

Genesee Hill News

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Mark Your Calendars

March 5: Silent Auction goes Live

Mar. 8: Spring Enrichment Registration Opens

March 12: 6:00-9:30pm, Genesee Hill Auction

March 22: 3:00-10:00pm, School Nights @ the Good Society

March 28 & 29: 4:00-10:00pm, Dine Out for Genesee Hill @ Soprano's Antico

April 6: 6:30 pm, PTA General Meeting,



First Ever Hybrid Auction

This year we are offering our first ever hybrid auction event! This auction will be truly unique, as all of the live auction items will be available to both those who are in-person and remote. Also, the silent auction will be held online so anyone can participate. For all auction-related details, check out [this blog post](#) and read the Community Questions section below.



March Dine Out at Soprano Antico

Come and enjoy some delicious Italian food while you support your favorite elementary school! Our March Dine Out event will take place at [Soprano's Antico](#) (2348 California Avenue SW), Monday, March 28th & Tuesday, March 29th from 4:00-10:00 pm. Keep an eye out for more information in the Thursday bulletin.

Letter from PTA Co-Presidents

Hey Foxes!

We hope you had a great mid-winter break! We are getting ready for an Auction with a new format with both online and in-person participation. It's going to be new, different, and fun! Please check it out!

We are also going to bring back some beloved Genesee Hill events, the bike-to-school day and the move-a-thon! You will see smiling faces, some laughter, some focus, and a lot of determination. Keep an eye out for more information this spring!

Lastly, thanks to all that have been helping out at the school to support the teachers and staff, it is truly appreciated!

Greg Deviny and Merrick Bodmer

Staff Spotlight

This month, we are excited to introduce you to GHE's librarian Lindsay Yost!

What drew you to this type of work?

This is my dream job! It's a combination of everything I'm passionate about - inspiring a love of learning through reading, exploration and the arts. I love seeing all of Genesee Hill's students - from kinder to 5th grade. There's nothing better than seeing a student enjoy a book or online resource that I've helped them discover.



What is your favorite part of your work?

My favorite part is creating relationships with our students. I love knowing each student's interests so I can help them discover new things.

When you're not at GH, how do you spend your time?

I have two boys aged 10 and 12. They keep me busy! Our family lives near Alki and we enjoy being a part of the West Seattle community.

Anything else?

Most recently, I was very active with the Seattle Council PTSA and WA State PTA. I've written resolutions and worked with community members all across the city and state in the effort toward equity in education. Having a background in the arts, I'm passionate about ensuring every student has a voice.

Spotlight on Board Nominations

Contribute to the Genesee Hill Community by Serving on the PTA Board

Help us find the team of officers that will lead next year's PTA! Are you or someone you know looking to give back to our school community in support of GH students and families? If so, please nominate them for a PTA Board position. All of the positions can

be shared with another person, so invite a friend to co-chair with you! We are seeking a diverse team that is representative of our school community and welcome nominees from all backgrounds and lived experience.

We are accepting nominations for the following positions. Job descriptions for these positions can be viewed [here](#).

- Co-President
- Vice-President
- Communications Chairs
- Equity Chair
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Cohort Coordinator
- Fundraising Chair
- Legislative Chair

Please submit nominations by March 31 using this [Nomination Form](#). Nominations are non-binding and will be kept anonymous. The nominating committee will follow up with each nominee individually to discuss interest and details about the position. Nominate yourself or anyone else in the Genesee Hill community!

While serving on the PTA Board does require an investment of time and commitment, it does come with significant benefits including: first hand (and often advance) knowledge about important issues impacting our school, the opportunity to form close relationships with staff, teachers and other parent volunteers, and the ability lend your voice to carrying out the PTA's mission to advocate for all students. A board position can also help expand your personal and professional network, grow your leadership skills, and build your resume (particularly useful for parents transitioning back to work after an extended absence).

Interested but don't know if you have the right qualifications or can spare the time? The hours are flexible, most duties can be performed remotely, and you don't need to have any specific skills - just a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. New officers are provided with comprehensive training and resources, plus will have an established team of returning board members to provide guidance and support. So please consider serving on the PTA Board and lending your time and talent to enriching our school community!

Questions? Please email the [Nominating Committee](#).

Community Questions

Can you tell us more about Genesee Hill's first-ever hybrid auction?

There have been so many great questions about the upcoming auction! Below, fundraising co-chairs, Louanne Dempsey and Courtney Hill, answer some of the most popular questions.

How will the Online Silent Auction Work?

Anyone will be able to participate, whether you attend the auction or not, or even if you live across the country! You'll get the link to the catalog on **March 3rd** and bidding will open for some items as early as March 5th, with more items opening throughout the week leading up to the live auction. To participate in the silent auction, "buy" a free virtual participant ticket [here](#). Share the link with friends and

family!

Can you tell us about any of the items?

We have a lot of exciting items this year! Several vacation and adventure packages, many local restaurants and stores and a lot to keep your family entertained. You can preview all items in the auction catalog, which will be available to preview Thursday, **March 3 at 4:00 pm**. To preview the auction item catalog, use [this link](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page, where you will find the catalog button when it goes live on Thursday.

What will the live auction be like for virtual participants?

We'll be using an exciting system that will allow you to participate in real time from the comfort of your own home, or that of a friend hosting an auction party. You'll be able to view the auction floor, speeches, videos and programming as well as bid in the live auction as it happens. You'll also have the ability to interact with the other virtual participants and our virtual host. Dress as you like, order your own food and drinks, and make a fun evening of it! Buy a virtual participant ticket [here](#) (suggested donation of \$25 to offset the cost of the software).

What is Seattle Glam?

It is come as you are but come a little fancy! We want to make it easy on everyone this year, you don't need to go out and buy a new outfit or stick to a color or theme, dig through your closet and find something nice that you feel comfortable with. Check out the images below for inspiration.



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