



What's Happening

Feb 12 PTA Board Meeting
(6:00pm, virtual)

Feb 15 Diversity, Equity, &
Inclusion (DEI) Team Meeting
(6:30pm, virtual)

February 19 - 23 No School for
Mid Winter Break

Mar 4 School Leader &
Caregiver Coffee (8:00am,
school library)

Mar 21 Fundraising event
(5:00-9:00pm, Ravenna
Brewing Co.)

[Full online calendar](#)

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Donate Now

[Donate](#) to the McDonald PTA fundraising campaign which funds our language immersion curriculum and other enrichment programs.

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Announcing Fundraising Efforts!

Thanks to each and every one of you for your incredible contributions to our recent fundraising event.

We are thrilled to announce, thanks to your generosity and unwavering support, **we have reached a milestone of \$350,000 in our fundraising efforts!** This brings us one step closer to our ultimate goal of \$400,000.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school's success. Together, we are making a significant impact on our kid's education & overall school experience.

To make a donation, please visit: <https://mcdonaldpta.betterworld.org/campaigns/MGF>

Save the Date! It's our 2nd Annual Event and Auction at Ravenna Brewing Co.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 21st from 5-9pm** and spend the evening with the McDonald community!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Your help is requested for the success of our event at Ravenna Brewing Co on March 21st!



We are looking for volunteers to help out before (procurement of items, day-of-setup, website management) and after the event: [learn more and sign-up here](#)

ITEMS AND EXPERIENCES NEEDED FOR THE AUCTION!
Do you have silent auction items to donate? Think weekend at your vacation home, tickets to games and events, a hosted dinner, cooking classes, art, or experiences!

Do you make goods that could be sold on the spot? Ideas include baked goods, salsa, tamales, or home products--what is your specialty?

If you would like to donate items or experiences for the silent auction, please email donate@mcdonaldpta.org.

Thank you for being part of WSPTA Lobby Day 2024!

Dear Scottie Dog Families,

I hope this message finds each and every one of you in great spirits! 🌟 I



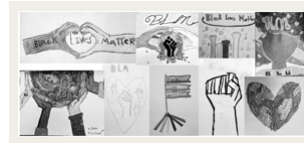
wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to the incredible group of families who embarked on an unforgettable journey from Seattle to Olympia for Lobby Day for Education. Paul, Lily, Aaron, Bridget, Marta, Melanie, Danica, Julie, Andrea, Hugo, Becky, Santiago, May-Ling, Margaret H, and Margaret W – you are all true champions in advocating for a brighter future for our kids!

First and foremost, let me say how heartwarming it was to witness the positive impact you had during Lobby Day. Meeting with legislators like Jamie Pedersen, Gerry Pollet, Darya Farivar, Javier Valdez, Nicole Macri, and others, it was inspiring to see their faces light up as they engaged with the enthusiastic kids. Your efforts truly made a lasting impression, creating a connection that goes beyond the walls of the Capitol. So much so that we were featured in [Senator Valdez's newsletter](#).

To [read the rest of this open letter and view more photos](#), please [click here](#).

Calling for Student Artwork to Support BLM and Seattle Public Schools Week of Action!

Your child's artwork could be on this year's McDonald DEI Team shirt! Our amazing art teacher, Ms. Rule, is facilitating a project with the 4th & 5th grade classes to create art



inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, but students from every grade level are encouraged to submit their art, to be shared online and displayed at school! Each art submission should include a general message of love, support, protest, resistance, or one of the [BLM at School Guiding Principles](#).

- If your student works on their art at home, they can turn it in to the front office when finished. Please label back of artwork with the student's name, grade, and homeroom teacher. **Deadline to submit art to the office is Friday, February 16!**

- Parent volunteers are always welcome to help out in Art class. Please contact Ms. Rule directly at nrule@seattleschools.org.

- The DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Social Justice Team supports the work of our community to make McDonald anti-racist and inclusive.

International Night - Planning Volunteers Needed

Save the date: International Night will take place on Saturday, May 4!

This is an annual all-school community celebration to complement the fall Obon/Dia de los Muertos event, with class performances from different grades and a variety of activities.



Volunteers are needed! We are looking for parents who want to be more involved in the planning process to help us plan a great event. Please reach out to our parent lead this year, [Colleen Korby](#), with your interest. Participation includes meeting with the parent lead, providing ideas and taking ownership of different event needs.

Kids Co. Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Kids Co. summer camp 2024 registration opened for all families on February 1. Kids Co. is offering fun themed weekly camps at McDonald and nine other locations ([see the full list here](#)).

Key information:

- New families register [here](#)
- Returning families register [here](#)
- Camp registration opens on February 1 to all families
- There is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee
- Camp is \$420 per week
- Required full week enrollment, no partial schedules available
- Opened M-F 8-5pm
- Families must cancel at least two weeks in advanced to not be charged

For more information, see the [weekly themes](#) for Kids Co summer camp at McDonald for 2024.

McDonald Ultimate Frisbee Team: Disc Jockeys

We are excited about the return of the all-gender Elementary School Ultimate Frisbee League in the Spring 2024 for 3rd - 5th graders!

[Overview - 2024 Spring ES Mixed Team League - DiscNW](#)

- No prior ultimate frisbee experience is necessary.
- Practices will be once a week on Wednesdays beginning in February at Meridian Playground.
- Games will be on Saturdays March - May, 6-8 regular season games plus 1-3 playoff games.
- Minimal equipment needed: cleats, athletic layers, water bottle.
- Registration costs: sliding scale payment structure to dismantle barriers in participation.



If your 3rd/4th/5th grade student is interested in joining the McDonald Disc Jockey Ultimate Team, please email [Lisa Gehret](#) with the student's name, grade and gender identity.

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