

# Sunny Hills E-News

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- **NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY:** Do you know the King County Sheriff's Office operates an online search tool to keep community members aware of registered sex offenders who live nearby? While these offenders have met their legal obligations and are aggressively monitored by Sheriff's Officers, you have the ability to check your own community and even sign up for alerts triggered when an offender moves close to a certain address, such as your home or school. If you search, you'll find that sometimes sex offenders are labeled as "non-compliant." Non-compliant means that the Sheriff's Office has not been able to locate the person at the listed address in person or by mail, and that the person has failed to register a current address, which is required by law. Recently there have been e-mails circulating around our community about a non-compliant sex offender registered at an address near Sunny Hills. Please be reassured, if the King County Sheriff's office feels there is an immediate threat to a community due to a registered sex offender, their office puts out notices and also schedules community meetings. The Sheriff's Office also provides safety tips for families. Take a moment to visit the website to take one more precaution as we work together to keep students as safe as possible.
- **SCHOOL PICUTRES & PICTURE RE- TAKE DAY: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH:** If you ordered a school picture package, it is being sent home via "kid mail" (backpack) this week. If you wish to have your child's portrait re-taken, simply send the photo package back to school with your child on November 6. Students will turn the package in to the photographer. If your child has not already had his or her picture taken and you would like to purchase a picture package, please complete an order form and send it to school with your child by Friday, November 6. Order forms are available in the school office. Class pictures will be taken in the spring.
- **PARKING AT THE MADISON:** Recently we have been getting complaints from residents at The Madison Apartments about parents of Sunny Hills' students parking in their parking lot. Please be reminded that those parking places are reserved only for tenants of The Madison Apartments. Parents picking up or dropping off students from school should be using the lower parking lot at Sunny Hills.

- **FLU UPDATE:** Across schools in our community, students are reporting sick with flu-like symptoms every day. At the school- and district-level, we are not able to send home a letter every time we have a reported case of H1N1, and health experts do not recommend doing so. Because local health departments have asked only those people with severe symptoms to report to doctors, the majority of H1N1 cases will remain undiagnosed. Therefore, health experts want all families to react immediately as if H1N1 were in their community and NOT rely on notification of a single incident. Administrators have a system in place to work with Seattle-King County Public Health to monitor unusually high absence rates to determine whether a specific action or communication plan is warranted in a school. Administrators are also in weekly contact with health experts to make sure they are following best practices for student safety, and custodians are being extra vigilant about cleaning and sanitizing facilities. The best course of action to stay healthy and prevent the spread of viruses and germs is to:

- Check students every morning and do not send them to school if they feel unwell. Keep them home until their fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medicines including those with ibuprofen or acetaminophen.
- Wash hands frequently and properly with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- Get vaccinated for both the seasonal and H1N1 flu. ([Public Health reports delays in the H1N1 vaccination for the general public until probably November.](#))

[Parents of student at high risk for flu complications](#) should be especially vigilant about following these steps, according to the Center for Disease Control. More information is available on the [Issaquah School District](#) and [Seattle-King County Public Health](#) websites. All advice from health officials is the same: No need for overreaction—H1N1 is a flu subtype comparable to other seasonal flu strains we experience annually—but keep vigilant and follow good hygienic practices in your household.

- **2009 HOLIDAY PROGRAM TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED:** There will not be a separate District Holiday Program this year. If your family is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food,

clothing, necessities, please contact your school nurse, Kim Rocco RN (Sunny Hills 837-7408 or Discovery 837-4042) ASAP to obtain information on the Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Program. The Food Bank program fills up quickly so be sure to contact Kim Rocco RN before the end of October. School PTSA's desiring to participate in a "Caring through Sharing" program will receive their families to sponsor through the Issaquah Food Bank.

- **FROM THE DISTRICT:** Are you aware that the state will soon begin mandating that secondary students pass math end-of-course assessments in order to graduate? Do you know how many secondary students and parents in the Issaquah School District are generally happy with their math experience? Are you concerned about conflicting math curriculum recommendations from the state? Then please come to one of the two remaining Issaquah School District math conversation nights: Tuesday, Nov. 3, at [Liberty High](#); and Monday, Nov. 16, at [Skyline High](#). These nights will focus in particular on the current geometry and algebra curriculum adoption and more broadly on families' overall math experience. Parents will be invited to discuss the rationale for the recommended curriculum, *Discovering Mathematics*, with teachers and administrators; to test-drive the recommended materials; to hear the results of the District-wide math survey taken by almost 10,000 students and parents; and to provide feedback about what type of math supports their students need. This is a comprehensive effort to understand families' math experiences so the District can better serve all levels of learners. More information about the geometry and algebra curriculum adoption, including FAQs and links to the new state standards, is [available online](#).

### **October Calendar of Events:**

26 - 30      Book Fair

### **November Calendar of Events:**

2	Last Day for Reflections Submissions
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students - conferences
5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting 9:45 AM
6 <sup>th</sup>	Student Picture Re-Take Day
9 <sup>th</sup> - 23	Thanksgiving Food Drive
11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day - No School
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reflections Reception

- 13<sup>th</sup> Sock Hop
- 17 Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Pick Up
- 19 & 20 Art Walk - conference room
- 25 Report Cards
- 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Break
- 30 Holiday Gift Program Starts
- 30 Unclaimed Lost and Found Items Donated

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### PTA EVENTS CALENDAR

October 30	Book Fair – LAST DAY Hours 8:45-9:15 am and 3:45-5:15 pm
November 2	Reflections Submissions – Last Day
November 5	PTA Meeting
November 9-23	Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 12	Reflections Reception
November 13	Sunny Hills SOCK HOP
November 17	Gift Wrap/Cookie Dough Pick-Up

#### PTA Meeting, Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

Join us at 9:45am on **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Mustang Club portable for our next PTA meeting. Follow this link to the meeting [Agenda](#). *Questions: Ellen Owen, [eowen23@comcast.net](mailto:eowen23@comcast.net), Martha Swallow, [martha.swallow@comcast.net](mailto:martha.swallow@comcast.net)*

#### CALLING ALL 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!

We need your help! The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are helping raise money for the Sunny Hills Scholarship Fund by having a Bake Sale and selling items at the Sock Hop on **November 13<sup>th</sup>**. We need 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to bring items for the Bake Sale and to help work a short shift during the Sock Hop at the Bake Sale Table. *If you are able to help, please email Anne Rosauer at [arosauer@comcast.net](mailto:arosauer@comcast.net).* Thank you, and let's show Sunny Hills what wonderful 5<sup>th</sup> Graders we have!

#### SALLY FOSTER SUCCESS

Big thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. We collected over \$10,000 to support this year's PTA programs. Order pick up will be held on Tuesday, November 17 after school. Questions? *Please contact Diane Salazar at [tigger532@hotmail.com](mailto:tigger532@hotmail.com) or 425-233-4316.*

## **LOGO WEAR**

The LOGO WEAR will be here in the next two weeks.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets and sweaters. Please make sure that you check lost and found. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Issaquah Food Bank at the end of the month. Thanks so much! *Any questions, please contact Lori Walters 425-313-7599.*

## **REFLECTIONS**

**Final days to submit your entry for the REFLECTIONS program:** Entries are due at the end of the school day on **Monday, November 2nd**. Drop off box is located in the office along with entry forms or you can follow links listed below for forms:

[Student entry form](#)

[Dance and Choreography Rules and guidelines](#)

[Film productions Rules and guidelines](#)

[Literature Rules and guidelines](#)

[Musical composition Rules and guidelines](#)

[Photography Rules and guidelines](#)

[Visual arts Rules and guidelines](#)

Reflections is a National and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. This year's theme is "Beauty is..." Only original works of art are accepted. The categories are: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual arts, Film/Video, and Choreography/Dance.

Program information can be found on the Washington State PTA website:

<http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html>

*For more information, call Lynda Lindley 425-427-9708 or email [sunny\\_hills\\_reflections\\_program@yahoo.com](mailto:sunny_hills_reflections_program@yahoo.com)*

## **SOCK HOP AND HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Dig out those poodle skirts and shine up your saddle shoes! It's time to get ready to rock the night away at the Sunny Hills Sock Hop. This is one of the most fun family events of the year! The music makes you want to move, the decorations take you to another time, and who can resist a free root beer float? So dress up, throw a food bank donation in the car, and come out for an evening of fun for everyone.

**DATE Friday, November 13, 2009**

**TIME** 7-8:30pm

**LOCATION** Sunny Hills Gym

**COST** Free with your non-perishable food donation. There will also be a 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser sale during the event.

**CONTACT** Kendra Kruper at [kendykruper@comcast.net](mailto:kendykruper@comcast.net) or Kim Haines at [rkhaines@earthlink.net](mailto:rkhaines@earthlink.net) with any questions or to volunteer to help that evening.

## **HOLIDAY WREATHS EVENT COMING IN NOVEMBER**

Are the holiday decorations getting you in the mood to celebrate? Well, don't forget that Sunny Hills PTA offers families a choice of wreaths, swags, garland, centerpieces, and other beautiful greenery. We also need a new Chair Position for next year and if you're interested this year to shadow, *please email Sydney Holderness at [sydvshs@yahoo.com](mailto:sydvshs@yahoo.com)*.

### **ART WALK**

Last week students attended our first Art Walk of the year and learned to find the 'story' in a few pieces of artwork. They did this by identifying the main characters, setting, and action in the paintings. Then they looked for clues in the expression of the characters, the colors, and the title. Students were encouraged to use this formula every time they look at a piece of art. To practice looking at art at home, find a piece of artwork and go through the 'story' process above with your child- then look the painting up on the internet to find out the full story and some information about the artist. The November Art Walk topic is "Here's Looking at Michelangelo, Kids!". Students will learn about the life and work of Michelangelo, and are encouraged to visit the current exhibit at the Seattle Art Museum. Monica Rockwell and Gwen Dieker, Art Walk Chairmen

### **CALLING FOR KIDS RETURNS HIT ALL-TIME HIGH**

More donors and more dollars made *Calling for Kids*—the fall edition—a record-breaking success, raising over \$235,200 for our students and schools. The Foundation extends a huge thank you to every person who gave to the campaign...especially our hard-working PTSA Representatives and the hundreds of high school students who called over 10,000 district families. Your efforts will ensure the continuation of the Foundation's current slate of programs and pave the way for investments that will further prepare our students for success in school and in life. If you have not yet made your *Calling for Kids* donation, it's not too late. The Foundation's ultimate goal is 100% participation. Log onto [www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org/donate](http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org/donate) to make a secure online donation today.

### **SHOP FOR ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

Holiday season is upon us and with it an increase in online shopping. Did you know that you can make two gifts with one click when you shop at amazon.com? Simply add this link [Earn \\$ for ISF @ Amazon](#) to your bookmarks and use it as your portal to the amazon.com site. ISF will earn up to 8% on every purchase you make. There is no cost or obligation to you, yet your purchases will automatically raise funds for ISF!