

Call of the

WILDCATS

October 2006

Lake Wilderness Elementary

PTSA

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 1
Reading Program

October 9
End of Fall Fundraiser

October 13
No School

October 17
General Membership Meeting

October 20
Early Release

October 30
Missoula Children's Theatre

October 31
Halloween

President's Message

We hope this message finds everyone back the routine of "school." The first month is behind us and what a great start it was. Curriculum night was packed and many of the parents attending chose to visit Bookfair and join the PTSA. The membership drive during Bookfair has increased membership by 25% over last year's total, but we still have far to go.

Speaking of Bookfair, thanks to everyone that participated by purchasing books and other items. You made it even more successful than last fall and the resources earned will benefit several different groups including the school libraries. Special recognition goes to the volunteers that staffed the event and took time out of their busy schedules to help out.

The fall fund raiser has begun. The children were sent home with packets of catalogs filled with an assortment of goodies from flowers to magazines to wrapping paper to sweet treats. If your child has not already mentioned it, the crazy drinking straw sunglasses appear to be the hit of the prize selections. Let's help as many kids as possible sport these stylin' shades! Not only that, the money raised ensure the PTSA's continued support for many activities. The fund raiser ends on the 9th of October.

The Lake Wilderness PTSA has several different activities starting soon. One is the PRRR program and every student in grades K through fifth will be bringing a book home in the first week of October. If you are not familiar with PRRR, it is a reading incentive activity and we have more information available upon request. October 30th marks the first ever and first annual visit by the Missoula Children's Theater. Tryouts will be Monday the 30th and Tuesday the 31st of October. Look for more information soon. Finally, we hope to see everyone at the General Meeting on October 17th. Come get more information, see how the PTSA works, and maybe find something you would like to volunteer for.

If you have any question, comments, or concerns, please contact us at cwarnock01@msn.com.

Best Regards,

Chris and Grey Warnock

Calling All Art Enthusiasts

The National Reflections Art Program will be getting off to a start this fall. We are looking for a chairperson to head it up this year! If you are interested in "The Arts" and helping with an awesome program, please contact Chris Warnock, PTSA co-president.

Reflections is a national PTSA art competition where each student is encouraged to do a project based on the current theme in the 4 categories: visual arts, literature, photography and musical composition. Each student is awarded at the end of the year for their participation, and has a chance to move up to the state level and even the national level. Students: Put on your thinking caps, theme for the year to come later this month!

For more information on Reflections, contact Teresa Ranft at teresaranft@hotmail.com.



**** Reminder ****

**Fall Fundraiser Order
Forms are due back
to the school by
MONDAY, OCTOBER
9TH.**

Wildcat Cash being put to good use

Wildcat Cash is not a fundraiser - it is a way to directly help our teachers with needs for the classroom or students. Here's how easy it is...

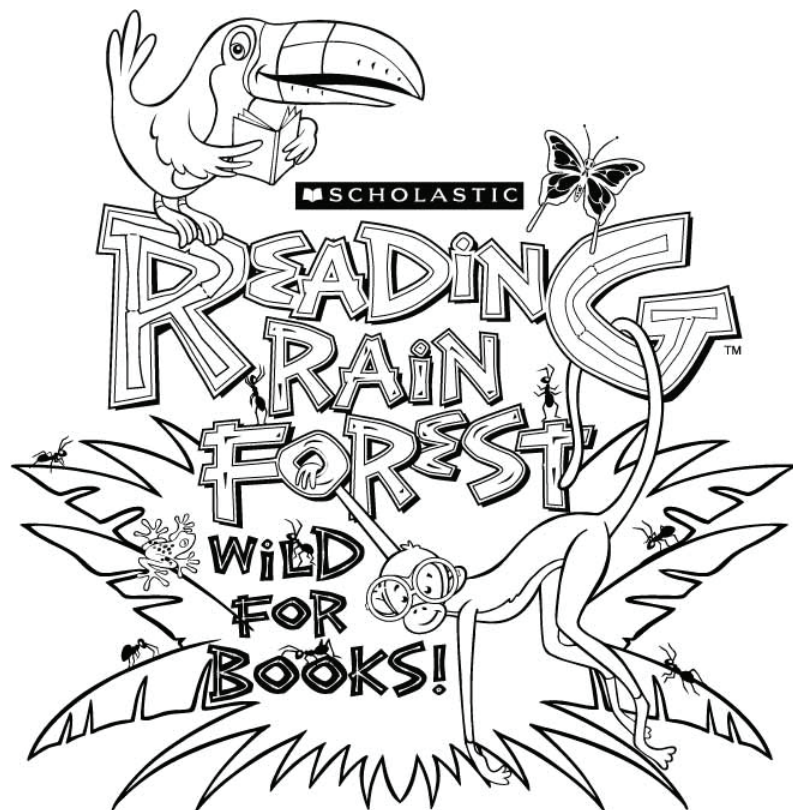
1. Plan where you will be shopping
2. Visit our Wildcat cash booth to purchase gift cards from 8:40-9:20am on school days, the 1st Saturday of the month 9:30-11:00am, send an order in with your child, or order online at www.lwptsa.org
3. Portion of the % that is given back to the school goes directly to the teacher of your choice

Jan Clemens -- "I used most of my money to purchase art supplies and books for the classroom. Good luck next year in promoting Wildcat Cash. I am so glad it continues to be a program at Lake Wilderness and appreciate your efforts."

See you at the Wildcat Cash booth!

Newsletter Submissions

For submissions to the November newsletter, send your notes to Mary Anne Hoben at maryanne@3storygarage.com by October 20th.



Wildcats Prrr

We hope you had a great summer and are ready to start reading again.

The reading program will begin the 1st of October. A letter and first reading log will be sent home the end of September and will have all the details.

If you have questions please contact Sondra Bingham at 425-413-5932 or slbingham@comcast.net.

Just remember - read 20 minutes a day for 20 days and turn in the log sheet to your teacher at the beginning of the new month to get your prize.

Have fun reading all you Wildcats!

Scholastic Book Fair a Huge Success

Thank you to the many students, staff, parents, family and friends who visited our Fall Book Fair. Because of your support, our Book Fair earnings were up 20% from last Fall's Fair! That's a lot of book credits that will be used to support our libraries and school reading programs. A very special thank you to everyone who helped our school build classroom libraries by purchasing books for our teachers through the Classroom Wish List program.

Your purchases at our Book Fair not only helped our school, but the new books are also encouraging your children to read. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at our Spring Book Fair in May.

Thank You • Thank You • Thank You

Of course, Book Fair wouldn't have been a success without the volunteers who graciously donated their time and talents to help run the Fair. A big thank you to: Jennifer Alder, Michelle Atkinson, Julie Bailey, Tina Barger, Hilary Brousell, Rachel Butcher, Patti Coffman, Ginger Cook, Pattie Edwards, Jill Evans, Juli Figge, Jenny Giraud, Amy Granger, Tammy Greenwood, Tina Hazelwood, Mary Anne Hoben, Chrislee Howard, Jennifer Hughes, Rashelle Kennett, Sharon Lind, Patrice Lindgren, Tricia McPhetridge, Julie Nay, Cindy Olson, Gwendolyn Phelps, Erin Powell, Maureen Schnell, Shawn Sheller, Chris Warnock and Christina Wright.



Family Night with Missoula Children's Theatre

A little red truck pulls into town with everything it takes to mount a full-scale musical production. The set, the lights, the costumes, the props and makeup...everything except the cast. Almost 40 years old, Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) is the nation's largest touring children's theatre. MCT actors will hold open auditions and cast 50-60 Lake Wilderness students in grades K through 5 to perform in the musical adaptation of The Little Mermaid. Auditions will begin October 30th at 4pm at Lake Wilderness, Gym B. Performances will be on November 4th.



Join PTSA

Family Programs - Member Benefits - Parent Involvement - School Partnerships

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

When you join PTSA, you join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. We believe in building partnerships between our families and our school. Together we can make a difference!