



## 2020 BOND AND CAPITAL/TECHNOLOGY LEVY



The Edmonds School District is holding an election Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, with two important measures on the ballot:

1. Capital Construction Bond
  2. Replacement Technology/Capital Levy
- The latest news and information about the upcoming election can be found on the Edmonds School District website.

[Read More >>](#)

"This community is committed to our children and we see that each and every day."

-- Superintendent Dr. Kristine McDuffy



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The Hilltop PTSA wouldn't be a success without the help of parents. Sign up to join the team!

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## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday February 6th @6:30pm | Hilltop Library

Join us in the library for a short presentation about the upcoming District Bond and Levy election. If you have questions, this will be a great time to have them answered! The election is Tuesday, Feb 11th!

## TIME TO KICK OFF KINDERGARTEN!

It's that time of year again to kick things off for incoming Kindergartners! Don't miss this annual event on February 10th from 6:30-7:30pm.

\*\* Free childcare will be provided

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## IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES!



**DUE TO SNOW DAYS...**

- Report Cards will be distributed on **February 12th**
- May 22nd, June 18th & June 19th are now **full days**
- Last day of school, June 22nd, is an **Early Release Day**



## EVENT CALENDAR

Get up to date on all things Hilltop for the 2019-2020 school year.

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# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

*by Principal Melissa Somoza*

Dear Hilltop Families,

January was a busy month at Hilltop, even with our snow days. Teachers were busy conducting a variety of end-of-the-semester assessments to learn more about the progress of each student. In addition, many of our teachers participated in a series of professional development about Writers Workshop. The professional learning continues as we have both a Writing and a Responsive Classroom consultant work with teachers this week. It is heart-warming to see our staff's dedication.

Semester One Report Cards will be coming home on February 12th in sealed envelopes. The intended purpose is to communicate the learning, growth and efforts of your child from September to the end of January. It can also be an important time for conversations at home. What matters most to you as a family? Is it the evidence of effort in school and showing kindness to others? Is it that your child is showing all that they know through hard work? Not everything on the report card needs to be shared with your child. You get to determine which parts you celebrate and what areas you might use for goal-setting conversations. Sometimes students are not at standard, yet, but we want each student to believe that with hard work they can make progress toward reasonable goals.

If your child is encountering difficulties in a particular area (academically, behaviorally or socially) please reach out to your child's teacher. We have time set aside for parent-teacher conference in March for new students or students that the teacher has concerns about. However, parents can also request a conference, in March, or anytime they have a concern. If a teacher reaches out to you for a conference, it is important that you attend so we can partner with you in meeting your child's needs. We have a variety of staff specialists who can also be called upon to provide additional expertise, such as our Counselors, our Student Intervention Coordinator, our English Language teacher, and our LAP Reading Specialists. If you are ever unsure who to contact with a concern, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or myself and we will get you connected.

Another way to get connected is to join our school community at our first Equity meeting. Our goal is to increase cultural competence and empower families in an effort to reduce inequities in school. All parents and guardians are welcome to join our first meeting on Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 PM. Childcare is provided for Hilltop students. Please RSVP using this link.

Lastly, our Hilltop Student Council is launching Spread a Little Kindness Week on the 10th. Feel free to participate by sending a kind note in your child's lunch or helping your child write a kind note to their teachers. I love that this student-led venture is focused on being kind to others.



Warmly,

*Melissa Somoza*

Principal, Hilltop Elementary

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## KICK-OFF TO KINDERGARTEN

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10TH | 6:30-7:30PM

### ATTENTION parents and guardians of students starting kindergarten in September 2020\*

You are invited to Kickoff to Kindergarten on Monday, Feb. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym. Attendees will:

- Meet school staff and other incoming families
- Learn about the school and registration process
- Gear up for Jump Start Aug. 17-20

*Free childcare provided!*

\*Students must be five years old by Aug. 31, 2020 to be eligible for kindergarten. Contact Shelley Roehl at 425-431-7176 or roehls@edmonds.wednet.edu for information about Early Entrance for students born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020.

Registration for students entering kindergarten and new students in all grades officially begins March 4, 2020.

## EDMONDS COMEDY NIGHT

FEBRUARY 21ST & 22ND

Join us for a fun evening of laughs at the Edmonds Center for the Arts, featuring four nationally acclaimed comedians, including local favorite, Kermet Apio!

Each year, this event nearly sells out with over 1,400 attendees from the local community. It is definitely a 'can't miss' event!

\$10 for each ticket you purchase goes to Hilltop when you choose "Hilltop Elementary PTSA" as your organization of choice!

[Learn More >>](#)



**EDMONDS COMEDY NIGHT**  
FEBRUARY 21 & 22 2020  
EDMONDS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*Steve's PLUMBING PRESENTS*  
An evening of comedy to benefit the children of the Edmonds School District

Join us for a fun evening of laughs at the Edmonds Center for the Arts, featuring four nationally acclaimed comedians, including local favorite Kermet Apio.

**Kermet Apio**

**\$30 REGULAR**  
**\$60 --- VIP ---**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21st  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd  
7:30pm COMEDY SHOW

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd  
6:00pm VIP RECEPTION  
7:30pm COMEDY SHOW

Tickets can be purchased at [EdmondsCenterForTheArts.org](http://EdmondsCenterForTheArts.org)

Make sure you choose your school at checkout. Each ticket sold by participating schools across the Edmonds School District brings \$10 back to the school.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## MOVE 60! SPRING REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 16TH - MARCH 6TH

Registration for the spring session will open on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 and close on Friday, March 6, 2020. The Spring session runs: April 13, 2020 - June 5, 2020

Move 60! is a FREE program in the Edmonds School District. Thanks to Verdant Health Commission, it continues to provide our students in grades 2-6 with the opportunity to participate in 60 minutes of physical activity 4 days per week!

[Learn More >>](#)

## GLOW PARTY

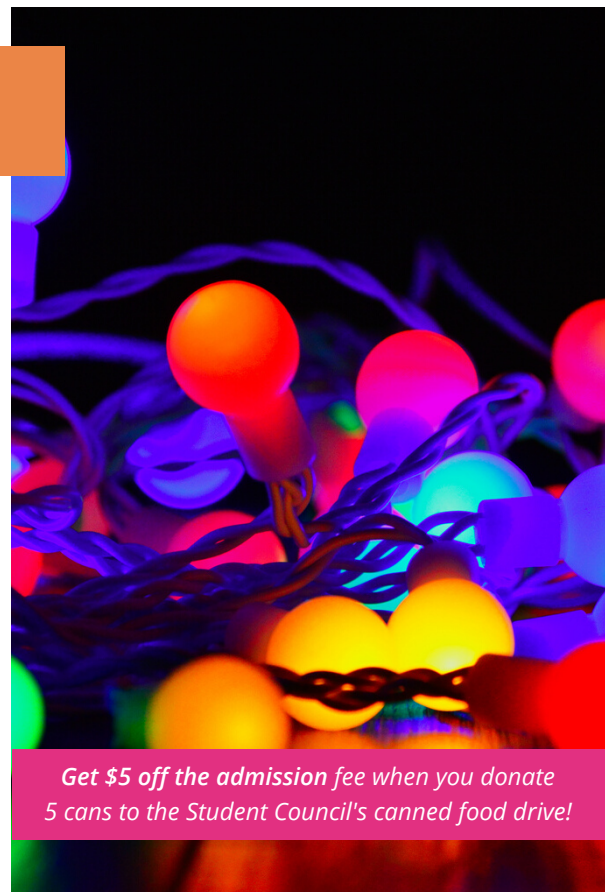
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

**Save the date and stock up on your NEON AND GLOW!**

We're going blacklight to the future in the gym once again with our Glow Party! It's an all glow and neon night with fun, food, face painting and dancing. Our favorite **DJ, Mr. Dave Jolosky**, will be spinning 70's and 80's hits with a modern pop spin! A great time for everyone in the family!

- Admission: \$5 per family
- Tickets will be available for purchase for face painting, glow products, or the candy shop!
- Most items will cost under 10 tickets
- 'Like' our Facebook Page and be on the lookout for more updates!

We still need volunteers for this event! Be an ESSENTIAL part of the team to make this annual event another huge success! See [Volunteer section](#) for more info.



*Get \$5 off the admission fee when you donate 5 cans to the Student Council's canned food drive!*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## READ-A-THON

FEBRUARY 21ST - MARCH 8TH

Dear Hilltop Families,

This Spring, the Hilltop PTSA is sponsoring the Read-a-Thon. Our number one goal is to encourage our students to read at least 30 minutes per night. Our secondary goal is to raise \$15,000 to support ongoing student programs here at Hilltop. The best part of the Read-a-Thon is that 100% of the money collected will be used at our school for our children! Students will be entered into a drawing for fun prizes depending on how much they read during the Read-a-Thon week.

Our Read-A-Thon will kick-off on Friday, Feb 21st and will end on Sunday, March 8th. In a few weeks, students will receive their packets which shall include:

- **Reading Squares** – for students to keep track of the minutes they read.
- **Pledge Form** – to collect funds through the sponsorship of family members and friends. Please do not go door to door to solicit pledges. People can sponsor per minute read or give a flat donation of any amount. Pledges are not required to participate in the Read-A-Thon.
- **Information for online pledges** – We are partnering with The Get Movin Crew again to host fundraising websites for each student.
- **Read-A-Thon Guidelines** – outlines rules for the Read-A-Thon.

**Yes, staff members and parents are encouraged to participate!**

We are counting on your support to make our Read-A-Thon a success! Our goal is to make our students stronger, more enthusiastic readers. Please help your child get excited to take part in the Read-A-Thon! Any questions, email HilltopElemPTSA@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

### Important Dates:

- **Feb 21st-Mar 1st:** Gather sponsors and collect money using the Sponsorship Form.
- **Mar 2nd-Mar 8th:** Track reading minutes and collect pledges.
- **Mar 8th:** Reading portion of the Read-A-Thon Ends at 11:59pm.
- **Mar 9th:** Return your envelope with the Reading Squares Sheet, Sponsorship Form and your collected money to school.
- **Mar 16th:** Prize Drawing during lunch





# STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES



## FOOD DRIVE

*February 10th - February 21st*

Hilltop is having a canned food drive to benefit local families! All donations go directly to Lynnwood Food Bank. Our food drive will run from Monday, February 10th to Friday, February 21st. Hilltop is hoping to collect 2,000 cans this year! Canned foods include canned, boxed, and packaged items. No perishables will be accepted. All items will be collected in your child's classroom. In addition to donating between the 10th and 21st to your classroom, you can also bring 5 cans as your family's "admission" into the PTSA Neon Glow Party on Friday, February 21st.



## BOX TOP DRIVE

*Due by February 26th*

It's Box Top time again! The school receives 10 cents for every Box Top turned in! Remember, you can bring in the box tops from boxes you find at home, as well as scan your receipt online to add to Hilltop's Box Top count. Box Tops can be sent to your child's classroom or straight to the office. All Box Tops are due by February 26th!



*Parents asked for a calendar of all the spirit days and these students worked hard to make it happen!*

## UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS

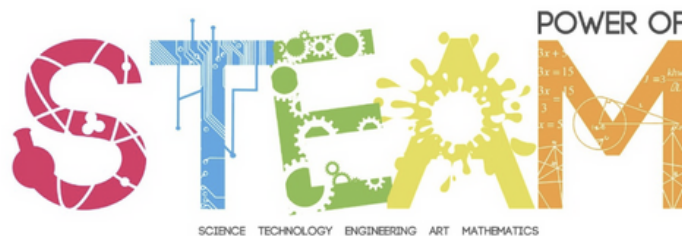
- **February 28th:** Sports Day
- **March 12th:** Rainbow Day. Each grade wears a different color:
  - Kindergarten: Purple
  - 1st Grade: Blue
  - 2nd Grade: Green
  - 3rd Grade: Yellow
  - 4th Grade: Orange
  - 5th Grade: Red
  - 6th Grade: White
- **April 3rd:** Dress Like a Teacher Day
- **April 24th:** Husky Pride Day (wear Husky gear OR grey/teal)
- **May 8th:** Mismatched Day
- **June 12th:** Wacky Hair Day

Ask your child about "Spread a Little Kindness Week"!



# VOLUNTEER

GET INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



**WHAT:** Hilltop will host its Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) Event, and we are looking for parents who are willing and able to help!

**WHEN:** Thursday April 16th

**PLAN:** We need volunteers who can assist. with planning, recruiting presenters, and communicating the details of the event. You would meet with Principal Somoza 2 mornings a month. The next one will be February 7th, at 9:30AM.

**LEAD:** Talk about what you do in your profession or lead an interactive or hands-on activity. There will be 2 sessions during the day, 40 minutes each. Whenever possible, parents will be matched with desired classroom teacher(s) and/or grade level(s). It is ideal if you can repeat the same presentation for both sessions. Some ideas for presentations might include but are not limited to:

- Coding
- Making slime
- Hand washing skills
- Sign Language
- Graphic design
- Finance
- Making rockets with glow sticks
- Tower building with toothpicks & marshmallow

**FOOD:** We need volunteers to organize, pick up pizza and serve food.

If you are interested or considering presenting a session or two, please email **somozam341@edmonds.wednet.edu** with the following: Parent Name, Phone Number, Area of interest: Planning, Presenting, Food



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## GLOW PARTY

**WHAT:** We are still in need of volunteers who are willing to help out with our annual Glow Party

**WHEN:** Friday February 21st

**HELP:** Need volunteers specifically to:

- Coordinate Decorations
- Sign up for one or more shifts at the following stations:
  - Ticket Booth
  - Glow Gear
  - Candy Shop
  - Photo Booth
  - Face Painting
- Admissions/Security
- Help set up. We'll start as soon as school gets out! There may be some activities to occupy little ones while we work!
- Stay late to leave the place as glowing as we found it!

Sign up to volunteer!  
[Bit.ly/huskyglow](http://bit.ly/huskyglow)

For ore information, please contact Michelle Collins at [michellemace@gmail.com](mailto:michellemace@gmail.com)  
To volunteer, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/huskyglow>

**MORE EVENTS  
WE'LL NEED  
HELP WITH!**

### Capable and interested in managing? Coordinating? Organizing?

- Open House and Art Show in March
- Staff Appreciation Week (Date TBD)
- Moms and Muffins in May
- Dads and Donuts in June
- Field Day in June

Email [HilltopElemPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:HilltopElemPTSA@gmail.com) or come to a PTSA Board meeting!

# 2019-2020 CALENDAR

For the Most Current Information visit: [Hilltop Elementary Website](#) or [Hilltop PTSA Website](#)

February 2020						
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February	
3	AfterSchool Enrichment Classes Begin
6	PTSA General Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
10	Kick Off to Kindergarten
10-14	*Spread a Little kindness week*
11	Election Day- Remember to Vote!
12	Reports Cards Sent Home
14	Early Release
17	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
18	NO SCHOOL
21	Neon Glow Party
26	AfterSchool Enrichment Classes End
26	Quad Band Concert 7PM LHS
27	Quad Orchestra Concert 7PM LHS
28	Early Release - *Sports*

March 2020						
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March	
2-8	Read-A-Thon
2	Chorus Quad Concert
5	PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
6	Staff Appreciation Lunch
6	Move60! Spring registration closes
11-13	Early Release - Parent Conferences
12	Early Release - *School Rainbow*
13	NO SCHOOL
16-20	Book Fair
19	Open House + Art Show
19	Move60! winter session ends
30	Honor Band Festival MDHS

April 2020						
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April	
2	PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
3	Early Release - *Dress Like a teacher*
6-10	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
13	Move60! spring session begins
16	STEAM
24	Early Release - *Husky Pride*
30	K & 1st grade Chorus concert 7PM

May 2020						
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May	
7	PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
8	Mom's & Muffins
8	Early Release - *Missmatched*
14	4th gr. and Chorus concert
15	Staff Appreciation Lunch
*22	Snow Makeup Day: there WILL be school
25	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
28	2nd & 3rd gr. Chorus concert 7PM gym

June 2020						
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June	
2	5th & 6th gr. Band & Orchestra concert 7PM gym
4	Volunteer Tea
4	PTSA Board Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
4	Move60! spring session ends
11	PTSA General Meeting - Library 6:30-8:30PM
12	Dad's & Donuts
12	Early Release - *Wacky Hair*
15	Field Day
17	6th grade Moving on Celebration
*18	Snow Makeup Day: there WILL be school
*19	Snow Makeup Day: there WILL be school
*22	Last day of school - Early Release

\* Snow Make-up Days, if needed, will be in this order:  
June 19, May 22, June 22, 23, 24

Start and End of School	PTSA Meeting	RED	Music Performances
Early Release	Staff Appreciation	BLUE	-Spirit Days-
No school	BOLD PTSA Event		By Student Council