

Hello IVE Community!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Issaquah Valley. Whether you are a new family or staff member, or returning back to our community for another year, the PTA would like to extend a sincere welcome to all of our IVE Cougars!

The IVE PTA's mission is to enhance the educational experience of children and their families while fostering a strong sense of community. The PTA provides many educational programs, hosts social and community events, invests time in community outreach, and provides teacher, staff and grade level funding allocations. We help make it possible for each child, parent, guardian and staff member at IVE to be a part of something great!

Our PTA sponsored programs and events are made possible through 3 very important pieces:

- 1. Volunteerism:** We welcome all of you to share your talents, interests, skills and resources with our PTA. We encourage you to join us in bringing valuable programs and events to our students. Research shows that when parents/guardians are connected to their school, children do better both socially and academically. We make a difference by supporting our staff, providing resources and creating learning opportunities for our children. Please consider volunteering your time and supporting one of our many programs or events. Find out more about volunteer opportunities on our website at ivepta.org.
- 2. Membership:** Becoming a member of the PTA shows support for your child. PTA creates the village that helps raise our kids and strengthens our community. It links families to important school and community information. By joining the PTA, you have a voice and vote at the school, region, state, and national PTA levels, for the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America. You can utilize the many discounts available to PTA members and have access to our online school directory. Please become a member and show your support for our school, students and staff. Visit ivepta.org and click on 'membership'. Any adult can represent a child in our school by becoming a member today!
- 3. Fundraising:** Contributing to our IVE PTA fundraising efforts is an essential part in making our programs possible. Every year our PTA must fundraise in order to continue our beloved programs, events, and distribute staff and grade level funding allocations. This year we will hold our annual Orange Ruler Fun Run in the Fall. In addition to your family contributions, it is a great time to educate extended family and friends about the importance of our PTA fundraising efforts – you might just get them to participate as well! We will also be holding a second fundraiser in the Spring. Previously, we held a large auction every two years, however this year we are planning a smaller scale parents' night out with an auction component. This event is still in the planning stages – keep an eye out for more information. With your help, the PTA will continue to run our programs and respond to classroom and school needs above and beyond what the schools are able to provide.

There are many ways to connect with us and stay informed. Visit our website at ivepta.org; it is updated frequently, so check back often. Read our PTA eNewsletter which will be delivered to your email inbox every two weeks. Like us on Facebook at 'Issaquah Valley Elementary PTA', we post reminders that will definitely come in handy during the busy school year! PTA will also send home hard copy fliers and utilize Peachjar online fliers- just another way to keep you informed (and save trees).

Please plan to attend our IVE Community Fall Kick Off Picnic and Movie Night on Thursday, September 19th at 6:00pm –look for more information coming soon! Also, please join the PTA Board at our first General Membership Meeting Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00pm in the IVE Library. Please note Board meetings are for adults only.

On behalf of the IVE PTA Board, I am thrilled to welcome you to a new school year. Together we can ensure every child succeeds and thrives. Let's join together in building up our community!

Marcelle Waldman
Issaquah Valley PTA President





What does the IVE PTA Sponsor?

All made possible by YOU!

Educational

- Art Docent Program
- Assemblies
- Cougar Store Incentives
- Dancing Classrooms
- Field Trips
- Gardening Program
- Global Reading Challenge
- Grade Level Scholastic Magazines
- Internet Subscriptions
- IVE Book Room
- Math Adventure
- Reflections Art Contest
- Safety Patrol Field Trip
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Science Fair
- Science To-Go
- Spelling Bee

Social and Community Events

- Bingo Night
- Community Picnic/movie
- DIVE
- Fun Run
- Goodwill Fill the Truck Events
- Hands on Art
- Holiday Choir
- Ice Cream Social
- Kindergarten & New Family Playdates
- Kindergarten Welcome: Tears and Cheers
- Movie Night
- Multi-Cultural Fair
- Popcorn Friday
- Spirit Wear
- STEM night
- Trunk or Treat
- Variety Show
- Yearbook

Teacher, Specialist & Staff Assistance

- 5th Grade reception
- Emergency preparedness
- Funding Allocations to each grade level
- Funding Allocations to each teacher & specialist
- Room Parents
- Staff Appreciation
- Vision and Hearing Support

Community Outreach

- Academy for Community Transition (ACT)
- Angel Program
- Holiday Gift Barn
- Issaquah Schools Foundation
- Parent Wiser
- Summer Scholarships to ISD
- VIS Vote