

Diamond News

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President's Corner



Here we are back into the swing of the school year. It's only been a short couple weeks, but it doesn't take long to find that rhythm again. I have already found myself day dreaming of quiet days back at the lake during the long days of summer!

I'd like to invite you to check out our PTA this year. We are off to a great start and are beginning to make plans for our first

"Spooktacular" event October 28th. Last year the PTA contributed back to the school more than \$130 per child. These funds were for more netbooks in the library, assemblies, teacher's allowances for extra classroom supplies and much, much more. We are excited to see what this year brings for us in the many ways we can continue to honor our students, our teachers and our school.

Please come to the next meeting on Thursday, October 13th at 3:45 in the school library. Our meeting will last about an hour and will have free childcare available. Light refreshments will be served along with a

door prize for a couple lucky folks and a small presentation on "Rachel's Challenge in the Family". You can find the budget, agenda and meeting minutes from the September meeting on our webpage. Our goal this year is to be as "paperless" as possible. So check out the website often for updates and forms.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact me by email at jen.leatham.pta@msn.com or by cell phone at 253-632-6545.

Peace and Joy,

Jen ❖

Got Kids???...Join PTA!!!

Last year, the Black Diamond PTA gave over **\$36,000** to Black Diamond Elementary. The money was used to support your school, teachers and your children. In times of big budget cuts, the PTA has the ability to step in and help out! How can we do this?? With the

support of families like **you!** The support comes from becoming a member for only \$10, supporting our major fall fundraiser, volunteering, and supporting our many events throughout the year! If we reach 100 members by October 13th, then we will give ALL kids in our school a

frozen treat during lunch on October 14th!! Also, this year, we have reached 100% teacher membership!!! Thank You teachers for your support!! If you have any membership questions, please contact Danielle McOuat, membership Chair at dmcouat@hotmail.com. ❖

Upcoming Events

- BLACK DIAMOND COMMUNITY PRESENTATION OF RACHEL'S CHALLENGE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 6:30, BLACK DIAMOND ELEMENTARY GYM
- ENUMCLAW COMMUNITY PRESENTATION OF RACHEL'S CHALLENGE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 6:30, EHS AUDITORIUM
- PTA FALL FUNDRAISER
SEPTEMBER 26TH-OCTOBER 7TH
- ADOPT-A-ROAD
OCTOBER 1ST
- PTA MEETING
OCTOBER 13TH, 3:45, SCHOOL LIBRARY
- HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
OCTOBER 28TH

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"I HAVE THIS THEORY
THAT IF ONE PERSON CAN
GO OUT OF THEIR WAY
TO SHOW COMPASSION
THEN IT WILL START A
CHAIN REACTION
OF THE SAME."
~RACHEL JOY SCOTT

Coming Soon...Fall Fundraiser!!

It's that time of year again...Fall Fundraiser!! This year, we went back to the good stuff...gifts and wrapping paper! The PTA will be using a local company out of Lynwood, WA called Elliott Bay Fundraising. They have great products and good

prices.

September 26th will be our fundraiser kick off! The fundraiser will run from September 26th until October 7th. You can catch a sneak peek at the catalogs by going to www.elliottbayfundraising.com

If you have any questions, contact Tina McGann at 360-886-8268 or tmcgann8851@msn.com. ❖

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your school when you shop online at stores such as Lands' End, Walmart and Barnes & Noble. There are hundreds of products with box tops. How about Avery, Betty Crocker, Green Giant, Nestle, Fruit Roll Ups, Pillsbury and Ziploc to name a few.

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change for proofs of purchase from the Campbell family of brands. It's a fun, easy program where students, families and members of the community work together for a common goal. Here are some products...BIC, Campbells, Pop Secret, Dannon, V8, Swanson, and Glad.

Please send in your box tops, and labels in an envelope or drop them off in the box in the school office. Thank You for the Support!! ❖

Yearbook Presales Happening Now!

Now is a great time to order your yearbooks. The yearbook will cost the same as last year, but if you order now it's \$11 but soon it will go up to the normal \$15. If you want to preorder a special message you can do that for \$3 through the end of September, then the price goes back to \$5. To celebrate the start of the school year, the

Yearbook Club is looking for pictures of children on the first day of school. The order form can be downloaded from the PTA's website. If you have questions about the yearbook or to send in your first day picture please contact Johna Thomson at: BDEYearbook@gmail.com ❖

Rachel's Challenge Comes to Enumclaw School District

On Friday, September 16th, our kiddos at school were blessed with an amazing assembly for Rachel's Challenge. Rachel's Challenge is a program sponsored by the school district, the Enumclaw School's Foundation and St. Elizabeth's (Enumclaw) Hospital. It's all about compassion and kindness.

This Tuesday, September 20th will be a community forum for parents and citizens of the community to come and hear about it. Come and learn about the "Chain Reaction" you can create within our homes and community.

It starts at 6:30 in the Black Diamond Elementary Gym and lasts about an hour, an hour that changes your life. Light Refreshments will be served. Cookies have

been donated in support by CJ's Bakery and the Black Diamond PTA.

If you cannot make this one, there is a second one on Thursday at 6:30 at EHS.

Please invite anyone you think would like to hear about this amazing opportunity. It is an hour that will mark a spot in your soul that cannot be undone.

Additional information can also be found at the Enumclaw School District Website and at rachelchallenge.org.

At our October PTA Meeting, the BDE Counselor will give a short presentation on ways to help practice Rachel's Challenge in our homes.

****The program presented will NOT be for young children who are elementary aged. It's geared for a minimum of middle schooled age folks.** ❖**

Do you love Halloween and fall? Help us make our first "Spooktacular" a successful family night out! We are looking for volunteers, donations of Halloween supplies and decorations and a few dads and guys who will work together to build an awesome, but not to scary, Haunted House. Sound fun? Contact Jen Leatham at jen.leatham.pta@msn.com or Kate Harper at kjharper@comcast.net. ❖

Use a lot of Ink?? Recycle today!



Did you know that by sending in your old empty ink cartridges, the Black Diamond PTA can earn money for our school??

So send in those old empty ink and laser toner cartridges with your child or drop the cartridges off on the black and green bin in the workroom. Thank You again for supporting your school and your children!! ❖

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