



ELK PLAIN K-8 PTA NEWSLETTER

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2019/2020 HELP WANTED!

We are in need of committee chairs for the 2019/2020 school year for the following committees:

Fall Carnival (closer919@msn.com)

Hospitality (Muffins with Mom, etc. young.jess.m@gmail.com)

BINGO (heatherg81@hotmail.com)

Holiday Shop (heatherg81@hotmail.com)

Yearbook (christiemcmahill@gmail.com)

Popcorn Fridays (cowgirl_73@msn.com)



from the President CHRISTINE LINK christinelink@yahoo.com

Welcome to the last few weeks of school! Days are getting longer, and summer is right around the corner. We have a few big events left to present, including Donuts with Dad and Field Day, but we are headed into the home stretch and are planning for next year. We have seen some new faces at meetings recently, which has been very nice! We have two new co-chairs, Susan Render and Kaelin Rockenstein, for Staff Appreciation, and Shauna Ruda and Jessica Mays will take over Read and Lead. The PTA is an ever-evolving entity that requires new faces and new levels of commitment from parents from year to year. Thank you to everyone who has taken the leap to join the team. It has been a true pleasure to work closely with everyone on the board, especially the executive board, Crystal, Jessica and Michelle. And it is my pleasure to introduce next year's executive board:

Co-Presidents: Shauna Ruda and Crystal Green

Vice-President: Christine Link

Secretary: Diana Tomlinson

Treasurer: Jessica Mays

Sincerely,

Christine Link

Elk Plain PTA President

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

May 23, 2019
7:00-8:00am



Please join us for a staff-sponsored volunteer appreciation breakfast! Thank you for taking the time to invest in your child's education and Elk Plain as a whole. Your efforts and time are greatly appreciated!

VH = Opportunity for Volunteer Hours ♻️ = Recycling Available

MAY / JUNE EVENTS

- » **PTA Board Meeting** VH
Wednesday, May 8th, 2:30pm
Elk Plain Library
- » **BOGO Book Fair** VH
May 15th-17th
Elk Plain Library
- » **PTA General Meeting (Budget)** VH
Wednesday, May 15th, 2:30pm
Elk Plain Library
- » **Donuts with Dad** VH
Friday, May 17th, 7:00am
Elk Plain Gym
- » **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (provided by staff)**
Thursday, May 23rd, 7:00-8:00am
Elk Plain Gym
- » **End of Year Board Meeting** VH
Wednesday, June 12th, 2:30pm
Elk Plain Library
- » **K-5 Field Day** VH
Thursday, June 13th
- » **Middle School Field Day** VH
Friday, June 14th
- » **Last Day of School** VH
Thursday, June 20th



Box Tops will go all-digital next year! No more tiny clippings! Rather, all earnings will happen via the Box Tops App. Stay tuned for further details! To download the current earnings App: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>



K-5 FIELD DAY 2019:

Thursday, June 13th • 8:00am to 11:40am

(set up at 6:30am - cleanup immediately after)

The theme is SPACE! Students will participate in class groups with each grade participating in the activities at each zone. Following the activities, students will return to their classrooms, go to their Sky Warrior Families area for about half an hour, and then attend a group gathering in the gym for a special treat!

Volunteers needed for all or part of the day.

Please contact: Marie Reed at marienot@comcast.net



MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN DAY

Friday, June 14th • 11:00am to 1:30pm

Volunteers needed to help with serving lunch, overseeing the inflatable slide, quiet room, and field activities.

Please contact: Mara Areglo at cmareglo@gmail.com to volunteer and for any questions.



Summer Dreams

Fireflies blinking in the dusk light ... diving into a cool lake ... brats cooking on the barbeque...clear nights and warm days ... driving through a new landscape on a journey ... family reunions ... puddle jumping ... watching the Rainiers from the top row of Cheney Stadium ... celebratory fireworks bursting in the sky ... darting dragonflies catching biting bugs ... biking along the path with no end plan ... taking the ferry to the island to wander ... hiking Mt. Rainier trails to view a waterfall ... biting into delicious fruit ... walking the jumbled rows of the open air farmer's market ... white legs in new shorts ... zooming bats gobbling up mosquitoes and saving my skin ... the sunset from the patio chairs ... popping snap peas from the garden in my mouth ... playing hide and seek late until the summer solstice arrives ... corn on the cob ... thunder and lightning storms ... picnics in the neighbor's yard ... breathing warm air ... feeling light

In Beauty May I Walk

In beauty may I walk;
All day long may I walk;
Through the returning seasons may I walk.

On the trail marked with pollen may I walk;
With grasshoppers about my feet may I walk;
With dew around my feet may I walk.

With beauty before me may I walk
With beauty behind me may I walk
With beauty above me may I walk
With beauty all around me, may I walk.

In old age, wandering on a trail of beauty, lively;
In old age, wandering on a trail of beauty, living again...
It is finished in beauty.
It is finished in beauty.

Navajo Night Chant

I plan on embracing the summer and enjoying the season to its fullest. I hope everyone takes advantage of the amazing and varied state that we reside in and goes outside. Whether it is in your own backyard or one of our spectacular National Parks, look to the out-of-doors to fulfill summer's promise and fill your soul.

Refreshingly yours,
Georgina Gryc Park
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DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF **READING** **READ & LEAD 2019**



Now that another year of Read & Lead is in the books, Elk Plain PTA would like to thank all the students, families, and staff who participated in Read & Lead 2019. With 96% participation, we came very close to achieving our goal of 100%. I would love to challenge everyone to continue to keep reading! :)

Thank you for all of your time and hard work!!!
May the **READING FORCE** continue to be with you always!

Marisa Courson
Read and Lead Chairperson

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!



Cost: \$22
[cash or check payable to EPSOC PTA]

If you do not have an order form;
Please send in an envelope with Payment, Child's Name, Grade and Teacher.

Yearbooks are sold on a first come first serve basis. There is a limited amount available. Please order ASAP to avoid a last minute rush at the end of the year.

If you are not sure if you've already purchased a yearbook;
please email Christie McMahaill at epsocyearbook@outlook.com OR text her at 253-677-3760. Please include student name, grade and teacher.

EPSOC PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019, 2:30pm, EPSOC

Called to order: 2:27pm

Reviewed minutes and filed with no changes

Reviewed financial report and filed

Mr. Mitchell spoke about upcoming Feb. 12th bond vote. The proposed bond has a couple of changes from the last attempt. Instead of building a new high school (adding a school), Bethel HS will be rebuilt on a new site and the old HS building will become a swing school to allow for retrofitting or other construction projects of Bethel schools. There is bond info on the Bethel website. Mr. Mitchell asked if the EPSOC PTA would consider supporting the bond.

Byron Smith motioned for PTA to support the bond, Clayton Moore seconded. Motioned was passed with no nays or abstentions. The school will have some kind of ballot competition for the kids again.

Mr. Mitchell requested \$180 for 12 tuners to be used for Guitar Club and shared with the music department. Byron Smith motioned to approve \$180 for the tuners, Shaunna Ruda seconded. The motion was passed with no nays or abstentions.

New Business:

-Grant request made by Mrs. Harbert and Mrs. Wellman for 3 "Botley" battery operated coding robots to be used by current and future kindergarten classes as a STEM teaching tool. The cost for each is \$65. Chris Clark made a motion to approve the grant, Shaunna Ruda seconded. The motion passed with no nays or abstentions.

-Locations and date to be determined for the mid-year review.

-There are several committee and executive chair positions that will be open for the 2019-2020 school year. A nomination committee is still needed. Nominations flyers will go out the beginning of Feb. Nominees names will be posted for two weeks prior to the election which will take place at the next General Meeting (Mar. 20th).

Committee Reports:

Family Fun Night:

-Glow Dance will be March 8th from 6-8:30 with the theme "Wash Your Best Green".

Several volunteers are needed.

-Possible Rainiers night in the spring

-Mod Pizza night raised \$2,400; PTA received \$480 of that.

Science Fair:

Parent info night is tomorrow (1/17) from 5:30-6:30. March 7th is Science Night where student projects will be on display from 5:30-7pm.

Box Tops:

Reimbursement slips are in teacher's mail boxes. Feb. 12th is the next deadline.

Sustainability:

Composting is doing great! Gently used t-shirts with the Green Team logo are available for purchase for \$3. The TerraCycle account has about \$200, some of which will be used for a clean water charity.

Upcoming Events:

1/17 STEM Parent info night

1/22-2/8 Clothing Drive

2/12 Box Tops due

3/7 Science Night

3/8 Glow Dance

3/18 last day to turn in Read & Lead sheets

3/20 Read & Lead ice cream party

3/30 next General Meeting

Open Floor- none

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm