

PTA Falcon Flyer

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Important Upcoming Dates

June 6 – Skate Party @ Southgate Roller Rink

June 8 – Final PTA General Meeting 6:30pm

June 11 – Field Day

June 12 – Last Friday - Treats on the Blacktop

June 17 – Last Day of School 1:25 Dismissal

Skate Party is June 6th

Thank you everyone who has bought tickets already for the skate party this Saturday! [Tickets](#) are \$12 and are still available if you know other friends who want to join! <https://wspta-fpepta.givebacks.com/shop/items/ead62b4875>

Event time: Saturday 6/6 4-6pm

Location: Southgate Roller Rink 9646 17th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98106

Non skating adults and kids 4 & under are free and the snack bar will be open. Parking is available in the Southgate Arcade/Roller Rink Lot, immediately adjacent to the building off 17th Ave SW. There should be enough parking, but it's good idea to carpool/bike/use public transport as Saturday is also Pride Fest in White Center.

Full Lost and Found!

As the end of the year approaches, please make sure to stop by the Lost and Found to claim missing items. Students will be visiting the racks with their teachers but they are overflowing and it can be overwhelming for little eyes. There are many jackets, sweatshirts and lunch items. All unclaimed items will be donated.

Last PTA Meeting on Monday, June 8th

We'll have our final PTA general meeting of the year on Monday June 8th in the school cafeteria at 6:30pm. Agenda items include electing officers, reviewing open and appointed positions, and approving the PTA budget for the 26-27 school year. We'll also hear any updates from Ms. Davis and committee with their wrap-ups for the year. Snacks/drinks provided. Join us if you'd like to hear more about plans for next school year.

PTA Budget Summary for 2026-27 School Year

Next year's proposed budget will continue to provide a similar level of support for the current PTA funded programs at the school, plus expanding counselor time and supporting the school staff to pilot a tutoring program.

For Curriculum Support, we are continuing to provide additional music teacher time to support the instrumental music program (\$23K) and additional staff time for reading

intervention (\$12K). We're also continuing support for the Art, Assemblies, Library, PE, Music programs. New this year is allocating up to \$30K to fund tutoring costs and supplies to pilot a new tutoring program. Budget for continued curriculum support totals \$92K.

In terms of Student Wellness, Engagement, and Community, we are continuing to fund Food Support Program, Equity Events, School Supplies (for families who need support), School Fun Events (Falcon Fest, Glow Party, etc), Teacher Appreciation Week, Scholarships for Field Trips, and the Salmon in the Schools Program. We've also budgeted \$19.5K for additional school counselor availability which would allow the counselor to be onsite three full days per week. Budget in this area is \$59.5K

We also have additional budget categories supporting the Enrichment Program (\$13.3K) and Classroom Grants for teachers (\$13.7K). Finally, we have budgeted \$10K in dues, administrative expenses, and compliance items. Overall proposed budget for the 2026-27 year totals \$188.5K.

This year our total fundraising came in under our goal of \$100K, so the proposed budget for 2026-27 represents a significant investment of our reserves and also reflects confidence in the community's interest and willingness to continue to support these efforts through increased financial support. This budget will be reviewed and voted on by the PTA members present at our final meeting on Monday June 8th.

Many THANKS as PTA Enrichment Winds Down

We are just about wrapped up for Spring PTA Enrichment! Most clubs had their final class this week. Exceptions are Chess, Yoga, and Pokémon have a final club next Monday. Also, Open Art Studio has a makeup next Thursday.

Thank you so much to all of the wonderful volunteers who donated their time and energy this year to making this program a success. You are the eyes and ears of the program—helping with enrollment and dismissal, keeping students safe, providing valuable feedback on curriculum, and handling countless little challenges along the way. Your commitment to FPE students every week ensures they have a safe, positive, and enriching experience. I am incredibly grateful for all that you do!

I would also like to thank my successor, Katie Gross. Katie will be taking the reins next year and has spent this year working alongside me and learning the ropes. I know the program will be in great hands. As I step away from this role, I hope it is not the last time I see many of the wonderful volunteers, providers, families and FPE staff who have been part of this journey. Thank you for making these past 4 years very meaningful and fulfilling. It has truly been a privilege to serve our school community. (ed note – thank you Sylvia for all your years of work on PTA Enrichment!)

One More Thing—Help Make Fall 2026 PTA Enrichment Even Better!

As we begin planning for Fall 2026, please take a few minutes to complete our end-of-year survey. Your feedback from the Winter and Spring sessions will help the program

continue to grow and better meet the needs of our FPE families: <https://forms.gle/ibu1TmnZtj3qEH1m8>

Get involved with the FPE PTA next year

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to volunteer next year with the PTA, but we're still looking for a few more people to fill roles next year. This is a great opportunity to help support the school. Most roles take only 2-3hr/month or could even be just helping put on one event a year. Open positions include social chair, fundraising chair, legislative/advocacy chair.

If you're able to help fill a role or are just interested in learning more, please email Ryan (president@fpepta.org) to set up an informational coffee/chat. We particularly welcome K-2 parents to get involved. Role details below:

Social Chair/Committee

This role is focused on celebrating school spirit and coming up with a calendar of fun events throughout the year that are exciting for parents and kids to celebrate together. Larger examples include Falcon Fest, Maker's Fair, Glow Party or smaller events like skate, bowling, or movie night. The chair/committee would be helping organize events, handle calendaring, and then working with individual event leads/volunteers to put on larger actual events. Ideally a person in this role loves creating fun and excitement about our school. We're also looking for volunteers to help put on one event if you can't commit to an ongoing role.

Fundraising Chair/Committee

This role leads our fundraising effort(s) for the year such as the Blue Envelope Drive and other spring fundraising activity as needed. The person(s) in this role helps come up with fun and creative ways to highlight the impact PTA funding has on our school and encourage giving to benefit the school community. We're looking for someone to continue to build on an already successful program. Previous fundraising experience is a plus but is not required.

Legislative/Advocacy Chair

This role leads our efforts to understand and promote advocacy at the local school board and state legislative level, working with other local PTAs and tracking state and Seattle level PTA recommendations. This is a great role if you are passionate about what's going on to drive education funding or other policy changes and want to help organize and promote advocacy among our Fairmount Park community.

Reservations Coordinator

Help support our board and committees by working with the SPS online building room reservation system to reserve space for PTA events. Easy to do on your own time and only takes a few minutes a month.

Parent Education

Organize events/speakers on feature topics of interest to the parent community to

help build understanding or add skills. Previous examples have been around screen time management, gender identity, and understanding the SPS IDP process, but could be anything that would help us learn as parents how to better support our kids. The board is hoping to put out 1-2 events next year.

Cohort/Grade Level Coordinator

Organize 1-2 fun events throughout the year for a specific cohort/grade. Looking for a chair or co-chairs for each grade level to work with teachers and room parents.

Field Day Volunteer Slots are Full

Field Day is **June 11th** and Ms. McChesney has filled all the volunteer slots. Thank you all so much for helping out this year! Here are the times for the event:

9:15-10:45 – Grades K-2

12:30-2:00 – Grades 3-5

Celebrate the Last Friday of the School Year

The PTA will be passing out popsicles on the blacktop and dum-dums for bus riders after school on Friday June 12th to celebrate the last Friday of the school year. Stop by and enjoy a treat to celebrate all the hard work students have done all year as we head into our final weekend.

Last Day of School June 17th Dismissal at 1:25

The final school day for the 2025-26 school year will be Wednesday, June 17th with a 1:25 dismissal. Yes, 1:25. Not 1:10, not 2:25. Just a special time for a special day!

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.

<https://www.zazzle.com/store/fpepta>

****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.