

THE SCROLL

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Welcome Back to School!

PTSA welcomes our new and returning students and families to the exciting journey of 7th and 8th grades!

The main goal of the Kellogg PTSA is to help you stay connected with your middle school child(ren) and their teachers, and to support the students and staff in all they do as part of school. All families received a packet of information in the weeks before school began. Please be sure to read through, fill out, and return the necessary forms.

JOIN your PTSA and receive the Student Directory, a very important way for parents and students to contact each other. By joining the PTSA you also become a member of State and National PTA organizations which support education and welfare for all kids. Kellogg PTSA membership is \$13 for an individual or \$22 for a family.

DONATE today! We have just one major fundraiser for PTSA: The Pass the Hat Drive which started at Curriculum Night on September 17th (MANY THANKS to all of you who contributed already!). Your contribution to PTSA funds the after-school activity bus, student scholarships, classroom grants to teachers, field trips, and much more. Pass the Hat donations are accepted any time and are very important!

Membership and donation checks should be made out to Kellogg PTSA and sent to the school office (please note in the memo line what the check is for).

VOLUNTEERS Make PTSA Successful! A special thank you to those who volunteered during the packet stuffing, helped put together the teacher appreciation lunch the day before school started, those who attended the first board meeting and those who helped throughout the summer. PTSA is entirely volunteer-run, so we can't do this without you! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available, from baking cookies, collecting box tops or receipts for rebates, to helping with in-school activities like dances or picture days. Every little bit helps and is very much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Jodi Knudson at jknudson@comcast.net or 366-2505.

If you have any questions, contact PTSA Co-Presidents, Michelle Luche (phone: 850-2390) and Gina Walton (phone: 962-1337) at president@kelloggptsa.org

We're looking forward to a great year.

Surfing for Information

Just as we have one of the most "tech-savvy" student bodies because of our laptop program—we strive to keep our parents informed via the internet. Please visit www.kelloggptsa.org often to get the latest information on upcoming school events, minutes from PTSA meetings, and other resources for parents. Check out the link to the Teachers' Wish List, showing specific ways you can help Kellogg staff and students have an even better year.

If you have provided your email address, you will also receive email bulletins from PTSA every other Friday all year long.

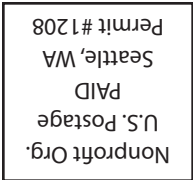
Which Day? Which Classes?

By the time you're reading this, your student will have easily figured out the system of which classes to go to on the different days of the week. Parents, if you are still wondering how it works, there's an easy way to be "in the know"! Check out the school website at <http://schools.shorelineschools.org/kellogg/> where you will find the calendar, announcements, staff contacts and homework information. Parents, you can check out the Daily Bulletin, which is read each morning at school and includes important reminders including which schedule classes follow for that day.

Parents Needed for the Walk-About Program

The goal of the Walk-About Program is to make our school campus a positive and safe learning environment. Trained parent volunteers move through the campus during lunch times and before/after school, modeling and encouraging positive behaviors. Parent volunteers are asked to commit to 30 minutes per week.

A Training Session will be offered at two times in the Library: Tuesday, October 6th at 6 pm and Wednesday, October 7th at 10 am.



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Looking Good, Kellogg!

A spiffed-up school was ready for students on September 2nd. Look around and notice fresh paint on the exterior of the buildings, and new entryway carpets. The athletic track, new last year, received its second surface coat and is looking sharp! There is also new striping in the parking lots, including the addition of two new handicapped parking spaces. Please be respectful of our students and family members who need to use the handicapped parking, and take care not to block or park in those spaces when picking up or dropping off your child.

Parents, Teens, and the Law Handbook

As our kids get older, many new challenges emerge in their lives. This booklet, published by a local area PTSA, is a useful reference for parents and their teenagers to address several very important and difficult topics, including alcohol and drug use warning signs, warning signs of depression, and laws that pertain to teens and parents, and much more. It is available from the WA State PTA website at http://www.wastatepta.org/resources/kids_school/index.html. There are many other great resources for parents and students available through the state PTA, take a look!

REFLECTIONS 2009-2010 Theme: “Beauty is...”

Reflections is National PTA’s annual cultural arts program to encourage creative expression among our youth. Original student works in the categories of writing, visual arts, photography, film, music and dance are submitted at your local school. Winners advance to District, then possibly on to State and even National

recognition. Your student can begin thinking about what “Beauty is...” means to them! More information and entry forms for Kellogg’s Reflections program will be available soon.

Spring Break Student Trip to Washington DC

An amazing educational travel opportunity is being offered to Kellogg and Einstein students again this year. Please note it is not a school- or district-sponsored trip, but is led by Shoreline teacher Paul Monahan, who has led student trips for 22 years. The Spring Break Student Trip to New York, Philadelphia, the Amish Countryside and Washington DC is open for enrollment now. The trip is limited to 100 students and parents, and eighth graders will have priority in signing up. Please email Mr. Monahan at: trip.info@yahoo.com or call his home: 425-486-7586, with the student’s name, address and phone number. A packet with details about the trip, an upcoming informational meeting, and instructions about how to sign up will be mailed to those that express interest.

Please Join Us!

PTSA Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Library. **Next meeting is October 6th, following the Walk-About Training.**

Key Dates for Fall

- PTA Meetings:** October 6, November 3, 7pm, library
- Veterans Day:** November 11
- Thanksgiving Break:** November 26-27
- Winter Break:** December 19 - January 3