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September 2005

Lake Wilderness Elementary

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President's Message

Welcome Back!

I don't know about you, but it feels like this summer has disappeared. We had a great summer of family outings and summer projects. The best days were the days when the alarm clocks were turned off, nothing was scheduled and we could just enjoy time to play at home.

If you get the chance, walk up to the playground and take a look at our PTSA-funded new basketball court. I stopped by in early August and I was so excited to see it completed. It fills that space nicely and will be a great addition to our playground. Also, take a look at the new plants around the flagpole. PTSA budgeted money for beautification, and with the help of a local church, we took out some old and overgrown plants and planted some that are fun and interesting. We hope we can continue to do this next year as well. I love being a part of something that does great things!

I am very excited about our new board chairs this year. It has been great to see parents of those students transferring to Lake Wilderness join our PTSA and get involved. Remember that all of our meetings are open to anyone who would like to see what we are working on or would like to make a suggestion. On the last page of our monthly newsletter, we will have a calendar that will include board meetings, family nights, skate nights, and anything else that would be helpful to you.

You may have noticed only one name on the bottom of this President's Message. Just a few weeks ago, Tracy Allen's husband was offered a promotion in his company with a required move to Dallas, Texas. I am sad to see such a great family and especially, a great friend, move away. I want to say, "Thank You!" to Tracy for being such a fun and energetic person who has inspired me on many occasions. Tracy wants to help her children to succeed and PTSA has been one way she could do that. Good luck to Tracy and her family on their new adventure! I am sure she will do great things in Texas, too.

Please read about our new reading program this year! I think it will be PRRRR-fect for our Wildcats!

Let's do great things this year!

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:

Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off
October 6th-20th

Book Fair
October 7th-14th

Wildcats PRRRR
Reading Program
October-May

2005/2006 PTSA Board and Chairpersons

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

Lake Wilderness PTSA is run by parent volunteers and led by parent volunteers. The board meets in the school library on the first Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like more information about PTSA or are interested in becoming involved, please contact Jill Evans at 425 432-7737 or Amy Granger at 425 413-4918.



Why Should I join PTSA?

The number one reason to join PTSA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help our school. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

Get Connected. There's no better way to know what's happening in our school.

Discover Great Resources. The PTSA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.

Watch Yourself Grow. By volunteering with PTSA, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all the children in the Lake Wilderness community.

Speak Up. Because PTSA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTSA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at our school.

Witness Improvement. By getting involved at our school, you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. PTSA plays an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs and social events—all vital to our school's success.

Be A Role Model. By becoming a PTSA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

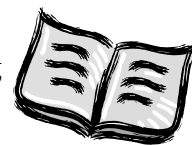
To welcome you as a member of PTSA you will receive:

- Lake Wilderness Wildcats school calendar fridge magnet
- \$5 off Red Robin coupon
- Two \$1 off coupons for our popular Skate Parties
- Two free Popcorn Friday coupons

Joining couldn't be any easier—please see the Membership Form on the back page of this newsletter.

Wildcats PRRRR . . .

The PTSA is proud to introduce our school's new reading incentive program. There will no longer be a Read-a-thon, but rather a reading program that lasts throughout the school year. Kicking-off in October, the program is designed to encourage students to practice and perfect their reading skills at home and to reward them along the way. It's so simple—students who wish to participate will need to read 20 minutes any given 20 days in the month, record their minutes and turn them in to get a great prize. In addition to the fun monthly prizes, there will be a special prize for students who reach the target goal every month from October to May. It is the hope of the PTSA that this program will help your child achieve reading success. More information to come soon.



Have Fun and get Fit at our Super Skate Parties!

Join other Lake Wilderness families for tons of fun at the TLC Family Skate Center on the dates listed below. This year, we will have special themes, family games and lots of give-a-ways to make them extra special. Most parties are on the last Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm with two exceptions.* Tickets are \$4.00 at the door, which includes standard skates. Speed skates or roller blades can be rented for \$4.00 additional. Non-skating parents are free—but who wants to miss out on such a fun workout! ☺

Fellow skate enthusiasts are needed to help with ticket taking: (2) one-hour shifts each night, beginning 1/2 hr. before party starts. Contact Beth “Wheels” Schilling at 425 413-1006 or beths3588@msn.com to volunteer!

Wednesday, September 28th	5:30-7:30	Glow Stick Give-a-Way Night
*Friday, October 28th	5:00-7:00	Costume Contest
Wednesday, November 30th	5:30-7:30	'70s Roller Disco Night
No Party in December or January		
*Wednesday, February 1st	5:30-7:30	Hawaiian Luau
Wednesday, March 29th	5:30-7:30	Fabulous '50s Night
Wednesday, April 26th	5:30-7:30	Crazy Hats & Hair Night
Wednesday, May 31st	5:30-7:30	Lake Wilderness Elementary Spirit Wear Night

Please remember that skate parties are PTSA sponsored family events. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and school rules of conduct apply.

Wildcat Cash . . . It's So Simple!

What is Wildcat Cash? It is a year-round fundraising program. PTSA purchases gift certificates at a discount and resells them at face value with a profit between 2-25% on each dollar.

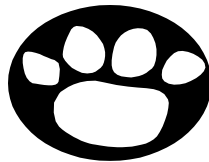
Who can participate? EVERYONE—grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, friends, and YOU!

Why should I buy Wildcat Cash? 25% of the profit goes directly to your child's teacher to use in the classroom, and the other 75% goes to PTSA programs such as family nights, field trips & WASL brain food.

Where can I use Wildcat Cash? Some of the participating businesses are: McDonalds, Java Java, Payless Shoes, Home Depot, Red Robin, QFC, Fred Meyer, Regal Cinemas, and more! Please refer to the order form for a complete list of participants.

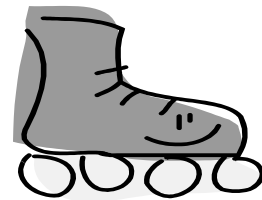
How do I order Wildcat Cash? Come to the Wildcat Cash Booth located in the school parking lot, Mon.-Fri., 8:40-9:20am and on the first Saturday of every month, 9:30-11:00am. OR, you can complete an order form, attach a check made payable to LWPTSA, and send it back to school. PTSA will fill the order and send it home with your child.

Wildcat Cash is a PRRRR-FECT way to help support LWES and our teachers. If you have any questions, contact Kristin Pinter at 425 432-9567 or jkpinter@comcast.net.



Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for submissions to the October 2005 newsletter is September 15th. Please email articles to: julie.nay@comcast.net



TLC Family Skate Center

10210 SE 260th St.
Kent, WA
253 854-7107

Have you ever wondered what an **Art Docent** is? Are you looking for a fun, energetic and creative way to volunteer in your child's classroom? Are you comfortable working in front of the class? Do you love art? Then this may be for you! As an **Art Docent** you teach a monthly art lesson which has 2 parts: history lesson about an artist and print; and a lesson based upon an art concept. Don't worry, you will be taught how to do this at an upcoming training. Plus, each grade level works as a team sharing ideas and helping each other. You don't have to be an artist, just be willing to learn and have fun. For more info., contact your child's teacher, and/or Terasa Snoozy, at 425 432-7966.



Coming Soon!

Keep your eyes open for the flyer announcing our upcoming Wildcat Spirit Wear Sale with many different items to choose from for students, parents, family and fans!



PTSA Membership Form

By becoming a member, you support your child's school curriculum with second field trips at every grade level, teacher allotments (\$100 per year) and 1/3 of Camp Casey costs. As well as supporting student relief, building improvements, skate parties, WASL brain food, family events and more. To join, simply complete and cut out this form, slip it into an envelope with your membership fee, and send it back to school with your student.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Name: _____

Address: _____





Child(ren): _____ Teacher(s): _____

Phone # (optional): _____ Email (optional): _____

Payment enclosed (please circle): PTSA Membership \$10 LWES Staff Membership \$8

More than 30 years of research has proven that children do better when their parents are involved both at home and in school.
 Grades are higher. Test scores rise. Self-esteem grows. Schools improve.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Labor Day	6  School Begins	7	8	9	10 Wildcat Cash booth open 9:30-11 am 
11	12	13	14	15	16 Early Release  School Picnic 6:30-8pm	17
18	19	20 PTSA Board Meeting, 7pm Library B	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28  Glow Stick Night 5:30-7:30	29	30	



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.