Upcoming Events

Nov 19 – 21  No school
Parent/Teacher Conference Days

Nov 22 – 23  No school
Thanksgiving Break

Nov 28  Affinity Group Meeting
@ LHE cafeteria
6:00-7:30pm

Nov 30  End of First Trimester

Dec 5  Giving Hands Lunch
@ LHE cafeteria
during lunch

Dec 7  Parents Night Out
5th grade fundraiser

Dec 7  Special Education Resource Fair
@ Roosevelt High School Commons

Dec 21  1 Hour Early Dismissal

Dec 24—Jan 4  No school
Winter Break

Jan 11  Family Dance

Feb 28  Multicultural Night
@ 6-8pm

March 23  School Auction
@ Nordic Heritage Museum
My name is Brittney Rider, and I am so thrilled and grateful to be the school counselor at Loyal Heights!

I have loved getting to know the community here, and I am excited for the year ahead. I went to the University of Washington (go Dawgs!) for undergrad and Seattle Pacific University for my graduate program. I completed my internships for school counseling at Queen Anne Elementary and Franklin High School. Before working as the school counselor at Queen Anne and Sacajawea, I worked in Shoreline as a paraeducator and family advocate. Thank you for welcoming me to Loyal Heights, I am happy to be here. Go Beavers!

Staff Spotlight

All Dressed up for Halloween!

Meet TAG

TAG extends a sincere thank you to all volunteers that help rehearsals run smoothly. Volunteers are needed for several roles and are always needed at rehearsals.

Please email Lhetag@comcast.net if you would like to help at rehearsals.

Thank you to the following volunteers for their rehearsal help!

Staff Spotlight

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Sanchez and I’m very happy to join the Loyal Heights community as the new Assistant Principal. I moved to Washington state two years ago from New York to spend more time with my family. I was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States when I was 8 years old. I obtained a Dual Bachelor degree from San Diego State University in Criminal Justice Administration and Spanish, M.S. in Urban Education from Mercy College and M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Bank Street College of Education.

As an educator my experience includes being a Special Education Bilingual Teacher, Coach and Mentor to new teachers and Assistant Principal for a K-8 Dual Language School for NYCDOE. In Washington, I’ve had the opportunity to work for the Charter School System, Monroe School District and now Seattle Public Schools.

I am truly excited to be part of this wonderful community!

Please put Friday, April 26th on your calendars for our joint Spring Concert and PTA celebration.

Friday, April 26th @ 7:00 PM

For those new to the school, this is an evening event not to be missed. All the grade levels will share songs and music we’ve worked on this year. Also the PTA will recognize the volunteers and other people who have contributed to the Loyal Heights community to make it the outstanding school it is. It is a fun end-of-year event that brings everyone together for the evening and will be held at school at 7:00pm.

RAVES to Brian Jones for not only being the DJ at Jogathon but donating to Loyal Heights a brand new sound system! Our previous sound system got lost in the move so we appreciate you so much Brian. Thank you to all the volunteers that made Jogathon a success. Erika Goodmanson for helping out on picture day, thank you so much. With all of our events lately, it takes a village! Thank you to Book Fair volunteers and all our Harvest Night helpers. Whether it’s a special event or day to day volunteer job we appreciate you making our school a wonderful place for our students.

Don’t forget to save the date for the annual Auction!

Color the Night
MARCH 23, 2019
NORDIC MUSEUM
Pick your color and dress from head to toe.

EQUITY CORNER

On October 4, more than 70 parents and staff from Greenwood and Loyal Heights Elementary schools gathered in the LHE Commons to attend a workshop called “Undoing Racism & Teaching Equity to Our Children.” This topic was sponsored by the equity teams of both schools and expertly facilitated by an organization known as FOCS (Families of Color Seattle).

The 2.5-hour workshop covered definitions of equality, equity, and racial equity; and shared facts about racism, inequity for kids of color within Seattle schools, wealth inequality, and historical context. The evening allowed for self-reflection and sharing of personal stories. The workshop also introduced words such as intersectionality to the group, exploring how inequitable treatment cannot be narrowed to just one “ism” (racism, sexism, classism...)

Lastly, participants learned about how young children develop an awareness of race with or without parental guidance: as early as six months old, children recognize racial differences (“What is me; what is not me?”). In preschool and kindergarten, children are categorizing people by race and ability, and children understand “fair” and “unfair” and physical differences by kindergarten. The FOCS facilitators emphasized the importance of parents’ guiding their children’s developing consciousness of race and ethnicity to foster healthy identity development and positive attitudes toward difference for all of our children.
Traveling Suitcases

Loyal Heights Elementary is embarking on the journey of better celebrating cultures that represent our school body and we’d love all families’ involvement. The vision is for all of our students to think about their own personal cultural stories.

Three suitcases total, one each for K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 will be prepared with realia (everyday objects representing the culture), learning tools, books, and hopefully personal cultural stories of LHE students, families and staff. They’ll live in our school library for all students to explore and learn from, as well as be available for check out by our teachers.

Looking forward: Our next set of suitcases will celebrate Russia, China and Korea.

Do you have a personal story or connection to a culture you’d like to share with our school in our suitcases? We will provide you with tagboard for you to glue a personal family photo or photo of a cultural artifact on the front and a description and story on the other side. Whether this is student or parent led is up to you! And you can share as little or as much as you’d like in your cultural stories.

Also, if you have any cultural children's games, stories, unique celebrations, recipes, music, or family stories you’d like to share with our school to be placed in the traveling suitcases please let us know! For questions, more details and sample personal storytelling pages please contact volunteer@loyalheightspta.org.

We’re excited to learn more about the rich culture and stories that fill our school!

Jogathon Success!

Congratulations Beavers on a successful and fun event! Thanks to all the participants, donors, and volunteers, Loyal Heights raised 56,518 out of the 45,000 goal. Way to Go! Students enjoyed the sunny weather during the day running laps for their school and family members joined them in the sun during the afternoon and evening. There was music to keep the energy going and a bake sale well stocked to purchase a treat. Add in all the crazy hairdos on the last day of spirit week and it was like a party!
The fall book fair was a success! Open from Monday, November 5-Thursday, November 8th, we enjoyed four days of enthusiastic school shoppers and were busy on Harvest Night. Popular items were the 2019 Global Reading Challenge titles, Amulet 8 and Dog Man Unleashed. Local author and Loyal Heights Grandmother Laurie Zundel was present at the fair promoting her My Travel Friends books. If you missed a title, you can shop online or in-person at Secret Garden by noting you are from LHE. We estimate sales at $8,000 and were able to raise over $1,250 for the Books For All program which we used to purchase two books for every LHE student included in the program. We will be able to use that money during the next book fair too! **Congrats to Ms. Hottovy’s class for gathering the most donations!** Book fair profits will be used to build up classroom libraries with an emphasis on diverse books per a project run by the Loyal Heights Equity Committee. **None of this would have been possible without your generous support and the time given by fabulous volunteers!** This was the first year in awhile that we used Secret Garden Books. We are conducting a survey about recent book fairs; please take a moment to provide your feedback [here](#). If you want to chair the next book fair, contact claireelam@mac.com or volunteer@loyalheightspta.org. Thanks for a great book fair, Beavers!
Thanksgiving can be a time of reflection and gives us an opportunity to appreciate the things in our lives that we are grateful for. While we gather around the dinner table to break bread and dive in on the delicious food that has been prepared, we should take the time to express what, or who, we are thankful for. Sometimes we assume that these unspoken things are well known or obvious… But what better time to make sure? Let your thankfulness be loud and clear.

Give an extra hug or an extra compliment.
An extra pat on the back… and an extra plate!