

Highline Special Needs PTA

To Educate. To Advocate. To Be A Resource



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Highline Special Needs PTA is excited to partner with Highline Council PTSA and Gregory Heights PTSA in putting on an inclusive family fun run event. The Color Run is on September 29th so please check out our webpage at www.highlinecolorrun.org. Our committee has been voicing ideas and input of ways to advocate for people of all physical and behavioral abilities. Proceeds will go towards three things: 1. The purchase of wheelchair accessible playground equipment at Gregory Heights Elementary - which will be available to all Highline Families and community members! 2. Scholarships for graduating Highline District Seniors. 3. Highline Special Needs PTA; helping the special need students in the Highline District and building a community through E.A.R.S. (To Educate, to Advocate, to be a Resource, and provide Support for students, parents, educators and the community.)



Here are some important features we've incorporated:

Accessible Location:

Gregory Heights Elementary School is accessible to people with limited mobility including guests in wheelchairs. The field is accessible via ramp walkway. The blacktop activities, gym, lunchroom, restrooms are all easily accessible. This was important to us because it's important to you.

Upcoming Events!



General Meeting
Sept 20th 2018
6PM ERAC, Burien
 Come listen to
 Special Education
 Director talk about
 IEP's and more!



Color Run
Sept 29th 2018
 Gregory Heights
 Elementary

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Choice of the Color Run or the Blacktop Race:

Some guests may feel uncomfortable in crowds, having color powder thrown at them, in their eyes or wheelchair mechanics. Therefore we have created the option to participate in the Blacktop Race instead. Both races will begin at the same time, the Blacktop Race will be a little calmer and a lot cleaner! If any Blacktop Race participants would like to get some color powder, we'll make that happen, too.

Bubble Foam Pit:

The Bubble Foam Pit will get very slippery and dangerous for those with limited mobility. But it is a STAR of this event, so we will make sure everyone gets a chance to have bubbles heaped onto their laps to enjoy!



Calm Obstacle Course with Quiet Activities:

Many will love the activity and chaos that comes with people and color and water and bubbles! Some will hope for a break that is quiet, fun, interesting and active in a calm manner. We're excited to offer the Calm Obstacle Course with Quiet Activities in the gym. This is a spot where kids can find the route to follow with activity stops along the way to either choose or skip. Gym exits will be monitored to make sure the room remains somewhat quiet for kids who tend to wander when overstimulated, so everyone feels comfortable.

Bring some funds (cash and card accepted) to the event as we will have many fantastic items for purchase, including Color Run add-ons, hair chalk, raffles, auction basket tickets, yummy food and PTA items.

\$30 Individual Registration, \$120 Family Registration (group of four). Volunteers will receive a \$10.00 OFF Registration Voucher! Log onto the website for more info about volunteering.

ALL Highline students and community members are invited! First 150 registrants in each heat get a FREE SWAG BAG!

See website www.highlinecolorrun.org for more info about the event in English and in Spanish.

See you at the start line!!



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