



Call of the WILD CATS

January 2007

Lake Wilderness Elementary

PTSA

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 12
Early Release

January 15
No School
MLK Jr. Day

January 19
Skate Night

January 23
General Membership Meeting

January 26
No School
Semester Break

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

How have you all been enjoying the weather? Is there anything we haven't seen over the past month or two? Rain, and lots of it...Wind, enough to give us a couple extra days of Winter Break and which caused lots of people to be in the cold and dark for a while... and even snow to cause school to start late. Hopefully 2007 will start with more of a whimper than a roar. We're just not sure how much more excitement our hearts can take!

We're almost halfway through the school year and things have been going great. We've had a couple of successful fundraisers which contribute to such things as improving the play field at LWES. Missoula Children's Theater helped the kids put on a wonderful production. The Holiday Breakfast was a hit and heaps of eggs and stacks of pancakes were served.

So, what's on the horizon for Lake Wilderness Elementary? Cookie dough!!! It's almost time for the Cookie Dough Fundraiser to begin. I remember very well how tasty the cookies and other treats were, especially because it took next to no effort to prepare them. This fundraiser starts on February 26th right after Mid-Winter break.

Remember, we have PTSA Board meetings every month and anyone is welcome to visit and observe. The General Meetings are open to everyone that wants to attend, with PTSA members having voting rights. Feel free to join us and see what the PTSA does on a monthly basis.

Chris & Grey Warnock

2006/2007

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Lake Wilderness PTSA is run by parent volunteers and led by parent volunteers. Meetings are in the library on the third Tuesday of each month and everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.lwptsa.org, or contact Whitney Henne at hennes@comcast.net or Chris Warnock at 425 413-5889.

Skate Night

Join us for a fun night of roller skating at TLC in Kent on January 19th from 5pm to 7pm.

Holiday Breakfast

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that helped with the Holiday Breakfast this year. I would like to send out a special thank you to Earl's Photography (Lisa and Jacob Earl) for all the time they spent and the great pictures they took. Also thank you to Bill Clausmeyer for all his special talents that day. And a big thank you to Java Java Coffee for the generous donation of coffee for the breakfast.

General Membership Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on January 23rd at Lake Wilderness Elementary School at 7pm.

Spring Fundraiser Coming Soon

Watch for our annual Cookie Dough fundraiser coming up after mid-winter break on February 26.

Newsletter Submissions

For submissions to the February newsletter, send your notes to Mary Anne Hoben at maryanne@3storygarage.com by January 19th.

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

PTSA and legislative advocacy for our children

We all joined PTSA to help our children succeed. One way to accomplish this is to get informed and involved in the decisions being made at the state and federal level. Washington State PTA has identified five key goals to work towards this year. These goals are:

1. K-12 Education Funding-WSPTA shall initiate and/or support legislation or policies that establish an updated definition of basic education and a basic education funding formula that reflects current education practices and requirements.
2. Mathematics and Sciences-WSPTA shall initiate and/or support legislation that strengthens science and math education.
3. Simple Majority for School Levies and Bonds-WSPTA shall initiate and/or support legislation that will allow people to vote on the Simple Majority issue.
4. Reduce Class Size-WSPTA shall initiate and/or support legislation or policies that secure smaller class sizes for students.
5. School Recess-WSPTA shall initiate and/or support legislation or policies that would require recess periods during the school day.

One way to make your opinion heard is to travel to Olympia on February 15th, from 9am to 3pm for the annual Washington State PTA Focus Day. This event will allow you to speak to legislators, listen to presentations and meet other parents who advocate for our children.

Another way to become involved is to learn more and have an opinion on the decisions being made about our state's education. Visit the PTA Region 9 Legislative website to learn more at <http://r9leg.home.comcast.net>.