

## Wildcats Prepare Read Record Reward . . .

It is great to see so many students participating in our reading program. **Keep it up Wildcats!**

This program is designed to encourage students to practice and perfect their reading skills at home and to reward them along the way. The more children read, the better readers they become.

If your child isn't already participating, it's not too late. Students who read 20 minutes for 20 days during the month, and turn in their reading logs, are then rewarded with a great prize from PTSA. Reading logs come home at the beginning of every month. If your child has lost or misplaced their log, they can pick up a new one in the school library.

Remember, reading logs need to be turned in by the first Thursday of the new month in order to receive the prize. If you have questions or would like to help with the Wildcats PRRR Reading Program, contact Sondra Bingham at slbingham@comcast.net or 425 413-5932.



When you read, you are opening up a treasure of learning that is yours to keep.

To learn more about PTSA,  
and to see all the great things we do for our school,  
visit our website at:  
[www.lwptsa.org](http://www.lwptsa.org)

## FEBRUARY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Skate Party Hawaiian Luau 5:30-7:30pm	2	3	4
5	6	7 Remember to Vote! PTSA Board Meeting 7pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24 Early Release	25 No School
26	27	28				



Popcorn Mondays: available at first recess  
10¢ for kindergarten  
25¢ for 1st-5th grades



Skate Parties are at TLC Family Skate Center in Kent. Tickets: \$4 at the door & includes standard skates rental; inline skates are an additional \$4. Children must be accompanied by an adult & school rules of conduct apply.



# Call of the WILDCATS

February 2006

Lake Wilderness Elementary

**PTSA**

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## President's Message

I am so pleased to how well this year has gone so far. I have a wonderful opportunity to work with such great individuals in every aspect of PTSA and our school. Thank you for all your hard work!

We have voted in our nominating committee to help us fill PTSA positions for next year. Please look for their article inside this newsletter and please speak to one of them if you are interested in contributing your talents and time to the PTSA board—their phone numbers are included at the end of the article. And, don't hesitate to contact myself or any board member if you have questions about PTSA or if you have any great ideas that would benefit our children and school.

We had a successful General Membership Meeting in January. We reviewed our budget, went over some upcoming dates and had a good discussion about the Levies we will be voting on this month. We saw first hand the great things that can be done with technology in the classroom and how it benefits teacher and student alike. Thank you to our special guest, Melissa Morlock for demonstrating your equipment. We also thank Kevin Patterson, the school district's Information Officer, for giving us a detailed explanation of the Levies and answering our questions. It was a good discussion.

This is an important time for the Tahoma School district and the city of Maple Valley. This vote will require a great number of people to get out to the election polls next week. I think it is important to remember that our children will learn from our behavior and we need to be proactive in our pursuit to have excellent schools. It is our responsibility to take the time to educate ourselves with the facts and make informed decisions—not rely on hearsay. I encourage all parents at Lake Wilderness to vote on February 7th.

Have a great month!

Amy Granger

### Executive Board Members

**President**  
Amy Granger

**Vice President of Fundraising**  
Rashelle Kennett

**Vice President of Wildcat Cash**  
Kristin Pinter

**Treasurer**  
Mary Anne Hoben

**Secretary**  
Tina Hazelwood

### Next Month's Events:

**Wildcat Cash Saturday Hours**  
March 4th  
9:30-11:30am

**Cookie Dough Fundraiser**  
March 1st-14th

**2005/2006  
PTSA Board and  
Chairpersons**

- President:** Amy Granger
- Fundraising:** Rashelle Kennett
- Treasurer:** Mary Anne Hoben
- Secretary:** Tina Hazelwood
- Wildcat Cash:** Kristin Pinter
- Family Nights:** Michelle Atkinson
- Newsletter:** Julie Nay
- Volunteer Coordinator:** Jill Evans
- Hospitality:** Erin Weaver
- Membership:** Maureen Schnell (position open)
- Legislation:** Teresa Ranft
- Reflections:** Patrice Lindgren
- Art Docent:** Terasa Snoozy
- Skate Parties:** Beth Schilling
- Bookfair:** Rachel Butcher  
Sharon Lind
- Reading Program:** Sondra Bingham
- Labels/Box Tops:** Heather Kovacs  
Ginger Cook
- Popcorn:** Terri Taylor
- Spirit Wear:** Teresa Rubadue
- Student Photos:** Tammy Greenwood

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](http://www.lwptsa.org), or contact Jill Evans at 425 432-7737 or Amy Granger at 425 413-4918.

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Make sure to visit the Lake Wilderness PTSA website! It's a great place to find out about:

- ⇒ Wildcat Cash and place orders online
- ⇒ PTSA Programs and Resources
- ⇒ Family Nights and other fun events
- ⇒ Volunteer Opportunities

Visit us at:  
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**Remember to Vote on February 7th!**

Please remember to get out and vote for our kids! The ballot on February 7th contains two levy measures. The first, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy, makes up 20% of the district's already stretched thin budget. The second, the Educational Technology Levy, will allow access to technology for all our students and help keep our kids competitive with the districts that surround us. Please, remember to vote on February 7th!

**Just around the corner . . . WASL!**

March is the month that many of our students will be taking the WASL test. Studies have proven that children find it easier to concentrate and perform better on tests when their tummies aren't growling and they have "food for thought."

Last year, to help our students do better, PTSA provided a snack, or "Brain-Food," to our students during testing. We are once again collecting donations. If you have an extra box of graham crackers, pretzels, granola bars or any other easy snack food, please send them to school with your child, and PTSA will distribute them to our test takers.

The PTSA Brain-Food Committee thanks you for your donation.

**Wildcat Cash News**

Thank you to everyone who purchases Wildcat Cash and supports PTSA programs and our teachers. Here are the classroom winners who had the highest monthly sales:

September	Mrs. White	\$1366 in sales
October	Mr. Finch	\$720 in sales
November	Mrs. Cragar	\$2353 in sales
December	Mrs. Morlock	\$2390 in sales

Remember, PTSA purchases gift certificates at a discount and resells them at face value with a profit between 2-25%. Of that profit, 25% goes directly to the teacher you designate! You can purchase Wildcat Cash several ways: at the booth located in the school parking lot, Mon.-Fri. 8:40-9:20am; on the first Saturday of the month at the booth, 9:30-11:30am; using the order form sent home with your student; or use a credit card and order online at [www.lwptsa.org](http://www.lwptsa.org).

Please remember, ALL McDonald's gift cards are valid ONLY in the Maple Valley restaurants. Also, \$25 Persona Superscript cards from last year's inventory are still available. These cards are valid at a number of locations, such as Bath & Body Works, Cabela's, Dillard's, Discovery Channel Store, Eddie Bauer, Franklin Covey, Gap, Land's End, Old Navy, Sam Goody, Williams-Sonoma, and many more retailers.

Thank you for your support. Please continue to spread the word and educate others about Wildcat Cash.

**PTSA Nominating Committee Encourages You To: Get Involved.** The Lake Wilderness PTSA is a wonderful organization that focuses volunteer energy on activities and functions that directly benefit our school and community. Classroom field trips, the Art Docent program, School Plays, Family Nights, Bookfair, Zero Hour Class support, and many other programs that enrich your student's educational experience are brought to our school by the PTSA and its dedicated supporters.

When you volunteer with PTSA, you gain valuable experiences. It is an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child! There is no better way to know what's happening or to effectively suggest and work towards change at our school.

**Get Connected.** Interested in running meetings, coordinating events and people? Perhaps you have a desire to make your school better? Maybe you are simply looking for a fun way to connect with other parents, kids, and school staff? From the big to the small, board positions to popping corn, the PTSA has it all!

Lake Wilderness has long been known for its strong, supportive, and fun-loving PTSA. Continued success requires a diverse group of people working together to develop, organize, and exchange ideas that strengthen our school. The PTSA Nominating Committee is actively seeking volunteers for a variety of opportunities and board positions.

**Bring Your Enthusiasm.** No experience is necessary. It simply takes a little enthusiasm and a desire to get involved. Would you like to help or know someone who should? Nominate yourself or someone you know. Chair a committee, create a budget, welcome new members, or just help out on activities that interest you. To find out more, contact a Nominating Committee member: Sharon Lind at 425 413-2044; Sondra Bingham at 425 413-5932; or Corina Flatten at 425 413-8354. Not a member yet, visit [www.lwptsa.org](http://www.lwptsa.org) and join today.

**Get involved, get connected, and watch yourself grow!**



**Keep Sending In  
Your Campbell's Labels  
and  
Box Tops!**



**It's a great way to support our school!**



**Newsletter Submissions**

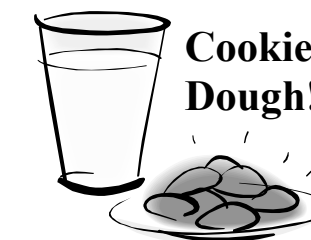
Deadline for submissions to the March 2006 newsletter is February 15th. Please email articles to: [julie.nay@comcast.net](mailto:julie.nay@comcast.net)

**PTSA**



**Unlocking the Future**

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Popular Demand . . .**



**Cookie  
Dough!**

PTSA will kick off it's extremely popular, and yummy, Cookie Dough Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 1st.

Ready to bake, these cookies will satisfy every sweet tooth. There will be the favorites, such as chunky chocolate, peanut butter, and snickerdoodle, along with other additional mouth-watering varieties.

Mark your calendars:  
March 1st—March 14th  
Cookie Dough Sales

Orders will be available for pick up on March 28th.

