



# Woodridge Eagle

Woodridge Elementary PTSA Newsletter

January-March 2012

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## What's going on at Woodridge?

It's 2012 already, and the PTSA has some great events planned over the next few months to help keep the Winter gloom away! If you haven't volunteered for any school events yet, take a look at what's coming up and consider offering a helping hand. Help enrich the experience for EVERY Woodridge student; especially your own!

Contact names are given below; you can also send mail to [WoodridgePTSAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:WoodridgePTSAinfo@gmail.com) or leave a note in the main office, and we'll pass your name along.

**February 27 - March 6: Read-a-Thon.** This year's Read-a-thon is not a fundraiser, but an event to encourage reading in a fun competition. Contact: Lisa Echigoshima ([lisaechigoshima@yahoo.com](mailto:lisaechigoshima@yahoo.com))

**March 2: Science Fair.** Come see what ideas Woodridge scientists have dreamed up! Tracy Mahoney ([tracymahoney@gmail.com](mailto:tracymahoney@gmail.com)) and Kristen Lane ([kristenlouise@comcast.net](mailto:kristenlouise@comcast.net))

**March 5 - 9: Book Fair.** Come support our library while you help your kids create their own! Contact: Kristen Lane ([kristenlouise@comcast.net](mailto:kristenlouise@comcast.net))

**March 30: An Affair to Remember School Auction.** We need everyone's help to make this a success! Contact: Rosemary Caird, ([rosemarycaird@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarycaird@gmail.com))

## Congratulations *Reflections* participants!

Congratulations to ALL of our Woodridge students who participated in this year's "Diversity Means..." PTA Reflections Program. We had 46 participants. The student work was on display at Woodridge December 12-16, and participants celebrated their work with a party at school on January 12th.

22 of the pieces submitted went on to the Bellevue District Council Level. From there, two of our students, **Shawn Yasui** and **Molly Dupar**, were selected as "Outstanding Interpretation" and will be moving to state level. **Chloe Friend** received an 'Award of Excellence' on her Literature work at the district level.

Congratulations to the artists of the 22 pieces that went on to the Bellevue District Council Level:

<b>Victoria Christopher</b>	<b>Alexa Curtis</b>	<b>Meghnath Dey</b>
<b>Deepnath Dey</b>	<b>Molly Dupar</b>	<b>Rennie Jane Dupar (2 entries)</b>
<b>Chloe Friend</b>	<b>Emma Glazener</b>	<b>Lauren Glazener</b>
<b>Christopher Jackman</b>	<b>Kimball Jardine</b>	<b>Joyce Kim</b>
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<b>Cassandra Schmid</b>	<b>Mynah Shetty</b>	<b>Andia Nowtash</b>
<b>Amitis Nowtash</b>	<b>Timothy Yasui</b>	<b>Shawn Yasui</b>

Special thanks to **Trina Nguyen** and **Brigid Dupar** for coordinating Woodridge's participation in the Reflections program!!

## Library Connection... from your librarian, Linda Peterson

In the Woodridge Library mission statement one of our goals is to support the classroom teachers as they teach children to read and foster a love of reading. There are many ways that our library program does that, but this month I would like to highlight a particular program which is in high gear at the moment. That is the Global Reading Challenge, which is an opportunity for **all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** .

The Global Reading Challenge is a cooperative effort between King County Library System and local public school districts. This is a Battle of the Books style program that allows 4th and 5th graders across the county to work together as a team and challenge other schools to correctly answer questions about the selected books. Each year, King County Library System Children's Librarians select 10 titles in a wide range of reading levels especially suited to the interests of young readers. There is a local challenge at each school. After that are several more competitions in which the winner of all of King County is declared.



### **The goals of the program are:**

- To promote the love of reading and to have fun
- To foster teamwork among students with diverse reading skills
- To promote the use of public libraries as neighborhood and community resource centers
- To introduce children to a wide variety of literature and multicultural reading materials and to have fun
- To provide a recreational outlet for readers
- To encourage children to read for retention
- To provide positive experiences between children, librarians, teachers, and parents
- To form partnerships with local schools and to strengthen community ties
- To build confidence and integrity in young readers and to have fun
- To participate in a public library activity that promotes reading as a pleasurable lifelong experience

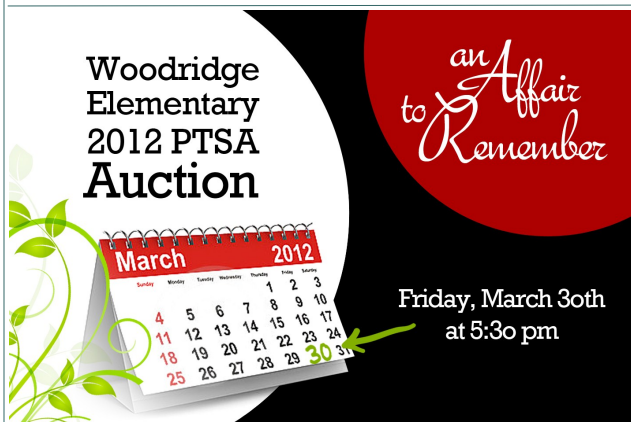
This year at Woodridge we have 51 very determined students on seven teams (the maximum number allowed by King County Library System) that have been reading books since November to prepare for the Woodridge Challenge. The students meet during recess at least once a week for mini challenges to prepare for the big day. **The Woodridge Challenge is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1st – 9:15 AM in the Cafe. All team members will be decked out in shirts provided by the Woodridge PTSA.**

There are pictures of all the teams on the second floor bulletin board outside the library. Stop by and take a look at these special students and better yet come and cheer them on for this first challenge!!!

## From the Bellevue School District...

**Bellevue Big Picture School** is currently accepting applications for next Fall. The school is enrolling students who will be in Grades 6,7,9, and 10 for September 2012. Bellevue Big Picture School is a secondary (6th-12th grade) school-of-choice. In partnership with the nationally recognized Big Picture Learning Network, five guiding principles provide the schools foundation and framework: personalization, adult-world connection, common intellectual mission, supportive partnerships, and shared leadership and responsibility. The school is uniquely structured to educate, support, and guide students from middle school through high school graduation, building bridges across the grades that lead to college success. The school opened September 2011 to 125 6th and 9th graders and will phase in new grade levels each year. **Enrollment is open now through February 10, 2012.** Information sessions will be held January 25th, 31st and February 8th at 7:00 pm in the Big Picture cafeteria. Learn more at [www.bsd405.org/bigpicture/](http://www.bsd405.org/bigpicture/)

**Kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year** has begun. Your child must be 5 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 to register for kindergarten beginning in September 2012. Woodridge will have a parent information and registration meeting on Thursday, February 2 6:30-7:30pm, in the Library. Please plan on arriving early to pick up your packet; the meeting will start on time. Because this meeting is designed for parents, we respectfully request that other arrangements be made for your children. For more information, please call the Woodridge office at 425.456.6200.



Please join us on **Friday March 30th** as the Woodridge Community comes together for an evening of fun while raising funds at ...

## *An Affair to Remember Auction and Dinner*

### *FUN!*

- ◆ **Enjoy** host & auctioneer **John Curley**, former Evening Magazine Host who promises that it will be a fun and fast night.
- ◆ Socialize with friends while being entertained by members of the **Bellevue High Jazz Band**.

The funds raised will be used to continue the PTSA's work in enriching your child's education experience.

### *and*

#### **Silent Auction**

- ◆ Pick up an affordable **unique experience** for yourself or your child
- ◆ Purchase a signed copy of your child's **Teacher's Favorite Book**
- ◆ Get a nice bottle of wine in the **Wine Toss**
- ◆ Have the chance to win half the money in the **50:50 raffle**
- ◆ Enjoy beer from the Silent Auction **Keg** and keep souvenir Beer glass

### *FUNDS!*

#### **Live Auction**

- ◆ Enjoy dinner with friends and the **Dessert Dash**.
- ◆ Play John Curley's game of **Heads and Tails**
- ◆ Win exciting and fun items for your family

### *Join Us!*

Purchase tickets online or via invitations delivered via backpack last week

- ◆ Early Bird discount ends **February 15th**
- ◆ Get a **table of 10** together by February 15th to go in the drawing for a **limousine service** on the night of the auction

### *Unable to Attend*

- ◆ Donate an item or service to be auctioned off
- ◆ Make a monetary donation
- ◆ Donate a bottle of wine for the Wine Toss or dessert for the Dessert Dash
- ◆ Volunteer your time (making and following up donation requests, packaging donations, writing catalog descriptions and creating table top displays, set up displays at hotel prior to event and more!)

### *or*

### *Want to Help*

- ◆ **Questions?** Email [rosemarycaird@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarycaird@gmail.com)

### *Stay Updated*

- ◆ Auction website: <http://auctions.readysetauction.com/woodridge>
- ◆ Sign up for weekly Eagle eBlast at: [www.woodridgeptsa.org](http://www.woodridgeptsa.org)

An **auction** is an event where donated items or experiences are sold to the highest bidder.

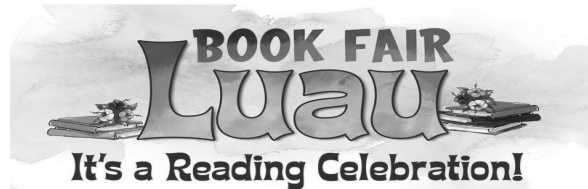
## Calling all Woodridge Scientists!

The **Science Fair** is coming up in early March. It's time to learn about volcanoes, mold, electricity, and all the other wonderful projects our Woodridge scientists dream up. The fair is on **Friday, March 2, 2012, 6:30-8:00 pm**, so there is still a lot of time to complete a project. We encourage ALL students in ALL grades to participate. We had over 170 entries in the Science Fair last year and hope to have even more this year! The Science Fair booklet went home in early January (it can be downloaded from the PTSA website at [www.woodridgeptsa.org/science-fair.html](http://www.woodridgeptsa.org/science-fair.html)) and has lots of great information about the Science Fair.



Every participant will need a display board and we have ordered some extras so if you would like one, please send money/check (\$3.50, checks made payable to the Woodridge PTSA) and your color choice (red, blue, green, yellow, black, white) to the school office. If you need ideas, some great resources are your child's teacher, the books in the Woodridge library, or Mrs. Peterson's web links (<http://www.bsd405.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1561>). Project entry forms are due in the office on **Thursday, February 9** and we will have an exciting science assembly on **Thursday, February 16** from the Pacific Science Center called the Super Cool Science Show!

**We also need parent and high school volunteers to help before, during, and after the Science Fair.** To volunteer, or if you have questions, please contact the Science Fair coordinators Kristen Lane ([kristenlouisecomcast.net](mailto:kristenlouisecomcast.net)) or Tracy Mahoney ([tracymahoney@gmail.com](mailto:tracymahoney@gmail.com)). Our Woodridge scientists are oozing with talent!



Aloha! It's time for the Woodridge Book Fair! From March 5th – 9th the library will make its transition into the greatest bookstore in town! Huge Scholastic trucks will arrive and deposit thousands of books in carts and boxes. By Tuesday afternoon the library will be transformed into a virtual carnival of books. Make it a family evening on Thursday, March 8th in the gym where we will be having Bingo Night from 5:30p to 7:15p. Be sure to check your child's backpack for important information and schedules.

This is a fun week for the children! However, there are two important reasons why we have the Book Fair and why the PTSA invests so much time and energy to make it a success:

1. It is important for children to have their own books and a personal library that they have access to.
2. The Book Fair revenue is a major part of the Woodridge Library Budget! The demand for books to match the curriculum areas, research books for all reading levels and books to match the wide range of interests for our students creates a long list of books to buy each year. Also in place is the systematic plan to keep our non-fiction books up to date. Woodridge students are avid readers and it is imperative to have a good selection of the best new fiction books.

As an added bonus, Scholastic has now made it easier than ever to purchase books from the Book Fair. Beginning March 1st and ending March 21st purchases can be made ONLINE! During the three weeks you can simply go to [www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfair](http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfair) and select Woodridge Elementary to begin shopping.

For our Book Fair to be a success we need your help. There are many volunteer opportunities. If you would like to help, please contact the Book Fair chairperson Kristen Lane, at [kristenlouisecomcast.net](mailto:kristenlouisecomcast.net) or (425)466-6759 or sign up online (link to Smartsheet at [www.woodridgeptsa.org/book-fair.html](http://www.woodridgeptsa.org/book-fair.html)).

## ABC's of Woodridge Elementary PTSA

<b>A</b> is for <b>A</b> uthor visits, <b>A</b> ssemblies, <b>A</b> uction, Staff <b>A</b> ppreciation,	<b>H</b> is for <b>H</b> ospitality <b>I</b> is for <b>I</b> ce Cream Social, Instruments	<b>Q</b> is for answering <b>Q</b> uestions <b>R</b> is for <b>R</b> eading, <b>R</b> ead-a-thons, <b>R</b> eflections, <b>R</b> oom parents
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### Become a member! Together we make a difference!

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Please support the PTSA by becoming a member. Together we can make a difference!

\$26 per couple, \$16 per individual. Membership forms available at: [www.woodridgeptsa.org/forms.html](http://www.woodridgeptsa.org/forms.html)

### Woodridge Elementary B.A.R.K. Read-a-thon: Be A Reading Kid!

This year's read-a-thon is not a fundraiser but an event to encourage reading in a fun competition.

A special bookmark will be sent home on Monday February 27th so that students can record all the minutes they read from Monday February 27th through Tuesday March 6th.

Bookmarks must be returned to school on March 7 to qualify for prizes.

Each class with the most minutes read per student in their grade will win a popsicle party!

(Total minutes read at home submitted by all class students divided by # of students in class)

The student with the most minutes read in their class will win a gift certificate to our Woodridge Book Fair.

**Have fun and READ!**

### Contribute Photos for the Woodridge Yearbook!

If you capture any great candid photos at the upcoming events, or have taken any others throughout the year, please remember to take a moment to upload them for use by the yearbook team! Simply go to the Woodridge PTSA website home page [www.woodridgePTSA.org](http://www.woodridgePTSA.org) and click the image that says "Upload your photos for the yearbook." Photos will be accepted through March 30th. Thanks for helping to make the yearbook the best it can be!

## Stay Informed!

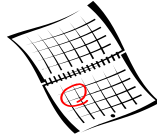
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## PTSA Calendar: Winter 2012

For details and up-to-date information, visit our website: [www.woodridgePTSA.org](http://www.woodridgePTSA.org)

### February 2012

2nd Kindergarten Information and Registration Meeting 6:30-7:30



8th Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day

9th Science Fair project entry forms due

16th "Super Cool Science Show" Assembly  
PTSA General Meeting 4pm

20th-24th Mid-winter break

27th - March 6th Be A Reading Kid (B.A.R.K)  
Read-a-thon

### March 2012

2nd Science Fair

5th-9th Book Fair Week

8th Book Fair Bingo night 5:30 - 7:15

14th Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day

15th PTSA Meeting 4pm

16th Regular school (make up for snow day)

30th Woodridge Auction!!

### April 2012

9th-13th Spring Break

19th PTSA Meeting 4pm

## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

### Lunch Servers

We are still in need of adult volunteers to serve lunch each day. We are especially in need of Friday volunteers!

Hours: 11:40 to 12:55 M, T, TH, F      11:25 to 12:40 Wed.

Sign up to do this once this year, once each month, once each week...

Anything you can do will be appreciated!

For more information, please contact Kelly Yamaura in the school office: [yamaurak@bsd405.org](mailto:yamaurak@bsd405.org) or 425-456-6200.

You can also sign up for a shift online at the Volunteer section of the PTSA website: [www.woodridgeptsa.org/lupcoming-opportunities.html](http://www.woodridgeptsa.org/lupcoming-opportunities.html)

### Teacher/Staff Appreciation Days

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month is Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day!

### Feb 8th Chocolate Extravaganza

The teacher and staff lounge will be transformed into a fabulous chocolate affair. Please send chocolate treats, cookies, brownies, cakes, desserts, any sweet treat, or perhaps a fruit or a vegetable platter that morning.

### Mar 14th Bountiful Bouquet

Students are asked to bring TWO flowers to school; one will be collected at the door for staff bouquets and students will take the other flower to their classroom to be added to a beautiful class bouquet for their teachers to enjoy.

## Thanks to all who have volunteered their time over the past months! Special thanks to...

Our 2011-2012 room parents, and Karen Skalski for organizing this group:

Cristy Livingston	Carol Schiller	Amy Borberg	Liliana Gonzalez	Cheree Porter
Krystina Montalvo	Teresa Laurence	Kathy Madsen	Pamela Rogers	Belinda Ramsey
Andrea Bird	Laura Murton	Atanas Dimitrov	Dana Gardner	Beth Peterson
Heather Sullivan	Megan Campbell	Cherilynn Galanti	Melissa Montgomery	Jennifer Andress
Vicki Fredman	Wensi (Macy) Dong	Gabriella Wyle	Belinda Ramsey	Holly Steele
Karen Skalski	Carolyn Janisch	Melanie Pang	Mercedes Cristobal	Jenny Lona
Carrie Browne	Jennifer Siripipat	Natalie Littrell	Patty Montgomery	Lisa Echigoshima
Suzanne Maekawa	Deanne Hayes	Kristen Lane	Tracy Mahoney	Lisa Rutledge
Lisa Sweatt				

All those who volunteer in the lunch room, including our regular volunteers: John Alwin, Debbie Crilly, Vicki Fredman, Liliana Gonzales, Mina Kim, America and Chris Ledenican, Michelle Lin, Laura Murton, Carolyn Oliviera, Cathy Smith, Holly Steele, Cindy Williams, Rufang Yao, and Ela Zimonska

Mary Hamshou, Rosemary Caird, and Deanne Hayes for putting together the 2011-2012 PTSA Student Directory

Trina Nguyen and Brigid Dupar for co-chairing this year's Reflections program for Woodridge

Rosemary Caird for chairing our Charleston Wrap fundraiser

Lisa Echigoshima and Cathy Smith for co-chairing Games Night and Movie Night

Holly Steele for co-ordinating our California Pizza Kitchen and Bellevue Art and Frame fundraisers

Jeff Tangney for organizing our winter Spiritwear sales

Sue Kelly for co-ordinating our Variety Show

Everyone who is helping to put our school auction together! More on this in the next newsletter...