



Call of the WILDCATS

September 2006

Lake Wilderness Elementary

PTSA

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 22
Early Release

September 25
Fall Fundraiser

Sept 21-25
Fall Book Fair

September 27
Skate Night

October 1
Reading Program

President's Message

We would like to take a moment in our first newsletter to welcome our new and returning families to Lake Wilderness. Grey and I cannot believe how fast this summer has flown by and now we are here writing our first presidents message.

To lead things off, please allow us to introduce ourselves. We moved into the Tahoma School District about a year and a half ago. Our youngest attends 1st grade here at Lake Wilderness and our oldest is just starting Tahoma Jr. High. We have been involved in PTSA activities for the last 7 years.

Lake Wilderness had a couple milestones last year. We had our first annual Art-Walk during which the Family Night Committee and the Art Docent Committee teamed up to "recognize and admire our students' artistic achievements." We also held our first annual school carnival which as a great hit with all the children and their families.

This year we are planning just as much excitement. Our cookie dough fundraiser raised enough money to bring the Missoula Children's Theater to our school. This popular program will give more of our children the chance to shine on stage. This is a fall event and we will still hold a spring play in early 2007.

One of the things we will be working on is increasing membership in the LWPTSA. There are four ways you can participate: 1) Be a member and vote 2) Volunteer at various activities 3) Chair a committee and 4) Be a member of the board. Being a member doesn't commit you to anything except the chance to participate in the direction of the PTSA. You can be as involved as you like.

One last reminder: Wildcat Cash. This is a program designed to give the teachers extra money for use in their classrooms. Before you go shopping, get your cash cards through Wildcat Cash. These cash cards are available for stores like Safeway, QFC, Lowes, and Java Java Coffee Company. It's convenient for you and your child's teacher receives much needed funds for his/her classroom.

We look forward to working with you in the coming year. If you have any questions please email us at cwarnock01@msn.com

Have a great start to the new school year!

Chris and Grey Warnock

Family Nights Schedule 2006-2007

September 27th	Skate Night	5:30-7:30pm TLC Skate
Oct 30 - Nov 4th	Missoula Childrens Theater	
November 29th	Skate Night	5:30-7:30pm TLC Skate
December 9th	Holiday Breakfast	8-11am
January 19th	Skate Night	5-7pm TLC Skate
February (Date TBD)	Bingo Night	(Time TBD)
March 30th	Skate Night	5-7pm TLC Skate
April	undecided	
May 23	Skate Night	5:30-7:30pm TLC Skate

Hope to see you there!

Art Docent needs volunteers

We need you in the Art Docent program!

Have you ever thought about volunteering once a month to teach in your child's classroom? As an art docent you get to teach art history and art projects to your children.

You receive training, ongoing support and all your supplies.

Your child's classroom needs you. To sign up, please email Terasa Snoozy at my_3_boyz@msn.com. We will be having a program meeting on September 21st at 7PM. The meeting will cover how the program is run and how to use the new materials in the art closet. New and returning art docents must attend. Please call Terasa at 425-432-7966 or Joanna at 425-738-1025 for directions.

All new art docents need to take one training session. The dates for the training sessions are:

October 5th 7-9pm

October 12th 9:30am-1:30pm or 7-9 pm

October 13th TBA

You will learn most of what you need to know at our meeting on the 21st and at the training.

For questions or more information please contact Terasa or Joanna.



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!



Newsletter Submissions

For submissions to the October newsletter, send your notes to Mary Anne Hoben at maryanne@3storygarage.com by September 22nd.

Volunteering with the PTSA

Parents or teachers who would be interested in volunteering for PTSA activities throughout the school year, please contact me by phone at 425-413-2024 or email shellekaye@comcast.net to be placed in the Volunteer Database.

Some of the events needing volunteers are fundraisers, family nights, book fair, wildcat cash, popcorn, reading program, or holiday breakfast.

There are also ways that parents can volunteer from home like making reminder calls or sorting fliers. Volunteering can consist of as little as an hour or two once during the year, if that's all that your busy schedule allows. Every little bit helps and we appreciate all of the support we get.

Have a great day!

Fall Fundraiser Kickoff

Fall Fundraiser will kickoff Monday, September 25 and go a full two weeks to October 9th.

We've included a little bit of everything to the delight of our spring survey respondents...Holiday Dreams (wrapping paper, magazine subscriptions, calendars, pet items) and Nature in Bloom (Fall Bulbs).

We're excited to share our goals with you - we expect this fundraiser to pay for teacher grants and Missoula Children's Theatre.

Wildcat Cash

What can I do for my child's classroom this year? **Buy Wildcat Cash!**
What can Wildcat cash do for my child's classroom?
Here is what a few of our teachers have used their Wildcat Cash for...

"Over the years I have been spending this money for updating my classroom library..specifically non-fiction books and new read aloud books. Specialized art supplies for my after school Earth Club activities are oftentimes purchased with my classroom allotment of wildcat cash too! In addition, I use part of this money to reward students for consistently turning in homework on time. Students are able to invite a friend from another class into our classroom for a homework reward party where I provide treats (rootbeer floats, Dairy Queen Dilly Bars, Rice Krispie Treats, etc.) for the honored members and their guests. I also purchase small prizes for the Treasure Box drawing during part of the school year." -- Meribeth Rowe

"I have used Wildcat Cash for special projects and as needs arise. One time I purchased display boards for the 5th grade science fair/night of the Notables. I've purchased novel titles from Scholastic that were in high demand. I've even purchased hard-to-find titles of a book series like the Shadow Children on Ebay. When we build our electromagnet project "Jenny and Joes," we need electrical wire and long clasps, so I can go to Home Depot and pick those up. In the fall we gather two classrooms for cross stitch and Wildcat Cash has allowed me to purchase the kits for the students. These are a few examples of why I so greatly appreciate having Wildcat Cash here at Lake Wilderness." -- Liz White

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

See you at the Wildcat Cash booth!



Join PTSA

There is something for everyone. Become a member just to keep informed on what is happening at the school. Volunteer if, and when, you have the time. Show your children that their education is a priority for your family.

Annual dues are \$10 for an individual, \$18 for a family and \$8 for staff membership. There are many extras that come with membership: discounts at local and national retailers, discount coupons for local area restaurants, plus this year, if you sign up before September 20th, you will receive a \$5.00 coupon towards your book fair purchases.

You can join by using the membership form on this page, one located outside the main office at LWES or print one from our website at www.lwptsa.org. Take the time to check out the amazing programs sponsored at LWES. If you have any questions please contact Maureen Schnell at 425-432-7934 or mcschnell@msn.com.

Fall Book Fair is Wild About Books

Mark your calendars so you won't miss our very popular Scholastic Book Fair, September 18th to 21st in Library B. Visit us during school hours or at our special evening hours on Sept. 18th & 19th during Curriculum Nights – this is a great time for parents to shop leisurely!

There will be books for all ages, including adults. If you've never visited our Book Fair, you'll be happily surprised at the varied selection and reasonable prices.

Proceeds will benefit our PTSA Reading Program and our school libraries.

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!

You "toucan" join in the Reading Rainforest fun!

At the Book Fair we are Wild About Books 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 after the Fair, please contact Erin Powell at 425 413-4624 or seatv@comcast.net.

Membership Form

Please join the Lake Wilderness PTSA and support the children of our school.

To join, simply fill out the info below, clip out this portion of the newsletter, slip it into an envelope with a check and send it to school with your student. The teachers will send it to the office to get put into the PTSA box.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Payment enclosed (please circle):

Individual membership - \$10

Family membership - \$18

Staff/Faculty membership - \$8

Child(ren) Name: Teacher:

