



# ARDMORE ELEMENTARY

**Eagle News – October 19, 2017**

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## Key dates & events

<b>NOVEMBER 9</b>	<b>No school – Professional Development Day</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 10</b>	<b>No school – Veterans Day</b> Thank you, veterans in the Ardmore community, for your service!

## News & announcements

### Science Fair, Maker Space and more win votes for school funding

At the General Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, parents and teachers gathered to vote on the 2017-18 PTSA budget, which funds many school events, supplies, and activities such as field trips.



This year, the community voted to support these additional events to offer extra opportunities for academic and social learning:

- Science Fair
- Multicultural Night
- Family Fun Nights
- Maker Space – **NEW** this year! Look for more details in a future newsletter.

### Parents: We need your help to make these events happen!

If you're passionate about helping our school in one of the below areas, please reach out to these contacts:

- **Events** (Family Fun Nights, Multicultural Night): Priya, [the.nathanparents@gmail.com](mailto:the.nathanparents@gmail.com)
- **Fundraising**: Priya, [the.nathanparents@gmail.com](mailto:the.nathanparents@gmail.com)
- **Teacher appreciation**: Zayne, [zayneelrod@gmail.com](mailto:zayneelrod@gmail.com)
- **Communications**: Robin, [robinonino@yahoo.com](mailto:robinonino@yahoo.com)
- **Science Fair and STEM activities**: Lia, [liaunrau@hotmail.com](mailto:liaunrau@hotmail.com)
- **Parent social events**: Janine, [janinethorn@yahoo.com](mailto:janinethorn@yahoo.com)

## Around Ardmore

### Thank you for a successful Listening Tour

Ardmore PTSA's first-ever Listening Tour was a great opportunity for parents to come together and share thoughts with Principal Miller, Assistant Principal Whitten, and the Bellevue School District.



About 70 parents and community members gathered at Ardmore and at apartment complexes in our community. Our facilitator, Erin Jones, also met with Ardmore staff to hear their thoughts.

Some of the common concerns include:

- Information about the U.S. education system for new families
- Consistent behavior expectations
- Racial and cultural learning for students, parents and staff
- Homework expectations

### What's next?

Ardmore will work with Ms. Jones to plan actions based on this feedback. We will meet back with parents to share next steps. THANK YOU to all who participated. If you didn't get a chance to attend, stay tuned for the next opportunity!

### Walk to School Day: Great lesson in civic engagement

Dozens of Ardmore students had a great time walking with Ardy the Eagle and other guests for International Walk to School Day on Oct. 4. But before the walk, some of them got an excellent lesson in civic engagement, too.

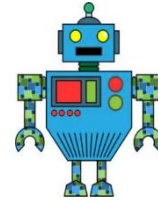
Event chair and Ardmore parent Janine Thorn led a group of Ardmore students to Bellevue City Hall for Mayor John Stokes' proclamation for International Walk to School Day. Students had the chance to hear Mayor Stokes proclaim Wednesday, October 4, International Walk to School Day, and to give remarks in support of the special day. The group took pictures with the city council and had a great civic experience!



## Parent reminders

### Robotics reminder: Tuesdays only

Friendly reminder to those families with students in the Robotics after-school program: It is held only on Tuesdays. There are no sessions on other days.



### Renew your PTSA membership (or join for the first time)

Did you know that to remain a member of the Parents, Teachers, and Students Association (PTSA), you must renew your membership each year? It's fast and easy:

- **To join the PTSA**, grab a membership form in the school office OR visit <https://www.pt-avenue.com/join/>. (Membership is \$10 per person, with a \$1 processing fee for joining online.)
- **FREE memberships are available** to families who qualify. Contact the Family Connections Center.

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### About this newsletter

The Ardmore Eagle News goes out every other Thursday, except for holiday weeks. Send questions and submissions to [news@ardmoreelementary.org](mailto:news@ardmoreelementary.org). Submissions are due one week in advance of the next newsletter, must be relevant to the broad Ardmore community, and may be edited for space and clarity.



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