



The Scratch Pad

Lakeland Elementary PTA Newsletter

January/February 2011

PTA Mission

To make every child's potential a reality.
PTA is a powerful voice for all children.
A relevant resource for families and the community.
A strong advocate for the education and well being of every child.

President's Letter

Dear Lakeland Elementary School Parents,

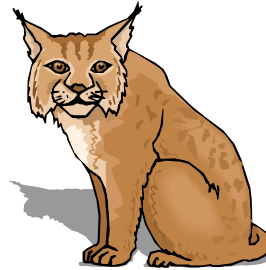
Happy New Year! And welcome back to school. We're so thankful for all the great stuff that's been happening at school so far this year and can't wait for a great second half.

On that note, one quick message: If you've been hoping to help or looking to get more involved in any way, please email or call me or talk to any of our PTA volunteers or leaders. We'd love any help you can provide. We know that time and schedules can be a challenge, but if you're interested, we'd love to find a way to help you make it work.

If you've volunteered to help in the past and not been taken up on it, please know that it was an oversight or a result of us being busy. It was definitely not us wanting all the volunteering for ourselves (seriously!). Being open to everyone and helping connect with and serve all parents is a key goal of our group.

Again, Happy New Year to all. Here's hoping our kids and our whole school community have a great 2011.

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Calendar

- JANUARY 26TH
PTA SPONSORED ASSEMBLY
"BULLYING"
- JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 4TH
SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR
- FEBRUARY 2ND 6:30
FAMILY NIGHT: LOUIE FOXX'S
MAGIC SHOW. BOOKFAIR
WILL BE OPEN
- FEBRUARY 7TH-11TH
VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS FOR
SALE
- MARCH 11TH
SKATE NIGHT @ PATTISONS
5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Next PTA meeting:
Tuesday, February
8th
at 6:30 pm (Library)

**Volunteers
needed for
candy grams**

Lakeland Skate Night

WOW-We had a record turn out for the January Lakeland Skate Night. It was our biggest attendance in 3 years. The 5th graders won for most skaters in grade level, with the 4th graders a close second. A big THANK YOU for all who attended. We hope to see even more of you at the next Skate Night on March 11th. Let's give the 5th graders a challenge, so tell all your friends and get them rolling to Pattisons.

Thank you to the following people for helping with the Holiday Shoppe:

Kim Fredericks
Kelly Neu
Tashawna Nash
Char Hammer
Pat Shuffelen
Mona Bryant
Dawn Dzingle
Emily Payne
Ashley Totten

Popcorn/snack Schedule

February 3rd & 17th

March 3rd & 17th

Remember: If your child has a snack card, there is no need to bring money.



We're on the Web! <http://www.orgsites.com/wa/lakelandpta/>

Reflections Art Program: Three Lakeland Students Moving on to State!



PTA REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to **Michelle Jin, Logan Clark and Taylor Middendorf** whose entries are moving on to state for judging. This year we had more entries than most other schools in our district, great job for all who participated. I would like to thank all the students who worked hard on creating great projects as well as their parents who helped so much with following the very specific rules and guidelines of the Reflections Art Program. A special thank you to our great principal Mr. Soltez who was 100% behind this program and did much to encourage and support the children. With the help of teachers and parents we can get even more children involved next year. The theme for next year is *Diversity Means...* and can be worked on during the summer. **Start Creating!**

Parent Math Class

Lakeland Elementary School Library -
Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7-8pm.



21st century students are learning math differently than we did when we were in school. Thinking and problem solving skills are now the emphasis. How can you help your child when you didn't learn math this way? In this class we will dive into the basic addition/subtraction and multiplication/division strategies with the Lakeland Instructional Coach, **Paula McPhee**, and understand how our district math programs, OrigoMath and MathWhizz, both support this student thinking. You will leave this workshop feeling better equipped to work with your child and understand the underlying strategies that make learning math fun! Please RSVP to Paula McPhee at: pmcphee@fwps.org Based on parent interest, additional classes may be added after February 23.

Book Fair is coming~~

- January 31st to February 4th
- AM recess for self managers only
- Lunch recess for everyone
- February 2nd the Book Fair will be open during the Family Night Event. **Louie Foxx's Magic Show**
- When filling out the order forms for the Book Fair please add on 10% for tax. Please email Julie at pta-lakeland@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer to help.



PTA Officers

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Gift Card Fundraising

We now have a great opportunity for fund raising the easy way. Why buy things you don't really need when you can earn money for the school by shopping where you already shop? It is a program where you buy gift type cards or certificates and then use them when you do your normal shopping. The stores actually pay the school for you to shop there. Order forms go out every 2 weeks in the red folders. Plan ahead for birthdays and special events by ordering gift cards for that special someone. Remember, Valentines Day is close at hand. Get on board with the easiest way to raise money for your children's extra-curricular school fun. **On behalf of the children Lakeland, thank you for supporting PTA!**



Nominations for 2011/2012 PTA Executive board

It's that time of year already when the PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD positions are up for election or re-election! We are looking for a few great parents that would like to run for a position. Without these people PTA can't function. You have to be a paid member for at least 30 days prior to the election, so if you are not a paid member and you would like to run for position on the board you need to sign up now. The treasurer must have been a paid member for at least 6 months and pass a background check.

The positions are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership. If you would like to run, or if you know someone that would be good for a position on the board, please look for the nomination form that will be sent home in the red folder next month.