
Newsletter for February 2017

BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE & THE 2017-2018 ELECTED BOARD

The Board Nominating Committee needs you! This group assists with identifying candidates for open board positions for the 2017-2018 school year. Key vacancies coming up are Vice President and Secretary, although all board positions are open for nominations. CEPTSA hopes to have a slate of candidates to announce by mid-March that will then be voted in at the April General Membership Meeting. If you are interested in assisting the committee or interested in nominating yourself or someone you know for a board position, now is the time, and we'd love to hear from you! Contact Tara Bergman at tara@iphid.com.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Contact: Tara Bergman, tara@iphid.com

THANK YOU to all who have already joined CEPTSA! We are currently at **88%** of our membership goal for this school year, and we can reach our goal with just 20 additional individual memberships OR 10 more family memberships. Have you joined yet? See the member benefits info linked at the end of this newsletter and consider joining today! You can purchase a \$15 individual membership or \$25 family membership online at www.ceptsa.com.

NO HASSLE FUNDRAISER – Contact: Ormezinda Brown-Maki, ormezaindab@hotmail.com

We are just **\$200 short** of our fundraising goal of **\$3800**. THANK YOU to all who have donated! Rather than ask you to sell/buy things to raise money for CEPTSA, we ask each family to make a flat contribution (ideally \$50) to cover our budget and support CEPTSA projects throughout the year. If 4 more families can make that level of contribution, we will have the full funding for our operating budget. We are a non-profit, and all of your donations are tax deductible and eligible for company matching. So please do your part by making a donation of any size today. You can send in a check marked "CEPTSA Donation" to the school office or donate online at www.ceptsa.com.

REFLECTIONS ART COMPETITION - Contact: Tara Bergman, tara@iphid.com

CE students had 24 entries celebrated at the Riverview PTSA Council Reflections Awards Gala in January, and 7 pieces were selected to advance to the WA State PTA level and will compete with other students from across the state. We congratulate all of the students honored, especially these Tigers who are advancing: Maile Salois (Music), Norah Barr (Music), Riley Grant (Literature), Lara Glover (Music, Dance, Film, Photography).

FAMILY BINGO & RAFFLE NIGHT – Contact: Lauren Sjavik, s.lauren@gmail.com

Another Family Bingo and Raffle Night is in the books! CEPTSA thanks the army of volunteers who made this event a success. From our raffle basket coordinators to families who donated items to the staff and parent volunteers who worked concessions and filled in the gaps, you all made an impact. We especially thank our event coordinators - Lauren Sjavik, Becky Reimer and Jennifer Resler. These three worked incredibly hard to bring families together to support CEPTSA! We also congratulate Ms. Dix's 1st grade classroom, whose Seahawks basket brought in the most raffle tickets. They will be awarded a class party with treats provided by CEPTSA. Congrats to them!

TALENT SHOW – Contact: Myriah Heuberger, myriah_dawn@hotmail.com

Calling all performers for our #throwback themed Talent Show! Performances are **Friday, March 3rd**: 10:00 AM Assembly & 7:00 PM. Permission forms, rules & information came home in backpack mail and are available online at www.ceptsa.com. Sign up in person in the school office with completed permission forms by **Thursday, Feb. 2nd**. Auditions are after school on **Tuesday, Feb. 7th**. Students will be assigned one of the 3 Workshop dates listed in our dates section. Mandatory Dress Rehearsal is **Wednesday, March 1st** from 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

A NOTE ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

First, a word of thanks to Erin Foster, who coordinated this program for years at CE. She is moving on from this role, and we are grateful for the time she has volunteered with CEPTSA! Updated PTSA compliance regulations for our After School Enrichment Program are currently under review and options for moving forward are being researched. We hope to get a full class schedule up and running by this spring, but there is the possibility that the new program won't launch in the fall of 2017. We appreciate your patience during this time and welcome your questions and feedback. Also, if you would like to help with this project, let us know!



Important Dates

Jan. 30th – Feb. 2nd

Talent Show Sign Ups in School Office
Permission Slip Required

Friday, February 3rd

No School – Teacher Work Day

Tuesday, February 7th (& 8th if needed)

Talent Show Auditions after school in MPR – must sign up for time slot prior

Tuesday, February 14th

School Board Meeting, ESC at 7pm

February 17th – 21st

Mid-Winter Break – No School

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd

Talent Show Workshop, 3:30 PM – 6PM
in MPR

Friday, February 24th

Full Day Friday – 3:30 PM Dismissal
Talent Show Workshop, 3:30 PM – 6PM
in MPR

Tuesday, February 28th

Talent Show Workshop, 3:30 PM – 6PM
in MPR
School Board Meeting, ESC at 7pm

TEACHER GRANT AWARDED

In December, CEPTSA awarded a grant to Ms. McCafferty in our preschool to cover 50% of the cost for a light table. The light table is a table with plexy glass on top and a light bulb inside. This allows for students to build with colored tiles, blocks and legos that they can see through. The students can also draw by putting a picture down on the table and another paper on top of their picture to trace the image. Per Ms. McCafferty, "This is a wonderful sensory input for our students with disabilities, and the kids are loving exploring their new table."

YEARBOOK COVER ART COMPETITION – Contact: Sara Balsley, sarabalsley@hotmail.com

Wow! We had 18 entries for the 5th grade cover art contest. And the winner, who will also receive a free yearbook, is Olivia Hinds! Congrats to her! Entries that were not selected will be on display at school, while Olivia's will remain a surprise until the yearbook is released. PLEASE NOTE: Order forms for yearbooks will be coming home sometime in mid-March. There were no pre-orders in the fall.

VOLUNTEER UPDATES – Contact: Tara Bergman @iphid.com

Looking for a way to pitch in? Contact Tara to Bergman join our Volunteer News email list. No commitments required. Looky Lous welcome! We currently have volunteer opportunities with the Talent Show Committee and the Spring Dance Committee. Also:

CPA TAX HELP: CEPTSA is looking for a CPA to assist with tax preparation this summer. Our year runs July 1st – June 30th, and our taxes are due in the fall, so this would be offset from the normal tax season. Plus, it should only take about two hours. Can you help?

A NOTE ABOUT THE WALKATHON FUNDS

In the spring of 2015, the CEPTSA Walkathon raised \$7K to be used by the school administration for playground upgrades. The administration has a 3-year window in which to use the funds, and conversations and evaluations are regularly happening for this in conjunction with long-term planning for population growth at the school. The 2016 Walkathon raised money for the CEPTSA general operating fund. We will keep you posted on developments!

EARNING CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL WITH YOUR REGULAR PURCHASES

Box Tops & IGA – Contact: Tess Linder, tplinder@gmail.com

Send in Box Tops and IGA receipts, and we will convert them to cash for our school. Please cut box tops along dotted lines. Plus, you can also now scan Box Tops via the free Box Tops Bonus App! No more clipping needed, AND it stretches the value even further. Try it out today: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>

Amazon Smile – At <https://smile.amazon.com>, type in "Carnation Elementary P T S A King County 2-16-5" as your charity, and CEPTSA will earn a percentage of the sale. It really makes a difference!

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Carnation Elementary Related

CEPTSA Website: www.CEPTSA.com

CEPTSA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CEPTSA/>

CEPTSA Reflections Art Program on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CarnationElementaryReflections/>

Carnation Elementary Website: www.ce.riverview.wednet.edu

Carnation Elementary ASB Blog: <http://carnationasb.edublogs.org/>

Family Bingo & Raffle Night Volunteer Sign Up: <http://signup.com/go/aMAuPd>

Riverview School District Related

Riverview School District Website: www.riverview.wednet.edu

Riverview School District on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Riverview-School-District-124875444332490>

Riverview School District on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Riverview407>

Riverview PTSA Council Website: <http://riverviewptsacouncil.my-pta.org/>

Riverview PTSA Council on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/riverviewptsacouncil/>

PTSA Membership Benefits

WA State PTA: http://www.wastatepta.org/member/value_benefit/value_benefit.html

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org/benefits>

Have a question, comment or idea? Reach out to a board member today!

CEPTSA ELECTED BOARD 2016-2017

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