** **VH**
Wednesday, March 21st
- » **SCHOLASTIC Book Fair** **VH**
March 26th - 29th
Shaunna Ruda, shaunnaruda@gmail.com
- » **EPSOC Beautification** **VH**
Sunday, March 25th, 10am-Noon
Debbie Townsend-Schmidt, dtownsend@bethelsd.org
- » **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** **VH**
Tuesday, March 27th, 5:30pm
Tawnya Paquette, tawnyapaquette@gmail.com
- » **Read & Lead Assembly**
Friday, March 30th
- » **PTA Board Meeting** **VH**
Thursday, April 12th, 2:15pm
Elk Plain Library
- » **Muffins with Moms** **VH**
Friday, April 13th, 7:00am
- » **PTA Membership Meeting** **VH**
Thursday, April 19th, 2:15pm
Elk Plain Library *Executive Board Elections
- » **Graduation Pictures**
Friday, April 20th
*Kindergarten and 8th Grade
- » **EARTH DAY Celebration & STYROFOAM Collection Day** **VH**
Friday, April 20th
Elk Plain Parking Lot
- » **BINGO Night** **VH**
Friday, April 27th, 6:00pm
Heather Bahr, heatherg81@hotmail.com

2017/2018 EPSOC PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

To become a member please complete this form, choose your membership level, and return to your child's teacher with check made out to EPSOC PTA.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Child(ren)/Teacher(s): _____

Standard Membership Fees: Individual: \$10 Couple: \$18

Business Memberships: PTA Website Ad: \$25

Website & Monthly PTA Facebook Ad: \$50

Total Submitted:

\$ _____

2018/19 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP IN APRIL

ELK PLAIN K-8 PTA
2018/19 PTA Executive Board Recommendations Form

The PTA is seeking board recommendations for its 2018-19 Executive Board. We are doing a special voting of the board on Friday, April 27th. We are looking for members who are willing to serve on the board and who are willing to help the PTA in any way possible.

Check out the board members listed on the board website. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact the PTA Secretary at heatherg81@hotmail.com.

Recommendations Form:

Full Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Zip: _____

If you would like to recommend someone for President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary of the PTA, please print the recommendation form from www.epsocpta.org/forms and send it to school with your child, or email Mara Arglo at cmareglo@gmail.com. Deadline for recommendations is March 23rd.

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Beautification

EARTH DAY



Earth Day: Adding Blooms to EPSOC!

EPSOC will be celebrating Earth Day on Friday, April 20 with our annual planting, weeding and campus cleaning throughout the day. This is an opportunity for EPSOC students to "own" their landscape!

We are seeking donations of sturdy gardening trowels (we never have enough!), as well as seeds and plants that have proven successful in the past. Lupine, alyssum, petunia, viola and pansy pony pack plants have done well. Seeds such as sunflower, lupine, foxglove and columbine have grown to maturity at EP also. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

If you are able to volunteer to assist on Earth Day or wish to help your student's class please email Mrs. Townsend-Schmidt at dtownsend@bethelsd.org. Thank you for your consideration!

BINGO!

Mark your calendars

Bingo Night is coming up on April 27th!

Come have a fun family night! We will have snacks for purchase and lots of fun prizes for Bingo. There will also be a silent auction with great items to bid on. Some of the items available are *Storm tickets, Museum of Pop Culture tickets, a bowling party and more!* There are small and big items to bid on, so there is something for everybody.



Muffins with Moms

Muffins with moms is Friday, April 13th at 7:00am

Volunteers are needed before and during the event. Donations of donuts, muffins and juice are greatly appreciated. Baked goods can be dropped off in the office the day before the event or brought in the morning of the event.

Please contact Jessica Young: young.jess.m@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in helping out!



CLOTHING DRIVE 2017!

HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that participated in the Clothing Drive!

We collected and donated 3 FULL VAN loads of clothes to Wear It Out Clothing Bank. Thank you Sky Warriors for your generosity, you have done a great job helping your community!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK!

FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH @ 7:05PM Tacoma Rainiers at Cheney Stadium

The cost is \$13 per person OR for an extra \$6 per person you can take home a Tacoma Rainiers hat.

An order form went home in your child's purple folder on Friday, February 2nd. If interested in joining your friends from Elk Plain for a night of food, fun and baseball, please submit your order form with payment in an envelope to the Elk Plain PTA office. Make checks payable to: ELK PLAIN PTA (not the school) It is very important that I receive your ticket orders NO LATER THAN March 20th, so I can reserve our seats together. Thank you in advance! Hope to see you there!

For more information or questions please contact Marisa Courson at gohawks12thman@yahoo.com



come to the SPRING BOOK fair!

[March 26-29]

Monday 7:15am-2pm
Tuesday 7:15am-7:30pm
Wednesday 7:15am-2pm
Thursday 7:15am-1pm



Any questions contact Shaunna Ruda at shaunnaruda@gmail.com

If you would like to send money with your student, please make sure to add 9.3% tax. We accept cash, credit and check (made out to EPSOC PTA) We hope to see you there!

Friends of the Arts, cast, crew and technical theater class invite you to:

Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.

Dance through the halls of East High alongside the skaters, brainiacs, jocks and thespians on April 19th, 20th and 21st.

The Friends of Arts production of Disney's High School Musical JR. will make you soar and fly out of your seat. 45 of Elk Plain School of Choice, K-8 middle school students have been working under director Kasha Browning, choreographer Tracie Foley and musical director Monica Hemenway. This fun, high energy show that follows jock Troy Bolton and brainiac Gabriella Montez begins at 6:30 pm and the Elk Plain School of Choice doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.



PTA Meeting Minutes

Elk Plain PTA General Meeting Minutes are now online!

Meeting minutes are available on the EPSOC PTA Website: www.epsocpta.org/accountability.html



Sustainability

CHRISTINE LINK

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Our 2017/18 Goal is to: REDUCE then RECYCLE

Goals/progress:

Pounds of compost saved from landfill: 1,500+lbs (goal is 2000lbs)

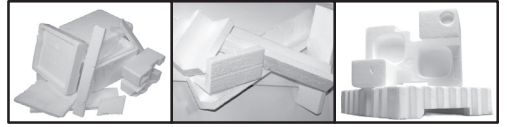
Pieces of TerraCycle + Lunchables: 20,000+ (goal is 35,000)

Trips to Tacoma Recycle Center: 12 Trips! (rigid and stretchy plastic)

Elk Plain continues to be a model of what it means to be a Washington Green School. We are keeping up with all of our green initiatives impressively and figuring out how to add more. It is truly a team effort. Thank you to everyone who plays a part including: *The Garbage Maniacs, The Green Dragons, The Green Apples, The Recycle Winners, The Carbon Footprints, The Setup Crew, The Compost Crew, The Middle School Lunch Crew, and Leadership.*

DISTRICT-WIDE EVENT! All schools are invited to participate!

STYROFOAM DRIVE



SAVE ANY LARGE BLOCKS OF STYROFOAM you find between now and Friday, April 20th

BRING THEM TO: ELK PLAIN K8 ON APRIL 20TH

and Elk Plain PTA members will take everything to the recycle center in Tacoma for you!

Blocks of styrofoam only - NO styrofoam peanuts or meat trays.

Please do not bring in styrofoam before April, 20th. This is a one day only collection date.

QUESTIONS? christinelink@yahoo.com or stacylynn12925@yahoo.com

Terracycle items for the 2017/18 School Year:

- Plastic Cereal Bags & Cereal Box Liners
- Applesauce/Yogurt Pouches & Caps
- Foil-Lined Energy Bar Wrappers
- All Clif Product Wrappers
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste Tubes
- Deodorant Containers
- Floss Dispensers

Any brand of the above products will be accepted. All items can be stored and dropped off "mixed" except hygiene items. Please collect those in a separate bag.



Thank you again to our awesome recycle sponsor:

