



## **NORTHSHORE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**

### **PTSA NEWSLETTER**

**January 14, 2022**



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#### **Important Dates:**

January 17th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 19th: Meeting of the PTSA Board

January 21st: 9:30-11:30am Playdate at Miner's Corner  
12:00-2pm Pacific Science Center Exhibit: Hockey -- Faster Than Ever!  
Last day to register for Lunar New Year at the Wing Luke Museum

January 28th: 9:30-11:30am Playdate at North Rosehill Woodland Park  
12:00pm Brainpop Online Workshop

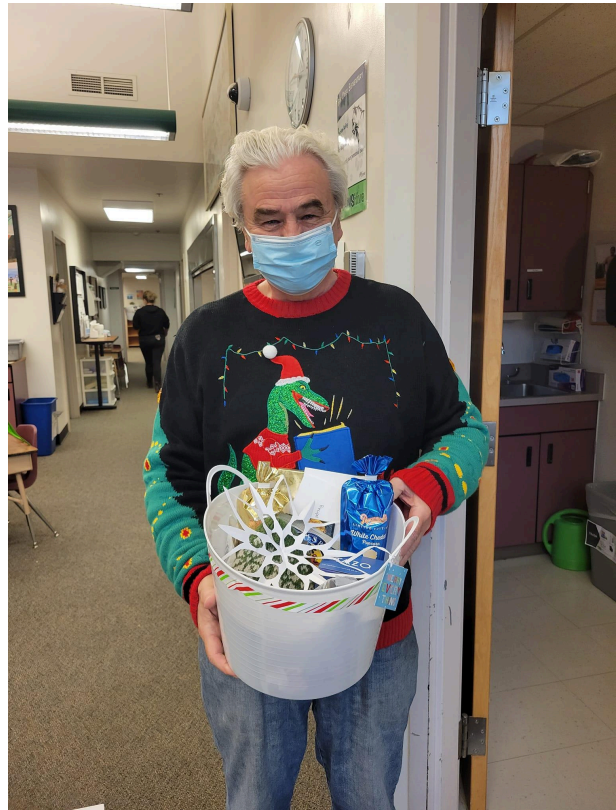
January 31st: First day of 2nd semester

February 3rd: 9:30-11:30 Art in the Park at Cottage Lake Park

February 4th 1:00-2pm: Lunar New Year at the Wing Luke Museum

**\*See the January Calendar at the end of this newsletter or find it as a stand alone printable [here](#).**

## Staff Holiday Baskets



Thank you to our wonderful NFP Community for helping us put together beautiful and unique holiday gift baskets for our beloved staff! From incredible handmade art to personalized gift selections our staff were blown away by their gifts.

“Hello NFP PTSA!

I am sending a great big THANK YOU to everyone involved in spoiling me with the generous gift basket. There were so many contributions that I lost track! I hope you all have an amazing holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

In Kindness,  
Kimmy Rhoades”



## Ways to Help Your PTSA

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### Nominating Committee

It's time to form the nominating committee to help us select next year's PTSA board! If you are interested in joining the nominating committee, please contact [vp@nfpptsa.org](mailto:vp@nfpptsa.org)

More about the nominating committee:

"The charge of the nominating committee is to recognize and recruit the most qualified people available for elected PTSA positions. The members of the nominating committee have a tremendous influence on the future of the PTSA, making it the most important committee in PTSA.

Members of the nominating committee must be elected by the members of the PTSA. Committee work includes holding confidential meetings, reviewing nominations, interviewing candidates, and searching for the best qualified candidates. The nominating committee is not charged with filling the non-elected positions on the PTA board of directors. When their work is complete, this committee provides a written report to the membership that names qualified nominees for the elected positions on the PTA board of directors.

Members of the nominating committee are eligible to become nominees for elected office. No person may serve on this committee for more than two consecutive one-year terms. A candidate for the local PTA nominating committee must be a member of the local PTA for at least 15 days preceding his or her election."

Other volunteer opportunities:

- Open board positions: virtual ambassador, volunteer coordinator
- Sustainability initiative - Join a committee working to draft a resolution to promote carbon neutral business practices to the WSPTA
- Spring Fundraiser Committee: Niki Gerardi is looking for volunteers to join her committee! We're planning a silent auction and spring hobby/craft market event. Details will be released pending district approval. Email [fundraising@nfpptsa.org](mailto:fundraising@nfpptsa.org) if you want to get involved!

If you don't see anything here that interests you, feel free to reach out with your own ideas!

### Financial Support

Direct Donations: As a PTSA, our organization depends entirely on donations from families and community members. Monetary donations can be made at any time via Member Planet. All donations are tax-deductible as we are a designated 501c3 organization. Don't forget to ask your employer if they will match your donation!

Tax information: EIN# 83-1819523. Legal name: NFP Parent Cooperative.

<https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/northshoreptsa/passthehat>

Amazon Smile: Did you know you can support the PTSA every time you shop on Amazon? There is no cost to sign up, you simply designate NFP Parent Cooperative as your chosen charity. A portion of every purchase you make will be donated by Amazon to NFP PTSA.

Sign up here: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

**NEW!** Fred Meyer Community Rewards: Fred Meyer shoppers can now support the PTSA when you shop! Simply visit <https://www.fredmeyer.com>. Once logged into your Fred Meyer account search for NFP Parent Cooperative either by name or MS461 and click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *rewards* card.

## Silvergraphics Fundraiser

SilverGraphics is a unique art fundraising company that creates one-of-a-kind keepsakes featuring your childrens' artwork.

Zosia will be leading an "Art in the Park" event for families to create an art project to submit to Silvergraphics. All supplies will be provided. We hope you will join us!

Thursday February 3, 2022  
Cottage Lake Park, Woodinville  
9:30 - 11:30 am

Several of our NFP classes will also be creating art in their classes to submit. Families will also be able to upload their own artwork from home. Once all artwork is done and submitted to SilverGraphics, an access code will be provided to NFP families to view and purchase items.

Please email [vp@gmail.com](mailto:vp@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.



## Excursions Policies

### **New Excursion Waiver Required!!**

We have confirmed with the school district that if parents sign a waiver, releasing the District and the PTSA from liability, it will enable parents to be able to send children to outings with other NFP families, and will enable NFP to schedule field trips outside the times and distance limitations imposed by the school district because of bus requirements. The waiver can be found [here](#) and includes a Covid-19 waiver. The waiver is for all outings in 2021-2022, you only need to sign it once. We will begin **requiring** these waivers to be signed for outings in December. Please print, sign and email it back to [enrichment@nfptsa.org](mailto:enrichment@nfptsa.org). From December onward, **THE PTSA WILL REQUIRE ANY FAMILY WHO ATTENDS ANY OUTING TO HAVE THIS WAIVER SIGNED PRIOR TO THE OUTING.**

Link to waiver for signature:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r51ez0bA-mAJzUtvRraCNRqX4TMWP7FHR45HdMcj8Js/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Excursion Scholarship Tickets**

You may notice the option to purchase a “scholarship ticket” when you purchase your excursion ticket. This is an opportunity to donate tickets to families who might not be able to attend otherwise. If the tickets are not requested, the money will be saved for scholarship tickets to other events. If the money is not used by the end of the school year, depending on the wishes of the membership it will be either used to subsidize ticket costs for the final outing of the year, or it will go into the general PTSA donations.

For families who would like to request scholarship tickets, you can do so by contacting Gary Keeler. He will arrange for it anonymously.

## PTSA Events

### **Excursions:**

**Pacific Science Center Exhibit: Hockey -- Faster Than Ever!**

January 21st, 12:00-2:00pm





Curiosity speeds into action at PacSci with HOCKEY: Faster Than Ever, an exciting new interactive exhibition. How fast is your slap shot? What's the science behind scoring like a pro? How will Seattle shape this fast-moving sport? Find out for a limited time only! Enter the "Hockey Science Lab," where you can test your hockey knowledge with a variety of hands-on interactives on a scaled-down replica rink. Experiment with reaction time, speed, balance, coordination, and power—all of the skills crucial to the game of hockey.

Tickets are a reduced group rate of \$20 per adult and \$14 per child. [Sign Up Here](#)

While the Science Center has not reopened yet, it is hosting this limited time event through February 2022. All attendees over 12 must show proof of vaccination or of a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours. All attendees must wear masks. Currently, our NFP group is the only booked for our time slot, further minimizing Covid exposure, but there is no guarantee that another group won't join in the next few weeks.



## Lunar New Year at the Wing Luke Museum

February 4th, 1:00-2:00pm

The Wing Luke Museum annual Lunar New Year tours take students on a fun-filled exploration of the neighborhood. With themes and activities tailored for each grade level, these tours include tickets to the museum as well. You can choose if you only want to participate in the outdoor tour, or if you want to explore the museum as well.

Depending on the number of children, they will break our group into more specific age ranges to make sure the content and length of each tour is interesting and appropriate for the age group. Generally the tours are 60-90 minutes but can be shortened based on age.

It is \$15 per ticket, for students and parents each, and includes the museum. Children under 5 are free. **We must provide our group numbers by January 21, 2022!** So we need everyone who wants to attend to register by then. [Sign up here](#).

All attendees 12 and over must show proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test within 72 hours of the outing. All attendees must wear masks, indoors and outdoors. To encourage social distancing, headsets will be provided so tour attendees can easily hear the guide without gathering close.

### Online Workshop

Are you interested in incorporating BrainPop at home, but uncertain about how to best use it? Our own Julie Howard will give a tutorial on BrainPop and how to use it in homeschooling on January 28, 2021 at 12:00pm. via Zoom. [Sign up here](#) to attend this **free** workshop!



### Friday Morning Park Playdates

You can find Keira at each playground with a balloon tied to her stroller.

At Friday Morning Park Playdates, please wear masks when within 6ft of others.

Dates and locations:

January 21st 9:30am-11:30am

Playdate at [Miner's Corner](#)



January 28th 9:30am-11:30am

Playdate at [Rose Hill Woodland Park](#)

## Outdoor Poetry Club

The Outdoor book club is now Poetry Club! Sharing our favorite works, writing poems, and participating in giving back events are just a few of the planned activities for Outdoor Poetry Club in 2022! Come explore the world of verse with us!

***All ages are welcome. Drop-ins welcome. We meet off-campus - Thursdays 9:30am. Please email [vp@nfppts.org](mailto:vp@nfppts.org) for more information or to be added to the mailing list.***

## Math in Action

***Congratulations to Lucas, Aiden, Adelaide, Jacob, Lily, Avery, Sam, Tim, Andy, Mary Ellen, Lolo, Luda, Penelope, Abdurrahma, Abdullah, Amiya, Julia, Hana, and Elliot for completing math challenges!!!***

***Math Challenge #7 is available here:***

<https://www.mathinaction.org/northshore-family-partnership.html>

## Community Events

[Swamp Creek Habitat Restoration Project](#)

January 22, 11 am – 2 pm

All ages volunteer opportunity to restore native habitats and remove invasive species.

[Audubon Great Backyard Bird Count](#)



February 18 - February 21

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at [birdcount.org](https://birdcount.org). Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts, and you can participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world.

### Online Parent Ed

Thank you to our parent ed chair, Jessica Lawrence, for this list of recommended online webinars!

#### [Screen Time: Kids, Parents, and Active Mediation -- with Douglas Gentile, PhD](#)

January 13th 6:30pm

#### [In Praise of Learning Differences: Focusing on Strengths and Abilities](#)

January 18th

#### [Parent University: Mindful Self Compassion with Dr. Becky Sherman](#)

January 19th 5:00pm:

## Membership Drive



If you're not a PTSA member yet, please join us! You can sign up here: [NFP PTSA Sign up](#) or contact [membership@nfpptsa.org](mailto:membership@nfpptsa.org). Never miss an email, event, or activity! Stay in the loop by joining the PTSA.

The Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) is more than cookie-dough fundraisers and boring meetings. We are a community of volunteers working together to support our children and families. We advocate for important policy changes, provide funding and resources to enrich our program, and we strengthen the relationship between families and schools. Together we form a village where our children can thrive!

Looking for something else? Check out our NFP PTSA Link Tree [here](#)!

Questions, comments, or concerns? You can email your PTSA Board of directors anytime!

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# January Calendar



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Now seeking members for the Nominating Committee for next year's PTSA! Help us build next year's board!						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
						Niki Mays' Birthday
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
				9:30-11:30 Outdoor Poetry Club Webinar: Screen Time: Kids, Parents, and Active Mediation -- with Douglas Gentile, PhD		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Martin Luther King Day	Webinar: In Praise of Learning differences	Parent University: Mindful Self Compassion with Dr. Becky Sherman PTSA Board Meeting		9:30-11:30 Miner's Corner Playdate 12:00 Trip to Pacific Science Center Last day to register for Lunar New Year excursion	Wallace Swamp Creek Habitat Restoration 11-2
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31	<p>Questions, comments, or things to add to the calendar? Contact <a href="mailto:communications@nfptsa.org">communications@nfptsa.org</a></p> <p>Events in this color are not PTSA events</p>				
	First Day of 2nd Semester					