

Happy Valley Elementary

PTA General Meeting – Monday, June 6th, 6:30pm

VOLUNTEERING IS THE
ULTIMATE EXERCISE IN
DEMOCRACY. YOU VOTE
IN ELECTIONS ONCE A
YEAR, BUT WHEN YOU
VOLUNTEER, YOU VOTE
EVERYDAY ABOUT THE
KIND OF COMMUNITY
YOU WANT TO LIVE IN.

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Leadership is not about executive position or title. It is about connection and influence. At its highest, leadership is all about adding value to the world and blessing lives through the work you do.

Robin S. Sharma

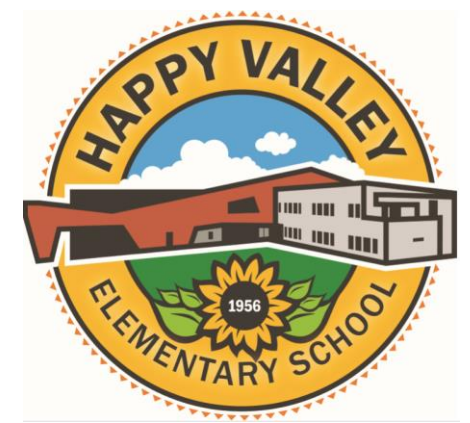
I firmly believe that volunteering is good for our society and brings communities together. It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved in your local community, to meet new people and to gain a sense of pride and achievement.

Boris Johnson

Progress is more important than perfection

Simon Sinek

General Meeting Agenda



Monday, June 6th at 6:30pm in HVE Library ([Zoom](#))

Agenda:

- PTA Mission Statement
- Vote on Board nominations
- Review and vote on 2022-23 budget
- Vote on equity language to expand PTA mission & Regional Council
- Message from Mr. Hayes
- Community updates

Mission Statement

- **From the PTA Standing Rules:**

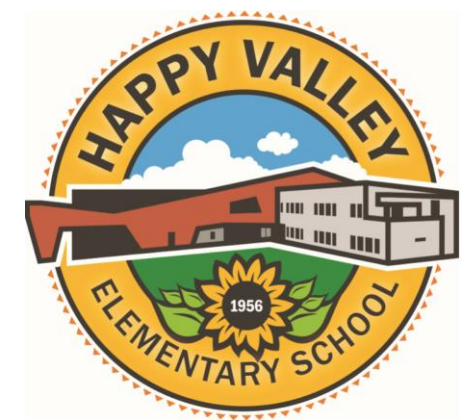
- The HVE PTA serves the children in the Happy Valley school community, which includes the residences and businesses in the Happy Valley Elementary School enrollment.
- This PTA is a non-profit corporation, led by a nominated Board of Directors.

- **In Practice, the PTA:**

- Provides funding and/or volunteers for activities outside of the standard school curriculum and supports teachers in the provision of incremental opportunities for students. Examples include:
 - Fun Run
 - 5th Grade event
 - Musical
 - Enrichment
 - Field trips (Mountain School, Mt. Baker), etc.
- Initiates programs in support of our teachers and staff:
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation
 - Teacher Grants (for classroom supplies, building in-class libraries, etc.)
- Initiatives and leads community building opportunities.
- Serves as a communications liaison, in support of and complement to the Principal.

In short, our teachers are teaching, planning, and engaging with our students. If we want any activities outside of this, it is up to us!

Board & Committee Leadership: 2022-23



Board Leadership:

- President: Kari Jung
 - Meeting organization
 - Volunteer recruiting/coordination
 - Event/email management
 - Monthly “Buzz” newsletter
- Vice President: Amelia Ireland
 - Communications – Website, FB, Email
- Treasurer: Tammy Fehrer & Sunshine Drake
 - Bookkeeping, AP/AR
 - Budget
 - Teacher Grants
 - Taxes
 - Registration (insurance, WA SOS)
- Secretary: Steffany Kraft
 - Meeting minutes
 - Membership
 - Sign-up Genius

Lead Coordinators:

- Enrichment Coordinators: Debora Riber & Sarah Longman
- Room Parent Coordinator: Casey Kelley
- School Kickoff Coordinator:
 - Kindergarten Playdate: Steffany Kraft
 - Parent B’fast (1st day of school): Board
- Fun Run Coordinators: Kate Taussig & Kris Sanderson
- Volunteer Coordinator: **TBD**
- Online Directory Coordinator: Tom Drake
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Coordinator: **TBD**
- Yearbook Coordinators: Shelley Buyagawan + Julia Gage
- Spirit Wear Coordinator: Tom Drake
- Science Fair Coordinators: Caroline Hardin & Rebecca Borowski (WWU) – confirming
- Allied Arts Coordinator: Julia Gage + 1
- 5th Grade YE Event Coordinator: **TBD**
- Spring Fling Coordinator: **TBD**
- BPS Parent Advisory Committee: Mr. Hayes designees x2

Equity Fund Language – BPS Foundation

Update to Standing Rules:

34. Equity Fund: The Happy Valley PTA may donate 10% of funds raised each year to the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation for redistribution to neighboring elementary school PTAs.

Update future fundraising materials:

10% of funds raised by our Fun Run will go to the Elementary Equity Fund at the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation. Funds collected are disbursed back to all participating PTA/PTOs based on the number of students receiving free and reduced lunch. This project acknowledges that each school has children in need but gives greater support to schools with higher needs. The goal of the Elementary Equity Project is to increase opportunity for every child across the District.

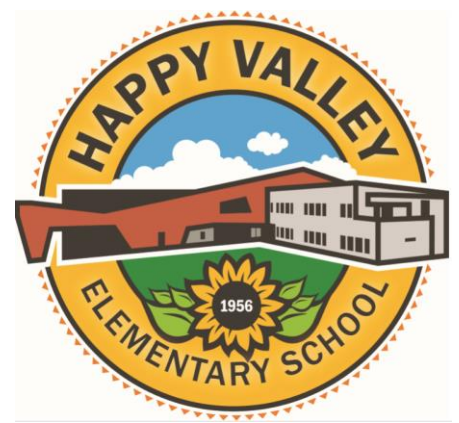
Equity Fund Example

SCHOOLS	PARENT GROUP GIFT TO EQUITY FND	% STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE/ REDUCED LUNCH	FUNDS DISTRIBUTED BACK TO PARENT GROUPS	NET "GIFT" TO / FROM EQUITY FUND
Alderwood	\$1,650.00	53%	\$2,650.42	\$1,000.42
Birchwood	\$1,417.50	57%	\$3,482.92	\$2,065.42
Carl Cozier	\$1,000.00	49%	\$2,701.39	\$1,701.39
Columbia	\$3,340.00	22%	\$1,104.34	-\$2,235.66
Cordata	\$1,378.00	58%	\$3,737.77	\$2,359.77
Geneva*		25%		
Happy Valley	\$2,546.80	28%	\$2,191.69	-\$355.11
Lowell*		26%		
Northern Heights	\$3,000.00	31%	\$2,089.75	-\$910.25
Parkview	\$3,960.00	32%	\$1,868.88	-\$2,091.12
Roosevelt	\$2,232.00	45%	\$3,143.12	\$911.12
Silver Beach	\$3,055.00	17%	\$1,427.15	-\$1,627.85
Sunnyland	\$2,150.00	39%	\$2,072.76	-\$77.24
Wade King	\$1,930.18	18%	\$1,189.29	-\$740.89
TOTALS	\$27,659.48		\$27,659.48	
*Geneva and Lowell made gifts in Spring 2020				

Bellingham PTA Council

- Guidelines on voting: ensure you're a member
- Information about what a PTA Council does:
 - Created and funded by their member PTAs to promote the purposes of WSPTA at the school district level;
 - To provide services, information, support, and leadership development for local PTAs in the council service area;
 - To promote cooperation among the local PTAs in the council service area, etc.
- Voting is open until June 14th; please email President@happyvalleypta.com with 'yay' or 'nay.'

Community Updates



- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Information

- [Respond to the survey](#) posted by Public Works. This is one of the primary ways to provide your ideas and observations to the city.
- [Identify barriers, places that are unsafe for kids, and ideas for improvement on the map.](#)
- Submit official public [comments using the comment section on this page](#). Request that City:
 1. **Put kids first.** Write the PMP to specify that routes and projects identified in the BPS school routes process shall be added to the PMP on a rolling basis as routes plans are published for each school, and be given top priority.
 2. **Reduce the speed limit to no more than 20 mph** on all residential streets and review current speed limits on all other streets to assess pedestrian safety. Street design should be used to achieve these limits. [Speed limit reductions substantially reduce rates of road injuries and fatalities.](#)
- If you would like to be part of the SRTS Task Force, please shoot an email to SRTSBham@gmail.com

- March for our Lives – Saturday, June 11th, 2-4pm

- Bellingham City Hall, 210 Lottie St.
- [March For Our Lives Bellingham, WA \(everyaction.com\)](http://everyaction.com)