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September 2007

Lake Wilderness Elementary

PTSA

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Upcoming Events

September 17-20
Book Fair

September 29
Art Docent Class at
Lake Wilderness

October 4 and 5
Art Docent Classes at
Green River CC

October 22
MCT Rehearsals Begin

October 23
Family Skate Night

October 27
Performances of
Robin Hood

Presidents' Message

Welcome Back!

Wow...where did the summer go! The weather didn't quite cooperate since it feels like it has been fall for the last month! Maybe our September will be warmer and less wet!

For a second year, we offered prepackaged school supplies at cost. The PTSA does not make a profit from this activity; this is a service to our families. We want to THANK everyone that participated and we hope this helped lessen the back to school rush. Next, maybe we need to offer prepackaged school clothes!

School just started but things are moving fast. We have so many things planned that you won't want to miss! It all kicks off with our Book Fair on Sept 17th – 20th. The Book Fair will be open during curriculum night!

You'll want to learn more about Missoula Children's Theater. This is a wonderful program that lasts one week. All practices are after school and there will be two Saturday performances. Keep your eyes open for more information!

And of course all of our activities could not happen without our wonderful fundraising! We have two fundraisers a year that go into our general budget. This budget pays for Missoula Children's Theater, supports Zero hour classes, second field trips, Camp Casey and much much more! Please remember these programs when you see the information on these fundraisers come home. Every little bit helps!

We are excited about this new year and we look forward to working with everyone and seeing you at these events.

Chris & Lisa

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Art Docent Program

Do you enjoy art? Either looking at or doodling something of your own? Then the Art Docent program is right for you. Volunteers go into a classroom once a month and teach the young aspiring minds of our children art concepts from the Masters. Green River Community College's Interurban Center for the Arts has an established program that provides our school with beautiful prints, information on the artists and ideas to help put together a lesson. Believe me, you don't have to be an expert artist or teacher to do this. The children love their art docents ... because art reaches different children in different ways and is fun!!



If this has piqued your interest and you would like to know more, please call or email Amy Granger at (425) 413-4918 or amyg@hurkin.com, and she will happily walk you through the program.

New Art Docents this year: Remember that all new art docents are required to attend at least one of the "Basic Training" classes. There is no cost required. Here are the dates and times of the classes:

Thursday, October 4, 2007

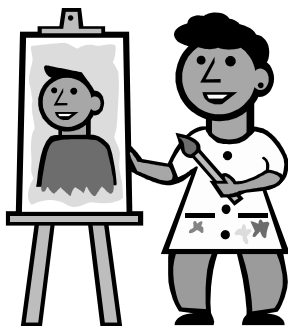
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lisa Harm and Michelle Edwards
Green River Main Campus, Lindbloom Student Center,
Glacier Room

Friday, October 5, 2007

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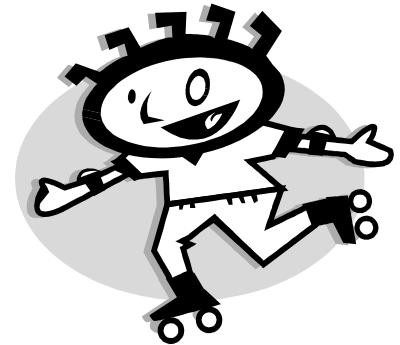


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Family Nights!

Hello everyone! School has started again and the LWPTSA is looking forward to bringing some fun to the school year! Our first skate party is **October 23rd** from **5:30PM to 7:30PM**. Wear your Halloween costume and there will be drawings for spooky prizes.

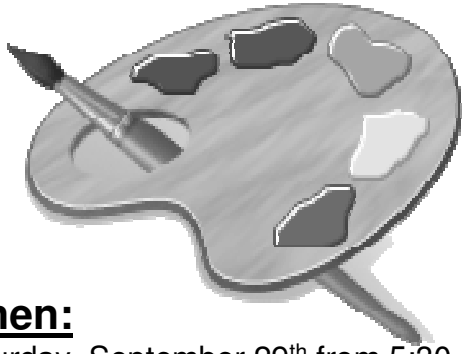
Read your newsletter for more family events as the year progresses.



Wildcats Prrr ...

We are excited to get our students reading this new school year. The first reading logs will be handed out at the beginning of October. A letter will sent home to parents with all the details, first log and book. If you have questions, please contact Sondra Bingham at (425) 413-5932 or slbingham@comcast.net.

Remember, read for 20 minutes 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, Wildcats!



Art Docent Projects Class / Potluck

When:

Saturday, September 29th from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Library B. at Lake Wilderness Elementary School.

What:

Learn how to create and teach children how to paint their own self portrait, make sculpture, printmaking and more! This is a hands on class, you get to be the student. Please bring a snack to share.

Who:

This class is for current and interested art docents. The projects will support the artist prints we have at Lake Wilderness Elementary School for the year.

R.S.V.P.:

Joanna Benner, Art Docent Chair, jpbenner@yahoo.com or (425) 738-1025. Please let us know if you will be attending to make sure we have the needed supplies for this class.

Keep Our Kids Safe!

With the beginning of school we'll be seeing more children out on our roads. All ages of kids will be walking to and from school as well as walking to and from bus stops.

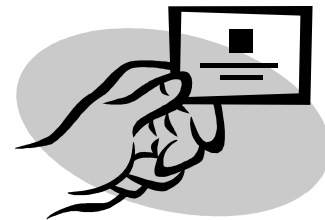
Please keep in mind while you are in a hurry to drive your children to school, to the bus stop, or get yourself to work on time that faster vehicular speeds increase the likelihood of a pedestrian being hit and the higher the speeds the more likely the collision will result in a fatality.

A pedestrian being hit by a vehicle driving 40 mph only has a 15% chance of survival, at 30 mph the likelihood of surviving increases to 55%, and the likelihood of survival increases all the way to 95% if drivers are going 20 mph*. So please drive slowly and help keep our kids safe!

* Data from the Federal Highway Administration
(www.walkinginfo.org/pedsafe/crashstats.cfm)



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Get your message out
and support your PTSA
at the same time!

Contact Holly at
hollykay@comcast.net
for more information!

Missoula Children's Theater

Missoula Children's Theater is coming back to Lake Wilderness Elementary! We had a blast last year with "The Little Mermaid" and this year's play is "Robin Hood."

Rehearsals will start October 22nd and there will be two performances on Saturday, October 27th. All rehearsals will be after school. More information will be coming soon.

Missoula Children's Theatre provides a week-long residency "starring" 50-60 students in a full-scale musical. MCT has been touring now for more than 30 years, visiting nearly 1100 communities annually in all 50 states, 4 Canadian Provinces and overseas. Our mission is the **development of lifeskills in children through participation in the performing arts.**

To learn more about the MCT, visit their website at www.mctinc.org.

What's new with Wildcat Cash?

1. **Booth Hours:** To better utilize our volunteers, the days the booth will be open in the front of the school is changing (see below).
2. **Picture in the Paper!** The classroom that sells the most WC Cash wins an ice cream party from Marble Slab! Check out the Voice of the Valley for the previous month's winner.
3. **Local Support!** Look for the "We proudly support LWE Wildcat Cash!" cards posted in our local businesses.

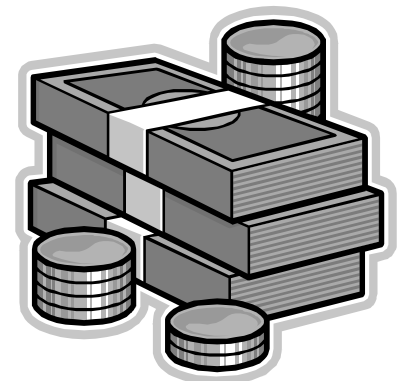
Here are the options available to buy Wildcat Cash:

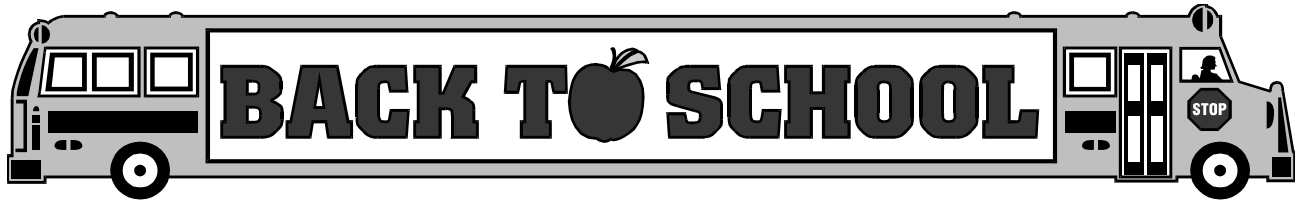
In-Person: Tuesday and Friday mornings: 8:40-9:20am at the Wildcat Cash Booth

On-line: www.lwptsa.org (click on Wildcat Cash)

Kid-Mail: Fill out an order sheet, send in money/check with your order via your child's backpack. The teacher will put it in our PTSA box for the order to be filled the next day we are in the booth. If you need it sooner than that, just email and we'll meet your need as best as we can (see board of directors email in this newsletter).

FYI: Wildcat Cash is not a fundraiser...it is a way to directly help our teachers with needs for the classroom or students that may arise. There is no additional cost to you when you buy the gift cards. The percentage portion of the amount of the gift card that is gifted back to the school goes directly to the teacher of your choice. There are many vendors available and they are also great for gifts.





Lake Wilderness PTSA Join Today

Family Programs * Membership 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 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 and will be used only for PTSA business.

My membership fees are enclosed with this form:

_____ \$10 Individual Membership

_____ \$18 Family Membership

_____ \$ 8 Staff Membership

Please make your check payable to Lake Wilderness PTSA.

When you join the 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!

___ Please do not include my information in the PTSA Directory (Directory in approval process)

BOOK FAIR BLIZZARD

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FORECAST!!!

The forecast is calling for a
Blizzard of Books at Lake Wilderness Elementary School.

An Extreme Excitement Advisory has been issued. Our Reading Radar shows a Scholastic Book Fair on a direct path with our school. Book Fair Blizzard is expected to hit Monday September 17th and continue through Thursday September 20th. So we can expect some of the coolest days ever at Lake Wilderness Elementary School. Do not miss it!

Make sure your family is ready for this Blizzard of Books! Families are invited to join us during curriculum nights on Tuesday September 18th and Thursday September 20th from 6-8pm.

The Scholastic Book Fair is a great place to purchase books for children, classroom libraries, or school libraries! The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

The Book Fair is looking for parent volunteers throughout the week. If you can help, contact Erin Powell at (425) 413-4624.

For more on this approaching storm set your radar to our homepage:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/lakewilderness>



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