

PTA Falcon Flyer

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Important Upcoming Dates

January 7 @ 6pm – January 14 @ 6pm – PTA Enrichment Winter Registration

January 14 – Panda Express Dine Out

January 20 – March 23 – PTA Enrichment Winter Session (8 weeks)

January 30 – Glow Party

Shine Bright at the Glow Party (Volunteers Needed)

Bring your new year's energy to the Glow Party on Friday Jan 30th from 6:30-7:30pm. Dress up in your favorite neon or glow in the dark outfit and dance in the black lights of the gym. Dancing and music hosted by Fairmount Park's own DJ Baby van Beezly. We'll have face painting, temporary tattoos, games and more for the kids. Parents, bring a dish or snack to share and enjoy a parent social and potluck in the cafeteria.

Volunteers needed to make this event happen! You could help hand out glow sticks, chaperone in the gym, apply glow in the dark tattoos, face painting, help out at the door, etc. Shifts are just 45 min, either 6:15-7 or 7-7:45, so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the event with your family. Please [sign up](#) to help!

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1224195000123/>

While the event is free to all Falcon Families, the dance party can be a bit much for pre-K siblings. We will have a low sensory room for anyone that needs a break for all the energy. And while we'll have water and some snacks, please make sure your child has something to eat beforehand! Finally, kids do need an adult at the event with them, we can't have any kids dropped off or coming on their own.

Dine Out at Panda Express on Jan 14

Join us at our Dine Out Fundraiser with Panda Express in Westwood Village on Wednesday Jan 14th. 20% of sales will be donated to the PTA when you present the [flyer](#) or use 3852233 as the fundraiser code when placing an [order online](#). All funds raised from this dine out event will benefit the [West Seattle Public School Equity Fund](#). The fundraiser will take place at the West Seattle Panda Express location only (9033 25th Avenue SW Seattle, WA 98126).

Help the 5th Grade Get to IslandWood!

FPE 5th graders are going to outdoor camp this month and need everyone's help to get there. Why? The state funded Outdoor Learning Grant Program that offset the cost in prior years is not being funded this year, creating an unexpected and time sensitive funding gap.

We have raised over \$5,300 but the total cost of the camp is \$20,500. Can you help?

- Ask your employer about a corporate match program or direct donation
- Did you see the [West Seattle Blog post](#)? Please share it with others!
- Share the direct fundraising [link](#) far and wide; donations are tax-deductible and IslandWood is a registered 501c3
<https://support.islandwood.org/campaign/fy26-sop-fundraising-fairmont/c744308>
- Make a personal donation
- Email Lauren (5th grade parent), lbro02@gmail.com, with connections to any businesses, banks, or corporations who might be able to help, as well as, any creative fundraising ideas or leads.

Salmon eggs have hatched

This year Fairmount Park Elementary is participating in the [Salmon in the Schools](#) program, raising coho salmon from eggs for release in Longfellow Creek later this spring. The eggs arrived just before break and started hatching on 12/29. The alevin (still have eggs sacs attached) spend most of their time hiding in the gravel at the bottom of the tank, but are quite wiggly. In the next few weeks, the alevin will transition into free swimming fry and grow until release. Ms. Britt's class is hosting the salmon, but the tank is in the first floor hallway for everyone to enjoy. Ask your student what's going on with the salmon!

Enrichment – 2026 Winter Session Updates

Volunteers Still Needed!

PTA Enrichment *still needs volunteers*, with the greatest need on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Just one 2-hour shift per week guarantees your child enrollment in one fully funded club of your choice.

Winter Session Enrollment is Underway

Enrollment is open now and closes next Wednesday, January 14 at 6:00 PM. If you haven't enrolled yet, there are still clubs with openings!

To Enroll

1. Create an account at <http://homeroom.com/>
2. Search for Fairmount Park Elementary
3. Enroll by January 14 @ 6PM!

Current Enrollment Status

All clubs are still accepting enrollment. Families may continue to enroll in waitlisted clubs and will be notified in order of enrollment as spaces become available.

The following clubs currently have a waitlist:

- Filmmaking (Tuesday)
- Tennis (Thursday)

- Minecraft (Friday)

Unfortunately, Yoga (Tuesday) and Wildcrafting (Friday) did not make the final winter schedule. We hope to bring these topics to FPE in a future session.

FYI: Possible Cost Increase for Some Clubs

A recent Washington State sales tax change applies a 10.35% sales tax to some enrichment clubs. If a club is impacted, the tax will be included in the listed price, and families will be asked to acknowledge it before completing registration. We recognize this creates an unexpected burden for both enrichment providers and FPE families, and we appreciate your understanding and continued support of PTA Enrichment.

Need Financial Support?

Scholarships and payment plans are available. Questions? Email: enrichment@fpepta.org.

Save the Date for Mariners Game on May 16th

Fairmount Park is heading back to the ballpark to cheer on your Seattle Mariners. We've reserved up to 200 tickets for the Saturday, May 16th game vs. the Padres. It's a rare family friendly Saturday afternoon game with first pitch at 4:15pm. Ticket pricing and links will be available later this month.

Become a PTA Member

As a PTA member, you direct how we invest the money that we raise to support Fairmount Park. 2025-26 memberships are just \$20 per person, and membership fees go directly to support educational advocacy efforts by the state and local Seattle Council of PTAs. Sign up at <https://fairmountparkpta.org/join-the-pta/>

Visit our online store for Falcon Gear

Show your Fairmount Park Elementary pride by wearing your Falcon Gear. All sizes, lots of colors, and a bunch of fun designs are available on our [online](#) store (search FPETPA on Zazzle). Items are printed on demand and shipped directly to you. Order now for holiday gifting!

****Please follow the PTA on Instagram @fairmountparkpta or check out our website Fairmountparkpta.org****

Do YOU have anything that you would like to include in the Falcon Flyer? Send an email with the information to falconflyer@fairmountparkpta.org, and we'll make sure it's included in next week's issue. Fairmount Park Elementary or SPS community related content only, please.