

# Sunny Hills E-News

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- **District Notices:** Please read the important safety, health, and equal-rights notices that are posted online at [www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/legal/Default.aspx](http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/legal/Default.aspx). You will find information about asbestos, nondiscrimination, pest management, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), possession of firearms, sexual harassment, Title IX, and more.
- **Spring 2009 WASL Results :** WASL results from spring 2009 testing will be available in Family Access for students who tested in grades 3-12, beginning the afternoon of Friday, September 11. Families without internet access may request paper copies from their child's school. Forgotten log-in or password information for Family Access may be obtained from individual schools.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has created one-page summaries of learning expectations for students in grades K-10 called Your Child's Progress. These summaries may be viewed or downloaded at the following link on the OSPI website.

<http://www.k12.wa.us/resources/default.aspx>

- **News from the Nurse (Kim Rocco RN) Head Lice Alert:** With several cases of head lice at Sunny Hills please inspect your child's hair. Make sure the room is well-lit. The nits stick to the hair shaft and must be pulled off with a fingernail to remove. (or a lice comb can be used). That is one way to tell the difference between a nit and a dandruff flake. Dandruff can be easily flicked with your finger. Nits cannot be flicked or washed away. Parents can help control the spread of lice in children by:
  - Checking their child's hair routinely for signs of head lice
  - **Informing the school office** if their child gets head lice.
  - Informing family and friends so they can check their children.
  - Examining all household members and treat anyone infested.
  - Disinfecting clothing and bedding by machine washing and drying using the hot cycle.

- Soaking brushes, combs and hair clips in hot water above 120 degrees for 10 minutes.
  - Vacuuming all rugs, carpet, furniture, car, car seats and stroller. Discard the vacuum bag. If using a bag less vacuum, securely bag vacuum contents immediately after vacuuming.
  - Avoiding the use of environmental sprays (due to toxicity).
- **Wildlife alert:** In past years, our school has often sent out notices anytime a community member reported seeing a potentially risky animal in the general area. That practice has led to many, many “wildlife sighting” e-mails every season. This year, our school will continue to alert you when there is a pattern of sightings or when—working with wildlife and emergency officials—we have reason to believe the animal is an actual threat. We hope this will allow you to better distinguish if and when more significant action is necessary. Also, please be confident that school staff and bus drivers will never let a student out of their care into any situation where they believe an animal might be a threat. In the meantime, **please *continually* remind your children that they are in the presence of wildlife every time they walk to and from school or play outside their home.** A community “sighting” is just a reminder that coyotes, cougars, bears, bob cats, and other animals ALWAYS live among our residences and schools. Assume the animals are always present and keep the following suggestions in mind year round:

- Students: Always walk to and from school in groups, preferably with at least one adult.
- Students: Never make direct eye-contact with a threatening animal.
- Students: Never turn and run away from a wild animal; slowly back away from the animal and make yourself appear as big as possible.
- Students: Never feed or interact with any unknown animal.
- Students: Report any unknown animal sighting to an adult.
- Families: Keep garbage and compost piles securely covered.
- Families: Keep pet food and water inside and keep pets indoors or confined in a kennel or covered exercise yard.
- Families: Do not feed wildlife on the ground, keep wild bird seed in elevated feeders designed for birds, and clean up spilled seed from the ground.
- Families: Do not feed feral cats; coyotes prey on the cats and feed on cat food left out for them.

- Families: Minimize ground cover vegetation near children's play areas to avoid attracting rodents and small mammals that in turn attract predators.
- Families: Use noise-making devices when coyotes are seen. Check with local authorities regarding noise and weapons ordinances.
- Families: Report a potentially dangerous wild animal to the Washington State Dept of Fish and Wildlife Dangerous Animal Hotline at 1-800-477-6224. Call 911 for all emergencies.

•**First Day Packets:** A huge thank you to all of you who have turned in your brown first day envelopes. We truly appreciate your efforts to get it back to us in a timely fashion. We are still missing quite a few, so if you haven't turned in your child's yet, please do so.

•**Puyallup Fair Tickets (FREE):** We still have Puyallup fair tickets available for your children. They are at the front desk in the office, so please feel free to stop in and pick some up.

**September Calendar of Events:**

- 17 PACE Fundraising Kickoff
- 18 Chess Club Starts @ 8:15 AM MPR
- 24 Vision and hearing screening
- 24 Curriculum Night: FDK & AM Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> 5:50 - 6:35
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:40 - 7:25
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & PM Kinder 5:00 - 5:45
- 28 Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins

**October Calendar of Events:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Individual Pictures
- 5<sup>th</sup> Site Council Meeting @ 8:00 AM - Library
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bus State Count Week. \*\* Please have your kids ride the bus this week\*\*
- 7<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Pumpkin Carving Nights

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## PTA EVENTS CALENDAR

September 17 <sup>th</sup>	PACE Fundraiser Launch
September 28 – October 9	Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Fundraiser
October 7th	PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM

### PTA First Day Packets

If you haven't turned in your PTA First Day Packet (white envelope), you still can! Please send it back to school with your student as soon as possible. *Questions?* Ellen Owen, [eowen23@comcast.net](mailto:eowen23@comcast.net), or Martha Swallow, [martha.swallow@comcast.net](mailto:martha.swallow@comcast.net).

### Join the Sunny Hills PTA!

Please be sure to join the Sunny Hills PTA so every child will have a voice. Our goal is to have 100% membership, which is one adult PTA member for each student at Sunny Hills. Members receive discounts on purchases through [www.pta.org/benefits](http://www.pta.org/benefits), so keep your membership card when it comes! All adults are eligible to join the PTA, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbors. Our PTA is only as strong as our members, so please join today by filling out the enrollment line on the [Back to School Information sheet](#). Send the form in with your payment back to school with your student. *Questions?* Sydney Holderness, [sydvshs@yahoo.com](mailto:sydvshs@yahoo.com).

### PACE (Parents and Community Businesses for Education)

Sunny Hills' families, you can help raise thousands in support of our school by just dining out and shopping as you normally would. PACE is a passive fundraising system that not only earns Sunny Hills 5% back on ALL your purchases at participating businesses, but you also earn 20% back on your first purchase at participating restaurants. The average family from Sunny Hills earned at *least* their registration fee back last year, while we also raised thousands for Sunny Hills.

**What do I have to do?** Just follow the simple registration directions included in the PACE packet coming home with your child today. Once you register, you don't have to do anything but dine and shop while you and Sunny Hills earn money back.

**Will businesses know I am with PACE or do I have to do something at the businesses?** No, just shop and dine as your normally would with your registered credit

card. PACE processes all the cashback rewards with the businesses.

**Does my child have to do anything?**

Nope! But if you register by Oct 5th, your child(ren) will receive a Hexbug mini robotic! If you register two people/cards, then your child(ren) will receive an additional gift from the Pacific Science Center.

**Is my credit card information secure?**

Absolutely. And your information is not sold.

Please take a moment to look over the materials your child brought home today. Many of our neighboring school districts have 80%+ enrollment from their schools' families. Let's make sure our Sunny Hills' kids share in these local community business donations too! *If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact the Sunny Hills' PACE PTA chair Susanne Oberst at [suso@comcast.net](mailto:suso@comcast.net).*

**Gift Wrap/Cookie Dough Fundraiser COMING SOON!**

Our fundraiser featuring Sally Foster Gift Wrap, gift products and Otis Chipperry cookie dough is just around the corner! Watch for Sally Foster catalog coming home on **Thursday, September 24th, 2009**. 50% of every purchase goes directly to our schools.

**The PTA Needs YOU**

We are still looking for a few people to serve on our #1 fundraiser of the year - the **Walk-a-thon**.

Two people to **Co-Chair Concessions/Dinner**. This position is a well oiled machine. The notebook for the job is well defined down to the #'s to call.

Someone fun to handle **Spirit week** this year. Your responsibilities are just for 4 days leading up to the Walk-a-thon. You hang out with the kids in the mustang cafe lead trivia questions, fashion shows, contests, and maybe a little dancing. Also you go over the rules for the event.

*Please contact [katiereeves@comcast.net](mailto:katiereeves@comcast.net) with any questions. Looking forward to hearing from you!*

**Sunny Hills Chess Club**

The Sunny Hills Chess Club provides an opportunity for all Sunny Hills Kids from Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade to learn and play chess. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month is instructor led, fee based program with Chess4life providing the instructors. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays are open ladder. Open for anyone in the Sunny Hills service area to attend. DATE – Begins Friday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Class is from 8:15 am-9:05 am in the Multi-Purpose Room

COST - \$85 per semester, possible \$10 annual for the open ladder

DUE DATE – register for the instructor led class at

<http://www.chess4life.com/chess-event/Sunny-Hills-Fall-Chess-Classes/644>

CONTACT – Colette Aguirre at 425-557-6539 or [aguirrefamily1@comcast.net](mailto:aguirrefamily1@comcast.net)

### **Art Docent Meeting**

If you want to learn more about the Art Docent program at Sunny Hills we invite you to attend one of our Kick-off Meetings on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Sunny Hills Library or Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Sunny Hills Conference Room. Donna Gelinias and Heather Hildebrant will talk about the Art Docent program. Come and see how you can get involved. **No art experience necessary!** *If you have any questions contact [donna.gelinias@comcast.net](mailto:donna.gelinias@comcast.net) or [heatherhildebrant@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherhildebrant@yahoo.com)*

### **Feed The Hungry**

We need four families to volunteer to serve a "preset" chicken dinner to the local patrons in need down at the Issaquah fire station. Dates are on Wednesdays Oct 14th- Dec 9th- Feb 10th- April 14th- June 9<sup>th</sup>; from 5:10 pm to 6:10 pm at the Issaquah Fire Station, 190 Sunset Ave. *If interested please email asap, JoAnn Spears 206-465-8797 [jtsspears@hotmail.com](mailto:jtsspears@hotmail.com)*

### **Logo Wear**

This year the **kids are voting** between two different designs. The two designs were attached to the order forms that went home with the children. They are also posted on the front doors of the office and in the MPR. The kids **can vote by marking their favorite** on the paper attached to their order forms and turning them back in with the order form. They will also have an opportunity to vote at lunch time on **Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>** for their favorite. I will **announce the winning design the week of September 28<sup>th</sup>**. There are some samples of sweatshirts from last year in the office.

There is also the option of ordering a long sleeve tie dye tee too, the prices for a long tee are: \$19.95 for youth sizes, \$21.95 for adult sizes, and \$23.95 for XXL size.

### **Sale ends Friday 9/25**

Contact - Sharla Allen 206-947-3992 [mjsjallen@msn.com](mailto:mjsjallen@msn.com)

### **Looking for a 2008-2009 Yearbook?**

Did you lose your yearbook over the summer? Parents would you like to have your own copy of the Sunny Hills Yearbook? Did you miss out on purchasing a yearbook last spring? We are offering last year's Sunny Hills Yearbooks for **\$8.00**. That is half off last years cost! There are only a few copies available for purchase so reserve your copy soon.

Email Terri Black at [terrijblack@comcast.net](mailto:terrijblack@comcast.net) or Kim Gabica at [kimgabica@comcast.net](mailto:kimgabica@comcast.net) if you would like to purchase a 2008/2009 Sunny Hills yearbook and get your order form.

### **Box Tops for Education**

Start collecting those box tops again! A collection box will be placed in the front office as well as in the PTA office. In addition to clipping boxtops, points can also be earned

by ordering from hundreds of online retailers. For a complete listing see <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/Category.aspx>. The **first submission deadline is October 31st**. *Questions: Please contact Monika Seybold at (425) 557-7987 or [monikasey@comcast.net](mailto:monikasey@comcast.net)*