

# Apollo Elementary PTA



## General Membership Meeting

September 24th, 2025

6:30pm

Apollo Elementary School Library & Zoom

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## Agenda

- Call to Order
- President's Report
- Secretary Report
- Treasurer Report
- Teacher Liaison Report
- Director's Reports
- Standing Committee's Reports
- New Business
- Adjourn

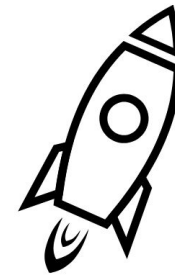
# President's Report

- Review & Vote
  - [Standing Rules](#)
  - [Mission & Goals](#)
- [Do you know what PTA funds are used for?](#)

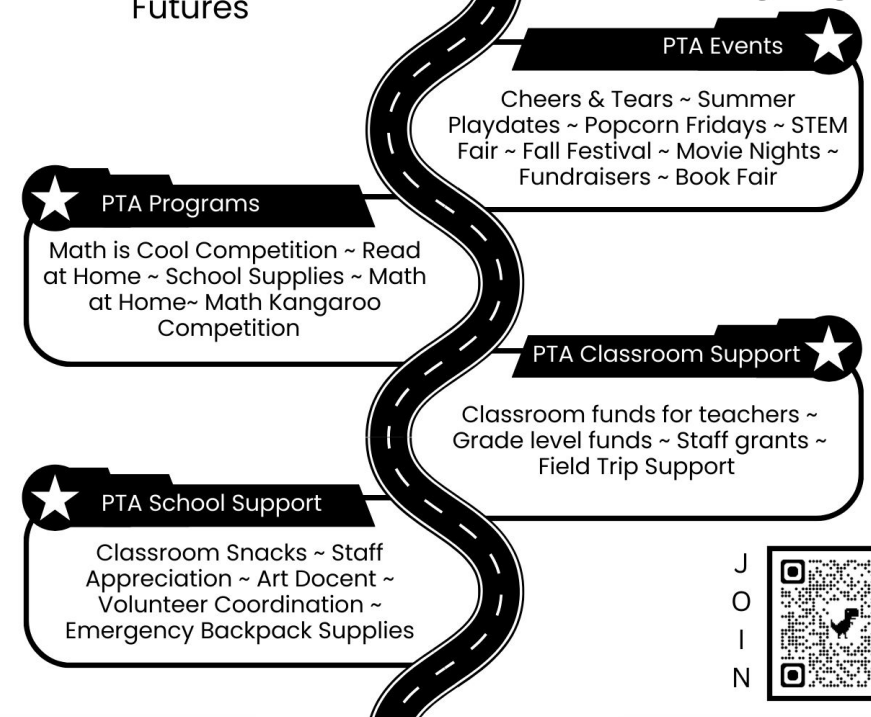
## Apollo PTA

### "Stronger Together"

Empowering an Inclusive,  
Positive Community for  
Students, Families,  
Educators, and Bright  
Futures



***Our PTA supports  
the school in so  
many ways...***



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## **How can you help?**

### **Join PTA!**

*Your membership  
fees help pay for  
events and  
programs*

### **Volunteer**

*Without volunteers, none of this is possible!*

***These programs will not happen this year without more volunteers***

***~ Multicultural Night***

***~ Reflections***

***~ Yearbook***

# President's Report

- Open Positions
  - Director of Events (2)
  - Director of Programs (2)
  - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair
  - Parentwiser Liaison
  - Passive Fundraising Chair
  - Book Fair Co-Chair(s)
  - Multicultural Night Co-Chairs
  - Reflections Co-Chair(s)
  - Spiritwear Chair
  - Talent Show Co-Chairs
  - Webmaster Chair
  - Winterfest Co-Chairs
  - Yearbook Chair
  - Stem Fair Co-Chair





# Secretary Report

- General Meeting Minutes: [May 2025](#)

# Treasurer's Report

- Proposed [Budget](#) Review & Vote
- Current Bank Balances

Account	Last reconciled	Balance
Bank of America - Checking	08/31/2025	\$82,386.41
Bank of America - MM	08/31/2025	\$30,532.87
Paypal	08/31/2025	\$19,441.92
Amazon Gift Card Donation	N/A	\$633.96

Total	\$132,995.16
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- [Treasurer's Report Year-to-date 2025](#)

# 2025-2026 - Budget Review

- Review and vote
- Proposed Changes:
  - Move Book Fair from Category 2 (Fundraising) to 7 (Student Enrichment)
  - Move \$600 from Spring Fundraising Expense to Movie Night Expense
  - Move \$5,400 grant funds to grade level allotments. Grant applications no longer accepted for field trips.
    - Increase most grade level allotments from \$600 to \$1500. Grants would lower to \$4600. The increase is intended to help fund field trips in each grade.
      - TK: Increase to \$1100
      - K-4: Increase to \$1500
      - 5: remain at \$600 due to PTA funds for 5th grade camp
      - LRC I and II: remain at \$600 because students go on field trips with their general ed grade level teacher

# Teacher Liaison Report - Emily

- Teacher Newsletter
  - Please send me things to communicate to teachers
    - use [teacherliaison@apollopta.org](mailto:teacherliaison@apollopta.org) email
- Any communication to teachers, please add me!

# Director's Reports

- Programs
- Events
- Fundraising
- Communications
- Volunteers
- Standing Committee Reports

# Programs Update

- Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- Read at Home
- Math in Action
- Math is Cool Competition
- Kangaroo Math Competition
- Reflections
- Staff Appreciation
- Yearbook
- School Supplies
- Emergency Backpacks

# Fall Scholastic Book Fair - Thais

- October 27 - 31



# Read at Home - James & Rachel

- Pass out reading logs week of September 15
- Fall book handout week of December 15





# Math in Action - Amy



- [Math in Action - PTA Website](#)
- [Apollo Math in Action](#)

## 2025 - 2026 MATH CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

	ONLINE (FRI – NOON PST)	DUE DATES Friday	SOLUTION (FRI- NOON PST)
MC 1	Sep 12, 2025	Sep 26, 2025	Sep 26, 2025
MC 2	Sep 26, 2025	Oct 10, 2025	Oct 10, 2025
MC 3	Oct 10, 2025	Oct 24, 2025	Oct 24, 2025
MC 4	Oct 24, 2025	Nov 7, 2025	Nov 7, 2025
MC 5	Nov 7, 2025	Nov 21, 2025	Nov 21, 2025
MC 6	Nov 21, 2025	Dec 12, 2025	Dec 12, 2025
MC 7	Dec 12, 2025	Jan 9, 2026	Jan 9, 2026
MC 8	Jan 9, 2026	Jan 23, 2026	Jan 23, 2026
MC 9	Jan 23, 2026	Feb 6, 2026	Feb 6, 2026
MC 10	Feb 6, 2026	Feb 27, 2026	Feb 20, 2026
MC 11	Feb 20, 2026	Mar 6, 2026	Mar 6, 2026
MC 12	Mar 6, 2026	Mar 20, 2026	Mar 20, 2026
MC 13	Mar 20, 2026	Apr 3, 2026	April 3 , 2026
MC 14	Apr 3 , 2026	Apr 24, 2026	Apr 24 , 2026
MC 15	Apr 24, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 8, 2026

# Math is Cool Competition - Yiyun

**COMING SOON**

# Kangaroo Math Competition - Jiafeng

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# Reflections - OPEN

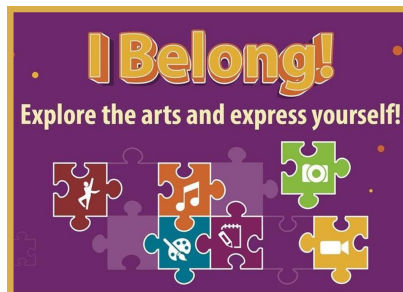


## What is Reflections?

National PTA has a long-standing commitment to arts education.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of students in pre-K through grade 12 **create original works of art in response to a student-created theme.** In Reflections, students submit artworks in the available arts category areas and program divisions

*This year's theme is:*



Scan for more  
info from PTSA  
Council

## Upcoming Dates

September 29, 2025	Issaquah PTSA Council Reflections Kick-Off Meeting (for Local Chairs)	Location: Issaquah School District 411 Administration Bldg. 5150 220 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE, 98027 Room TBD Coming Soon: View Slides Here (PDF)
September 30, 2025	Issaquah PTSA Council Reflections Kick-Off Meeting (for Local Chairs)	Zoom link will be sent directly to chairs. Coming Soon: View Slides Here (PDF)
November 17, 2025	Deadline to verify your PTA/PTSA has met the Standards of Affiliation	Entries cannot be accepted from PTA/PTSAs that are not in good standing as defined by <a href="#">WSPTA Standards of Affiliation</a> by this date. Please confirm your unit's status with your PTA/PTSA president.
November 17, 2025	Local Finalist Entries Upload Due	((Link Coming in October))
November 20, 2025	Local Finalist Entries Hand-off to Council Reflections Program	Location: Issaquah School District 411 Administration Bldg.



# Staff Appreciation - Rachel

thank  
you!

- First Day of School
- November Soup Lunch
  - Volunteers to make and share your favorite soup with staff are greatly appreciated!
- March Baked Goodies
- Staff Treats
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- End of Year Treat



# Yearbook - Open



- Do your kids love the yearbook?
- Do you love creating Shutterfly albums?
- Would you like to volunteer on your own time?
- You do not have to take all the photos!! Photos will be uploaded to a shared folder.
- The yearbook cover and theme have already been selected for this year:



## Treering Editing Software



# School Supplies - Vivian & Jiajia



# Events - Open

- Fall Festival - Alecia Hawthorne-Heyel
- Popcorn Fridays - Brandy Peters
- Movie Nights - Alecia Hawthorne-Heyel & Nancy Yeung
- Winterfest - Open
- STEM Fair - Ling Chen & Shruthi Desai
- Talent Show - Open
- Multicultural Night - Open



# Fall Festival - Alecia

- Friday, Oct 17th
  - (This is a school day now!)
- Infinity Farms
- \$25 per family
  - \$5 discount for PTA members
- \$10 per person
- Website is ready for purchases
- First flyers will go home next week

[Fall Festival PTA Website](#)



JOIN US FOR APOLLO'S

# FALL FESTIVAL AT THE FARM

FRIDAY, OCT.17TH | 5-7:30PM

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INFINITY FARM, ISSAQUAH  
16523 ISSAQUAH-HOBART RD SE

FOOD TRUCKS ~ FARM ANIMALS ~ BONFIRE ~  
PUMPKINS FOR PURCHASE ~ CRAFT STATION ~  
SCAVENGER HUNT

Pre-Purchase tickets at [www.apollopta.org](http://www.apollopta.org)  
\$25 per Family ~ \$10 per person  
\$5 Family Discount for PTA members

Pre-Purchase Here



INFINITY FARM IS WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER ACCESSIBLE, HOWEVER SOME SECTIONS HAVE UNEVEN TERRAIN AND GRAVEL.



# Events - Popcorn Fridays - Brandy

- 1st: October 24th
- 2nd: February 27th
- 3rd: May 22nd

Questions Email: [popcorn@apollopta.org](mailto:popcorn@apollopta.org)





# Events - Movie Nights - Alecia & Nancy


- Fall: September 19th (Wild Robot)
  - Very well attended!!
  - Thoughts for next time:
    - open gym with quiet(ish) activities
    - more pizza
    - soda bottles instead of cans (if cost effective)
- Winter: January 16th
- Spring: March 6th

Questions Email: [movienights@apollopta.org](mailto:movienights@apollopta.org)

A movie night poster for 'The Wild Robot'. At the top, two spotlights illuminate a movie poster for 'THE WILD ROBOT' which shows a robot in a forest. To the right of the poster is a pile of popcorn. Below the poster, the text 'FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT' is written in large, bold, red letters. Underneath that, in a red banner, it says 'DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM ~ MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30'. Below this banner is a table with two columns. The left column has a calendar icon and the text 'Friday September 19th'. The right column has a location pin icon and the text 'APOLLO ELEMENTARY MPR'. Below the table, on the left, is the text 'Register Here' above a QR code. On the right, it says 'Free Admission' in large letters, followed by 'Pizza and Concessions for Sale' in smaller letters. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text: 'Come in your comfiest clothes, bring a blanket or pillow, and get ready to enjoy a great movie!'. In the bottom right corner is a circular logo for 'Apollo Elementary PTA' featuring a stylized eye.


**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**  
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 Friday September 19th	 APOLLO ELEMENTARY MPR
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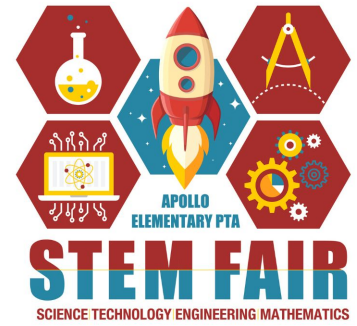
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# Events - STEM Fair - Ling & Rui



- Fair Date:
- Set up Date:

**COMING SOON**

Questions Email: [STEMFair@apollopta.org](mailto:STEMFair@apollopta.org)



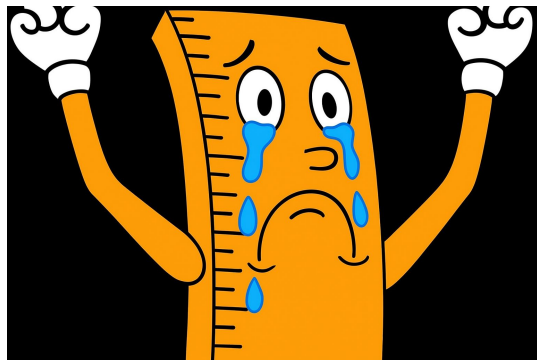
# Events - Multicultural Night - OPEN



Questions Email: [multiculturalnight@apollopta.org](mailto:multiculturalnight@apollopta.org)

# Fundraising - Alecia

- Fall Fundraising - Alecia
  - No fundraiser planned yet. I NEED HELP!!
- Spirit Wear - Open
- Passive Fundraising - Open
- Orange Ruler (Spring) - Alecia
  - Orange Ruler is out of business - looking into PledgeStar



# Communications - Karla & Emily

- **School Bulletin - weekly on Thursdays**
- **PTA newsletter - twice a month**
- **Social Media**
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# Volunteers - Michelle K.

128 ISD Approved Volunteers!

- ISD Volunteer Systems - current backlog to getting volunteers approved, so getting in applications early
- 2024-2025 we had 293 approved volunteers
- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Hearing and Vision Screening (Oct 2nd)
  - Power pack pickups (Wednesdays)
  - Fall Festival (Oct 17th)



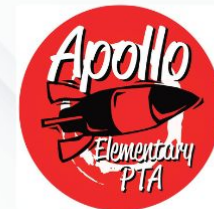
# Standing Committee Reports

# Membership - Michelle C.

- Current Memberships
  - Community: 0
  - Family: 112
  - Incomplete: 1
  - Scholarship: 0
  - Staff: 24
- Invitation to Renew/Sign up Today
- “Drawing for Membership” drives



## BECOME A MEMBER



# Art Docents - Jessica

- 17 Volunteers so far, we need more!
- Apollo Art Docent Orientation
  - Friday, Sept 26th from 7:30pm-8:30pm
  - Zoom



Art Docent Sign Up



ISSAQUAH PTSA  
COUNCIL

## ART DOCENT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 11, 2025  
CLARK ELEMENTARY  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**FREE CLASSES, GUEST  
SPEAKER, KILN TRAINING**

REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 26TH  
[WWW.ISSAQUAHPTSA.ORG/ART](http://WWW.ISSAQUAHPTSA.ORG/ART)

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# Outreach - Lisa

- Power Pack Pickups start in October
  - We'll need helping hands all year long!
- Classroom Snacks will be delivered once a month.
  - We're looking into fun new options (like fresh fruit).
  - Need to keep things like budget and shelf life in mind as we explore.

# Special Education - Jennifer



## District-wide PTSA focused on Special Education

building community  
empowering families  
advocating for ISD students

- ❑ IEP, 504, ECE, LAP, ACT...
- ❑ Navigating general ed classroom...
- ✓ You are in the right place!



Parents / Guardians  
Community Members

Share experiences &  
resources

Unify for action

Stay informed



Students

Share your unique  
perspective

Build relationships

Motivate & lead your  
allies!



Faculty / Staff

Share on-ground insights

Build bridges

Shape better outcomes for  
all

Join  
Today!



Meetups | Socials – **see website for dates!**

ISD Special Education Committees

Everyone in community is welcome!

Visit our **Website:**  
[issaquahspecialeducationptsa.org](https://issaquahspecialeducationptsa.org)

Join our **Facebook Group:**  
Issaquah Special Education PTSA 2.6.13

**Email** us at:  
[hello@issaquahspecialeducation.org](mailto:hello@issaquahspecialeducation.org)

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS



19

FRIDAY

### PARENT POWER HOUR

10 - 11 PM

ISSAQUAH COMMUNITY  
CENTER

22

MONDAY

### AUTISM PARENTS LUNCHTIME MEETUP

12 - 1 PM

ZOOM  
(LINK IN CAPTION)

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WEDNESDAY

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

7-8:30 PM

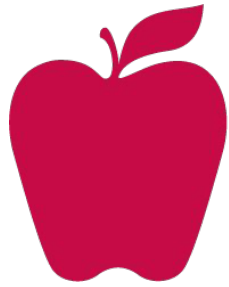
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VISIT  
[ISSAQUAHSPECIALEDUCATIONPTSA.ORG](https://issaquahspecialeducationptsa.org)  
FOR MORE INFO!

# Advocacy - Shelby

- Issaquah PTSA Council Advocacy Committee
  - Discussion emphasized the need to expand our advocacy strategy to reach the broader voting base, not just parents
  - [Legislative Assembly](#) 2025 at the Hilton Doubletree at SeaTac, October 18 & 19, 2025
- ISD Budget Hearing Key Points
  - '24-'25 Projected ending fund balance = \$46M or 11% of expenditures
  - '25-'26 Projected enrollment = 18,500 a decline of ~1%
    - Enrollment flat at HS but declining in ES
    - Revenue \$400M, including increases from Special Education multiplier and MSOC increase. Key funding sources are ~70% state and 15% local EP&O levy (~\$66M)
    - Expenditures \$406M, including targeted curriculum implementations for MS and HS





ISSAQUAH  
SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION

#### Key Dates

- Saturday, October 25 - Monster Mash 5k
- Wednesday, November 5 - Impact in Action
- Wednesday, March 4 - Impact in Action
- Thursday, April 30 - Nourish Every Mind Luncheon

**Every student deserves the opportunity to push beyond their immediate experience and expand the boundaries of what they believe is possible.**



#### Who We Are

Get to know us and why we're so passionate about what we do.



#### What We Do

From Pre-K through graduation, our funding goes towards programs that create opportunity for students at every ISD school.



#### Our Impact

For over 35 years, donors have helped us open doors to opportunity for Issaquah School District students.



#### Ways to Give

The only limit to what we can invest in students is what our community invests in us.

# FACE & DEI - Claudia

- [Welcome New Apollo Families Letter](#)
- [Helpful Resources](#)
- Summer Playdates
- New Families School Tour
- Meet Apollo PTA at the Playground
- Tears and Cheers (Coffee and donuts)



# New Business

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Adjourn

*Thank You!*