



Call of the WILDCATS

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Lake Wilderness Elementary

PTSA

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, Feb 4th
Family Night

Friday, Feb 4th
Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Friday, Feb 18th
Early Release

February 21-25
Mid-Winter Break

President's Message

It is 2005! A new year is before us. Looking back at the 2004 fall school year, we have accomplished some fun and enriching things. We have great things planned for the next six months, as well. At our last board meeting two great ladies, Kristin Pinter and Tina Hazelwood, volunteered to co-chair our Family Nights. Thank you for stepping up-to-the-plate when there was an opening to be filled. Tina has helping in PTSA in the past. We are pleased that you have returned. Kristin has been helping with data entry for our Wildcat Cash. She passed the torch onto Jennifer Bennett. Jen is in the process of updating the computer program as well as data entry. Your lives are busy and we thank you for doing so much!!

We are putting together our nominating committee for next year. If you would like to take a look at what positions are opening up, please contact a board member. Both executive and chair positions will be available. There is an updated list on the PTSA bulletin board next to office A. Take it from someone who hadn't helped in the past, you don't need experience to fill a position. You need a desire to help and a will to follow through with commitments. PTSA does a lot of things many people don't hear about. Sometimes that's what service to our school is all about.

Our January Family Night was canceled but we are eagerly awaiting our event this month. If you have ideas or suggestions to improve our family nights, please contact Kristin or Tina. They are looking for great ideas. In fact, if you would like to volunteer to help at our Family Night events, these ladies would love to add you to the committee.

PTSA will be in charge of our Read-a-Thon this winter. Erin Weaver is heading the project with many board members taking charge of tallying the numbers from each grade. It will be a little different this time, but we are confident it will be a success! Encourage your kids to pick up a book and participate! The effects of reading are lifelong.

The Cookie Dough Fund raiser will kick off Feb. 4th. We realize the playground is in desperate need of repair. If this fund raiser does well, we would like to contribute some of the money earned towards the purchase of new playground equipment for our LWES students. Please support us in this fund raiser! We would also like to invite you to attend our March 3rd General Membership meeting where we will discuss the budget and the equipment that will be purchased.

Have a great month!
Amy Granger

Focus Day in Olympia

Mark your calendars for Feb 17th, 10 AM – 3 PM, when WSPTA will host **Focus Day in Olympia**. This “field trip for grownups” is a great opportunity for PTA members to learn about PTA priorities, meet with legislators to discuss them, attend public hearings, and tour the newly renovated Capital building. If you have ever gone on a field trip for your child’s benefit then why not go on a “field trip” that will benefit all 1.5 million children in Washington State because having hundreds of PTA members at our state’s capital will send a powerful message to all Legislators!

There is strength in numbers, however, if you simply cannot go to Olympia you can still be a part of Focus Day by making a phone call or sending an e-mail on Feb. 17th. It takes only minutes to send messages to your Legislators and the Governor by calling the Legislative Hotline at (800) 562-6000 or by visiting the WSPTA Legislative Action Center at www.wastatepta.org and clicking on “Legislation”.

Details will be available on the Region 9 Legislative web page at <http://r9leg.home.comcast.net>. More information on PTA Legislative Priorities is available at www.wastatepta.org. Or contact Jean Strother, Region 9 Legislation Chair at (253) 631-7712 or jeanstrother@hotmail.com.



spotlight

Spotlight on...

This month we are featuring one of our new PTSA members, Kristin Pinter. She is co-chairperson for Family Nights with Tina Hazelwood. We asked Kristin a few questions to find out more about her and here are the responses:

Do you have children at LWES? Matthew - Mrs. Carrell and Kalani - Mr. Eide

What are your hobbies? I like to scrapbook, make new friends, crochet, read, cook, and sew.

What was your favorite subject in school? Math

What is your fondest memory of a teacher or event from elementary school? In sixth grade I was a member of the Student Council. We planned a luau for the teachers to show them how much we appreciated them. We had a lot of fun teaching the teachers how to hula. We all laughed a lot that afternoon.

What do you like best about helping in PTSA? I enjoy being a part of the activities that go on at LWES and in my children’s classrooms. I love getting to know the teachers, staff, and parents at LWES. By being a member of the PTSA, I know that I am contributing to the betterment of the community, as well as, the education of our children.

Thank you, Kristin! Next month we will feature one of our teachers.

Books, books, books!

Due to continued support by parents, children, and teachers, our bookfair profit has been excellent. We have accrued enough credit at the Scholastic Warehouse to award each grade level \$1000 to spend on books, \$2000 for each library, and have retained enough to support the PTSA program of buying a book for each child to take home during the summer. Thanks for making our scholastic bookfair so successful, and we look forward to seeing you all at our May bookfair, during the week of Celebration of Learning, May 9th through the 13th.



Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for submissions to the March newsletter is Feb 14th.

Please email articles to Mary Anne Hoben at maryanne@3storygarage.com.

Wildcat Cash...Gift Certificates made Easy

This PTSA fundraiser makes gift certificates available for our families and friends to purchase and the PTSA makes a profit on each dollar sold. The gift certificates or cards are the same as you would buy at any department store or business. We have them conveniently available at the school for immediate purchase. Please refer to the order forms which were sent home via kid backpack. Just send in the order form and a check with your child and the PTSA will fill your order that day. The Wildcat Cash booth is also open every morning from 8:15-9:15 AM in the Lake Wilderness parking lot. Look for our flag.

The Wildcat Cash booth will now be open on the first Saturday of the month. We were successful having the booth open from 9:30-11:00 AM during December. So stop by the booth Saturday morning on February 5, March 5 and April 2 to stock up on your grocery and latte gift cards. Remember, Safeway gift cards can be used to purchase Safeway gas. We also have Applebee's Restaurant gift cards available to use in Covington. Starbucks cards are now available in both \$25.00 and \$10.00 denominations. McDonald Value Meal \$4.00 cards are also back in stock.

December was a great selling month. We sold over \$44,000 in gift certificates, netting a profit of \$2400 for the PTSA and \$600 for your teachers' classrooms. The co-teaching team of Huylar and Koon sold the most Wildcat Cash earning them an additional \$32 to spend in the classroom and a fabulous ice cream party. The class's picture will also be printed in the Voice of the Valley newspaper.

If you have any questions about Wildcat Cash, please contact Peggy Zemek at zemek1@msn.com or call at 425-413-2900.

February Family Night

Join us for Family Night on Friday, Feb. 4th at 6:30pm and find out everything you wanted to know about parrots. Cost is \$2 per family which includes a popcorn ticket for everyone in the family.



Find out about the unique relationship between parrots and humans throughout history and endangered species and what's being done to prevent species extinction. Discover what makes a bird a parrot and amazing facts about feather design and the coloring of all birds.

PTSA Membership

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

Lake Wilderness PTSA supports the school curriculum with second field trips, teacher allotments and 1/3 of Camp Casey costs. We provide student relief, bookfairs, popcorn, skate parties, family events and more. It is a terrific organization!

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 - \$15

"No Guilt" membership - \$20

Staff/Faculty membership - \$8

Child(ren) Name: _____ Teacher: _____
