



# Eye on Endeavour

Newsletter of Endeavour Elementary PTA  
Unit #7.5.8 Mukilteo, Washington

**JUNE 2009**

## President's Message

Dear Endeavour Families,

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Co-President with the amazing Julie Moore this year. She has been a source of strength, compassion and good humor and we are lucky to have her continue next year as President.

My mother was involved in education her whole life - as a teacher, then a counselor and finally as a principal of elementary school. When my eldest started at Endeavour, I asked her what I should look for in a good school, and she said "a strong PTA."

A healthy school needs a partnership with parents to reinforce the education at home, but at Endeavour, we go much farther. With your help, we bring art into the classrooms every month. With your help, we help out in the classroom, easing the load on teachers. With your help, we provide students with a lunch buddy. With your help, we purchase technology like the interactive whiteboards and document cameras. With your help, we host family fun nights that build community. With your help, we treat the staff to a meal every month. With your help, we hosted our first ever Spelling Bee. With your help, we put on assemblies that exposed kids to drama and world music. With your help, we raised money for families in need to pay for medical care, go to Camp Orkila, go on field trips, and have presents to give their kids during these hard economic times. With your help, we make Endeavour a great place to learn, to grow and make friends. A great place to be a kid. There's no better gift we could give to our children.

Thank you for everything you do, and have a wonderful summer!  
Thom Harp  
Co-president

## WE NEED YOUR VOTES..!

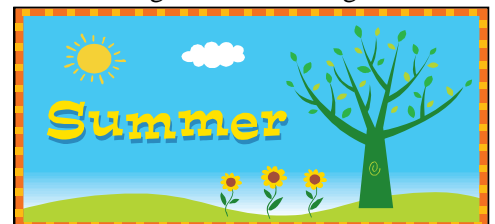
A special meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9am** in the Endeavour Staff Lounge to discuss and vote on modification of the 2008-2009 budget for Developmental Reading Assessment Kits, and change in membership categories for the 2009-2010 year. **PTA members, please attend to vote on these important issues.**

## Donation News

Endeavour Elementary has recently been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Intermec Foundation! This money will be used to purchase additional technology for the classrooms (document cameras, interactive white boards, etc.).

The Intermec Foundation is a non-profit foundation located in Everett. The Foundation contributes nearly \$1 million annually to local schools, universities, community arts, and other agencies nominated by Intermec Technologies employees.

Our thanks to the Intermec Foundation for this generous grant, and to Debbie and Frank McCallick for nominating Endeavour Elementary for the award!



## Money Matter\$

The tail end of the school year is a busy time for the PTA. Your contributions this year have been appreciated greatly, and have supported a wide-ranging program of enrichment for the school.

Since spring break, the organization has supported the following: Camp Orkila (\$3500), teacher grants (\$2337), library books (\$1196), a document camera for the library (\$577), the patrol field trip (\$436), staff appreciation (\$200), art docents (\$165), the spelling bee (\$140), family fun nights (\$69), hospitality (\$23), and a scholarship to enable a needy student to participate in a school field trip (\$11). During this same period we received \$2104 from the book fair, \$1050 in donations, \$632 from Albertson's, and \$13 in scrip. Our current operating balance is \$19,972, and we have up to \$16,500 obligated through the end of this fiscal year (June 30).

At our final general meeting of the year, the members in attendance approved a new budget for the 2009-2010 school year (see to the right).

Have a great summer!



### ENDEAVOUR PTA 7.5.8 Approved Budget for FY 2009-2010

|  |          |          |
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| Projected carryover from 2008-2009                 | 6000.00  |          |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                      |          |          |
| <b>1. Membership</b>                               | 2300.00  |          |
| <b>2. Donations and company matches</b>            | 7500.00  |          |
| <b>3. Revenue-Generating PTA Services</b>          |          |          |
| A. Fall fundraiser                                 | 7000.00  |          |
| B. Spring basket raffle                            | 4000.00  |          |
| C. Skyhawks promotion                              | 1000.00  |          |
| D. Book fairs                                      | 4000.00  |          |
| E. Advertising in school directory                 | 100.00   |          |
| F. Spirit Wear                                     | 2500.00  |          |
| G. Take Five dinner                                | 440.00   |          |
| <b>4. "Free-money" programs</b>                    |          |          |
| A. Albertson's cards                               | 1500.00  |          |
| B. Other cards/scrip/OneCause                      | 75.00    |          |
| <b>5. Interest</b>                                 | 150.00   |          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                |          | 36565.00 |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                    |          |          |
| <b>1. Membership Fees</b>                          | -1600.00 |          |
| <b>2. Program Expenses</b>                         |          |          |
| A. School assemblies                               | -3000.00 |          |
| B. Childrens choice books                          | -2500.00 |          |
| C. Books and related media                         | -4000.00 |          |
| D. Art docent program and instruction              | -1000.00 |          |
| E. Reflections art contest                         | -300.00  |          |
| F. Camp Orkila subsidy                             | -3500.00 |          |
| G. Spelling bee                                    | -250.00  |          |
| H. Field day treats                                | -100.00  |          |
| I. ASB grant                                       | -2000.00 |          |
| J. Patrol field trip and skate night               | -550.00  |          |
| K. Teacher grants                                  | -4500.00 |          |
| L. Staff appreciation                              | -200.00  |          |
| M. Hospitality                                     | -300.00  |          |
| N. Family fun nights                               | -1000.00 |          |
| O. Leadership training                             | -200.00  |          |
| P. Service awards and volunteer appreciation       | -170.00  |          |
| Q. Spirit Wear                                     | -2500.00 |          |
| R. Take Five dinner                                | -800.00  |          |
| S. Advocacy and legislative activity               | -300.00  |          |
| T. Technology improvement                          | -5000.00 |          |
| U. Unanticipated needs and opportunities           | -1400.00 |          |
| <b>3. Administrative Expenses</b>                  |          |          |
| A. State Filing Fees                               | -20.00   |          |
| B. Office Supplies                                 | -100.00  |          |
| C. Parent communications (copy and paper expenses) | -700.00  |          |
| D. Liability Insurance                             | -400.00  |          |
| E. Postage   | -75.00   |          |
| F. Web site  | -100.00  |          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                              |          | 36565.00 |

## Endeavour PTA's Ice Cream Social & Basket Raffle/Auction

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM**  
**(Parking available at EN Field)**  
**Ice Cream (Free) Served 6:30–8:00 (first come- first served)**  
**Silent Auction 6:30 – 7:45**  
**Raffle Drawing 8:00**

*The money that we raise for Technology will go to support document cameras, projectors, and a color printer for all staff. The Emergency preparedness money will be used for additional safety and first aid supplies. Please come support Our Children and Our School!*

Raffle Tickets are \$1 each and will go on sale:

Tuesday, June 2 – 2:30 & 3:30PM (outside the gym)  
 Thursday, June 4 – 2:30 & 3:30 PM (outside the gym)  
 Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event.

You do not need to be present to win a Raffle item, but it is IMPORTANT that you clearly print your name on the back of ALL the Raffle tickets so that we know how to locate you! (When purchasing a large block of Raffle Tickets Name/ Address labels are very helpful!)

Silent Auction begins at 6:30pm and closes promptly at 7:45pm. Silent Auction Winners will be announced shortly after auction closes. Silent Auction Winners may pay for and collect their purchases after 8:00PM. Remember to bring your checkbooks and/ or cash – PTA is NOT set up for credit cards. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Teacher Sponsored  
Donations to be Ruffled:  
 Tea Time with the Second  
 Grade Teachers  
 Movie Time with Mr. Forge  
 in the Library  
 Tea Time with Mrs. Hope  
 Special Gym Time with Mr.  
 Norman  
 Popcorn & a Movie with  
 Mrs. Reichenbach

Tea Time with Miss Hansen  
 PJ Movie Afternoon with  
 Mrs. Chua  
 Private Marimba Lessons  
 with Mrs. Wooding  
 Special Lunch with Mrs.  
 Emerling  
 Be Principal for a Day with  
 Mrs. Jordan  
 Special Lunch with Mrs.  
 Park

Pizza Lunch with Mrs.  
 Jordan  
Raffle Items:  
 Go Outside & Play Basket  
 from Mrs. Carson's Class  
 Kids Crafts Basket from Ms.  
 Schumacher's AM & PM  
 Classes

*Let's Get Grilling (BBQ)*  
from Ms. Wagner's Class  
*Movie Night* from Mrs.  
Meyer's Class  
*Gardener's Delight* from  
Ms. Austin's Class  
*Family Fun Night* from  
Mrs. Larson's Class  
*Trip to the Beach* from Mrs.  
Wilke's Class  
*Ice Cream Basket* from Mrs.  
Fernandez's Class  
*Chocolate Lovers* from Mrs.  
Whitaker's Class  
*Let's Color & Draw* from  
Ms. Lee's Class  
*American Girl Doll*  
*Starbucks #1 Basket*  
*Sponge Bob Basket*  
*Extreme Pro Racer*  
*One-Cup-Coffee Maker*

*Silent Auction Items:*

*Autographed Baseball –*  
Brooks Robinson

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Nolan Ryan  
*Beautiful Baking Basket*  
from Mrs. Danielson's Class  
*Golf Lovers* from Mrs.  
Chua's Class  
*Italian Basket* from Mrs. St.  
Onge's Class  
*Scrapbookmania* from Mrs.  
Schneider's Class  
*Spa, Ahhh* from Mrs. Pearl's  
Class  
*Summer Time* from Mrs.  
Shinner's Class  
*Book Lover's* from Miss  
Hansen's Class  
*Some Like it Hot*  
(Coffee/Tea) from Mrs.  
Hope's Class  
*Mexican Fiesta* from Mrs.  
Kromann's Class  
*Romantic Evening* from  
Mrs. Reichenbach's Class  
*Beaded Jewelry/Silver*  
jewelry

*Ronna's Spa/Hair Salon*  
Gift Cert  
*Christmas in June Basket*  
*Mary Kay Skin Care Basket*  
*Arbonne Skin Care Basket*  
*Starbucks #2 Basket*  
*Fancy Dental Care Basket*  
*Baby Basket*  
*Ceramic & Beaded Utensil*  
Baskets  
*Disney Princess Cooking*  
Basket  
*Champion Tae Kwon Do, 3-*  
*Month Free Trial*  
*Champion Tae Kwon Do - A*  
*Week Free Summer Camp*  
*Beautiful Designer Bedding*  
Sets both Adult & Kid-  
Themed  
*Professional Photography*  
*Family Portrait Session*  
*"SportDog" Training*

**AND MORE....**

### ***Priceless Classroom Art Projects:***

- Mrs. Danielson and her Students have created a Once in a Lifetime Quilt with the Kids' Self Portraits Sewn into the Quilt
- Mrs. Wilke's Class has donated their Joint Masterpiece – "Starry Night"
- Mrs. Schneider's Class has created a Museum Quality Poster from the children's original "Still Life Pears"



## A Very Deserving Award...

At our May 21<sup>st</sup> General Membership meeting, your PTA recognized longtime volunteer **Karen Cunningham** with the Washington State PTA Golden Acorn Award. This award is presented to a volunteer in recognition of their dedication and service to children and youth. Karen has worked for the children of Endeavour for the last 10 years. If it happened at Endeavour, you can bet Karen was involved! She has served on the PTA board, and helped at PTA events including ice cream social, basket raffle, family fun nights, carnival, bike rodeo, just to name a few. Karen has worked tirelessly on the Reflections art program both at Endeavour and at the District level. This year alone,

she has worked in the library, assisted with the Book Fair and the Basket Raffle fundraisers, sold 5<sup>th</sup> grade snacks and chaired 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising. Karen has represented Endeavour at the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Group and as our Mukilteo PTSA Council Liaison. Often times, a need arose and quietly and efficiently, it was handled by Karen.

Karen has also served children outside of the halls of Endeavour through her community service including being a Girl Scout leader and organizing family events within her community.

More than 44,000 Golden Acorns have been presented to volunteers throughout Washington State since the program's inception and we

are so proud to include Karen in that distinguished list. A contribution was made in her name to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.

Karen's youngest daughter is now graduating onto middle school. Karen will be missed more than words can say but her legacy of commitment and dedication to serving the children of Endeavour will remain. No doubt, Karen's dedication to volunteering will continue as she turns her full attention to contributing her expertise and enthusiasm to Harbour Pointe and Explorer Middle Schools.

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## Staff Appreciation Appreciates YOU!!!

What a wonderful and delicious year it has been for our Endeavour staff. We have fed and pampered them at least once a month all school year long and could not have done it without our generous parents.

We want to thank you so much for answering each and every call we put out this year for food, flowers, and willing hands. There are so many families to thank there isn't room to list them all individually, but we do want to acknowledge your efforts.

Again, thank you, thank you, and thank you!!! When the staff is happy, they are able to do their job to the best of their ability which makes our children's experience even better in the long run.

Even the smallest contribution means a lot.

*Staff Appreciation Chairs  
-Kari Mudge and Kelly Waldo*

[www.endeavourpta.com](http://www.endeavourpta.com)

## Skate Night

Join Endeavour families as we skate out the school year at Skate Deck in Everett. This is our last family fun night of the 2008-2009 school year and a great way to connect with friends before summer begins and of course, show off your hokie-pokie talent!

**Date:** June 16, 2009

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30

**Cost:** \$4:50 per skater,  
\$5.50 for in-line skates  
(cash, credit/debit only)

**Skate Deck** is located at 9700 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, just after McDonald's and Alfy's. For detailed directions go to [www.everetskatedeck.com](http://www.everetskatedeck.com) or call 425-337-0202.

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## We'll miss you...

We say goodbye to co-president Thom Harp who is leaving the board to pursue career goals and keep up with his two very busy boys. Thom has combined his two passions - the arts and academic excellence in his two years on the board through his work on the Reflections in Art program and being the driving force in bringing the first-ever Spelling Bee to Endeavour. His calm demeanor and razor-sharp analysis were a huge benefit to the board and we will miss him as we wish him well with his writing and filmmaking career.

Also moving off to pursue other challenges is secretary Debbie McCallick and co-vice president Mirka Lewis. Both have worked tirelessly on the Albertson's card program, resulting in more "free money" than ever from this program for Endeavour. Debbie's meticulous minutes and record keeping will ensure a smooth transition with the new board. Mirka has taken our website and listserve to a higher level and it is now our primary communication tool thanks to all her hard work.

Also leaving is 2-year treasurer Bob Russell. Bob has been diligent in ensuring that your PTA is operating with strict adherence to regulations concerning non-profit organizations, resulting in a very fiscally responsible board. Bob also took on the job of treasurer for the Mukilteo PTSA Council this year. His IRS and financial planning expertise was extremely valuable.

Although these board members are stepping down, they have promised to remain involved with the PTA at the committee level and with special events. We will continue to benefit from their expertise, involvement, and their passion for helping to make Endeavour the best learning environment for our children.

## Welcome New Board Members!

At the April General Meeting, your PTA elected the Executive Board for 2009-2010. We are pleased to announce the following election results:

President: Julie Moore  
Co-President: Open  
Co-Vice Presidents: Edith Ross,  
Elane Kim, Amy Miller, Suzy Cho  
Treasurer: Melinda Toom  
Secretary: Lisa Hatfield

Welcome to Amy Miller, Suzy Cho, Lisa Hatfield and Melinda Toom who are new to the Board.

Congratulations and good luck to the new Executive Board!



## Art Docent Program

Thank you to all of the 2008/09 wonderful art docents who shared about various artists and lead an art project every month with our students. Their volunteer spirit is heartwarming! Thank you also to any of our helpers...without you, there would be a lot of messy hands, desks, and paint cleanup! A thank you to Mr. Forge for his enduring support of our art program and his friendly spirit in helping us use library resources for our lessons!

Thank you to our Art Docents: Stacey Woodworth, Stephany Maurer, Linda Peak, Nancy Stengele, Melinda Toom, Danica Bourne, Karin Harp, Sara Smeby, Edith Ross, Lisa Hatfield, Mara Bianco, Tracey Tonkinson, Elane Kim, Diane Weaver, Krista Miller, Michelle Olasen, Tiffany Bodensteiner, Chris Baltrukovicz, So-Jung Park, Sophia Schoop.

Look for the May project coming home soon. The students learned about the fine art of Japanese brush painting called Sumi-e. Many of the kids also viewed a Japanese tea ceremony video and saw real Japanese tea ceremony artifacts, complements of the Snohomish County Council of Arts - Outreach Suitcase program.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this wonderful PTA sponsored program for next year, please contact Lisa Greenough at 425-315-0244 or e-mail [jl.greenough@verizon.net](mailto:jl.greenough@verizon.net).

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