

Call of the WILDCATS

April 2007

Lake Wilderness Elementary

PTSA

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 6-20
Spring Plant Sale

April 9-13
Spring Break

April 16
WASL begins

April 17
PTSA General Meeting

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Spring! We don't know about you but we sure are ready for some warmer weather. As one of the rites of spring, we just finished our Cookie Dough fundraiser and thanks to everyone that supported the PTSA by buying goodies. These funds will go directly into our budget to cover the Zero hour classes, second field trips and are also used for such things as providing software to the school for student use to improve their writing skills. We are very excited to put our next year's budget together and see what new things we can bring to Lake Wilderness children.

Beginning April 6th, we will be starting our first ever Spring Plant Sale. The funds from this event will go directly to field improvements. Amy Granger is heading up a committee to investigate different things we can do to improve our playground and ball fields. If you are interested in this committee, please email Amy at amyg@hurkin.com.

On May 7th at 7:00PM, the high school will be hosting an education session on "Internet Safety & Your Children." Every day, children play on the computer and all it takes in one wrong key stroke and they are at a web site that they should not be. The King County Sheriff will be at the High School Library to inform and educate parents on internet safety.

Finally, we will also be holding our last General Meeting this month. The date and time are: April 17 at 6:30PM in Library A. Everyone is encouraged to attend because of the important functions we'll be taking care of. We will vote in our new board members in, approve next year's budget, and provide general information. If you would like to see just how this all works we would love to see you there!

Have a great April, talk to you next month!

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Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated May 7-11 this year at Lake Wilderness. The committee is still in need of any volunteers interested in donating their time and talents to this worthy endeavor.

We want everyday of the week to be special for our teachers. Below are a few inexpensive ideas for your student to participate in giving something back to their hard working teachers.

- 1) Pick a small bouquet or even a single flower from your yard (with parents permission) to present to your teacher.
- 2) Draw a picture of you and your teacher.
- 3) Use extra craft supplies to make your teacher a "#1 Teacher" bookmark or picture frame.
- 4) Write your teacher a letter telling him/her why they are so special to you.
- 5) Bring your teacher an apple or bake them cookies.
- 6) Choose to be on your BEST behavior for one whole week.
- 7) Create a list of things that you can do to help out in the classroom for the week.

Spring Sale

Our Spring Plant sale will begin April 6th with pre-sale order forms being sent home with students. Orders may be placed through April 20th and will be available for pick-up before Mother's Day. All money earned will go to the Grounds/Field Improvement Fund.

In addition, the PTSA is looking into putting together a future auction for Lake Wilderness Elementary. We'd like to know if you'd be interested in being part of one of the committees.

Please email Amy Bond at bondfamily4@comcast.net and let her know which of the following committees you'd be willing to help out with:

- *Procurement Team
- *Ticket Design
- *Thank You's
- *Catalog, Logo, and Poster Design
- *Print Coordination
- *Sound System
- *Floral Decorations
- *Dessert Dash

Art Docent Corner

Ms. Starr's 3rd grade class community project for Jean Dubuffet. Using three mediums: acrylic paint, sharpie pen, and an organic element, the kids really worked well together. They were careful and respectful not to interfere with the work their classmates had done. Some of the organic items they used were: dirt, rice, seeds, pinecone petals, dried flowers, even semolina pasta!



Join Us at the Book Fair Beach!



At the Book Fair we are Catching the Reading Wave and are looking for volunteers who can help PTSA make this a great Lake Wilderness Event. If you can help with setting up the Fair, working during the Fair, or packing up the Fair, please contact Erin Powell at 425 413-4624 or seatv@comcast.net.

Join PTSA

Membership is what you want it to be. Busy but want to be informed? Have some extra time and want to help out occasionally? More commitment, want to chair a committee? We just want you to be a part of our PTSA to make a difference for our kids. We welcome you at any stage that life brings! Please consider joining us today!

Name: _____ Child(ren) _____

Name: _____ Teacher(s) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Preferred form of contact: Phone or Email (please circle one)

Your personal information is protected, never sold or given to outside sources, will be used only for PTSA business.

Payment enclosed (please circle): Individual membership - \$10 Family membership - \$18
Staff/Faculty membership - \$8

Golden Acorn Award Recommendation Form

Each year Lake Wilderness PTSA recognizes 1 or 2 volunteers who have been outstanding in their efforts to benefit the children in our community. This is done through the awarding of The Golden Acorn. The winner of this prestigious award receives a Golden Acorn lapel pin, and has their name engraved on The Golden Acorn plaque (on display in the hall in front of office A). A donation to the PTSA (college) Scholarship Fund is also made in the name of The Golden Acorn winner(s). If you know of an individual who has given so freely of themselves, please honor them with a nomination to receive The Golden Acorn Award. The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2007. THANK YOU!

Please fill in this form and return it to:

The PTSA lock box in Office A or Office B or nominations can also be made via telephone or email to Tammy Greenwood at 425-432-4911 (tsgwood@comcast.net).

I recommend that _____ (Name) be considered for a Golden Acorn Award.

PTA/PTSA Service: _____

Service to School Community: _____

Community Wide Service: _____

Signed: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Right Back to Ya!...Teachers that is!

As your school's PTSA, we try to do as much as we can to support the school, add enriching activities and give back to the children and teachers when ever we can. So, Wildcat Cash began. It has been a part of Lake Wilderness Elementary for the past 7 years. We purchase Gift Cards from 117 different vendors, ranging from: Borders, Old Navy, Lowes and Kohls to Claim Jumper, Safeway and Arco. Many are in stock right now! Each business gifts back to us a percentage of the purchasing price. We give a percentage of that right back to the teacher or group of your choice! This is money given directly to the teachers to use at their discretion.

How it works:

1. Plan where you will be shopping.
2. Ordering:
 - a. Visit our wildcat cash booth...8:40-9:20am on school days
 - b. Send an order in with your child, their teacher will deliver it to PTSA.
 - c. Use our website and pay with credit card or Paypal. www.lwptsa.org
3. It is sent back to you through Kid-mail or you can pick it up in the booth.

For more information, or you'd like to get involved please call or email:

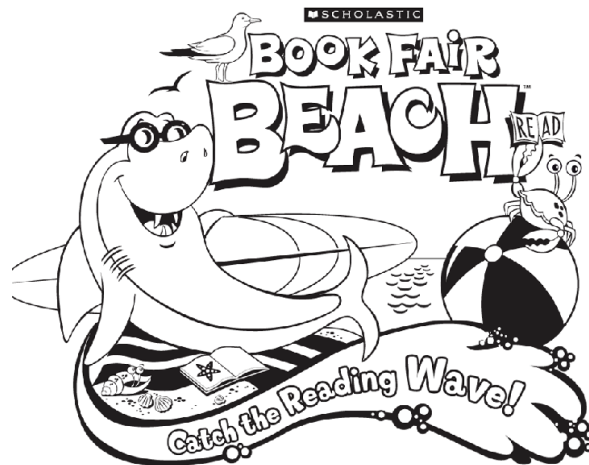
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Home Visit Massage Therapy by Emily Wiesenberger has joined our Wildcat Cash group of local retailers and service providers. The certificates will be in the amounts of \$60/hr and \$75/1 1/2 hr. She will be giving 20% back to the school.

Spring Book Fair

Mark your calendars now, so you won't miss our very popular Scholastic Book Fair, May 15-18th. From easy readers, to picture books, to best sellers and more, the Scholastic Book Fair connects kids with books they want to read! If you've never visited our Book Fair, you'll be happily surprised at the varied selection and reasonable prices. Visit our Book Fair home page at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/lakewilderness> to see a sample of some of the hottest new books that will be at our Spring Book Fair.



Students will visit the Book Fair with their class, and will have the opportunity to purchase books during their lunch recesses. Parents, family, and friends can visit the Book Fair during school hours, or during our special evening hours on Tuesday, May 15th, 6pm-8pm, or during our school's Celebration of Learning. Proceeds benefit our PTSA Reading Program, as well as our school's libraries and reading programs.

Besides bringing affordable, appropriate books to our students and families, a goal of our Book Fair is to increase classroom libraries. One way is with the Teacher Wish List, which allows you to donate books to your child's classroom in your family's name. Teachers have hand-picked titles as desired library selections for their classroom. Ask a Book Fair Volunteer to show you your teacher's wish list.

As always, our Scholastic Book Fair promises to be a great event for literacy. We look forward to seeing you there!