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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Hello wonderful LFP families!

Our PTA is already beginning to plan for next year—hard to believe, isn't it? If you haven't yet completed the PTA survey, please do so by Friday, March 3rd. We read every survey and use your feedback as we plan next year's budget and goals.

Our Board has been working hard to complete the goals we set for 2016-17. Here are some highlights:

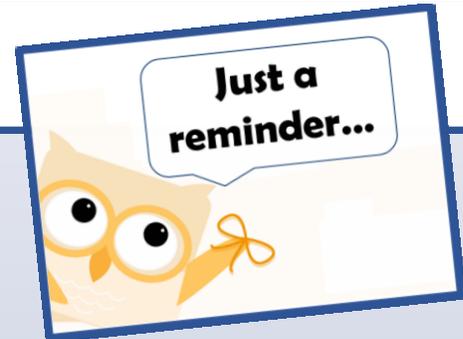
- We're very near our goal of increasing membership to 400.
- Family Engagement expanded to include Parent Cafes and the Navigate Back to School event, and we're exploring how to better reach out to all families.
- Student Enrichment continues to seek volunteers to teach free, fun and creative after school classes.
- Our social media and weekly email blasts have been improved, and we will begin to use these venues to highlight personal profiles and perspectives of our PTA.
- The goal of helping our school maintain a positive recess experience has resulted in the creation of the Recess Buddy program and the purchase of a Buddy Table—made possible by PTA funds and generous family donations.
- Our Legislative team has worked to keep you informed about education issues, and will soon present an online tool that will make it easier to contact your representatives.

The PTA depends on fundraising to help us reach these goals and to provide all the services and programs offered to your students. The PTA auction is March 18th. Not only is it our biggest fundraiser of the year, but it's also a fun night out! We hope to see you there!

Warmly,
Marley Banker & Sheena Hurley
LFP PTA Co-Presidents
president@lfppta.org

PTA MEETING 3.14.17

We will elect next year's Board, hear survey results, and listen to YOUR ideas for new programs & events. The nominations report is posted in the PTA office. If you would like to be considered for a Board position, please attend this meeting and nominate yourself!



March

- 1st - Save at School
- 1st - Walking Wednesdays resume
- 2nd - Science Office Hours, 3:30-5pm
- 3rd - PTA Surveys due
- 6th - NO SCHOOL
- 7th - Habit Burger Grill Fundraiser for Shoreline PTA Council
- 7th - 10th - Conferences, Early Release, 11:45am
- 10th - Movie Night, 7:00pm
- 11th - All School Playdate, 10:00am-12:00pm
- 13th - Natural Leaders mtg., 6:00-7:00pm
- 14th - PTA mtg., 7:00-8:30pm
- 15th - Save at School
- 16th - Jersey's Dine Out
- 18th - LFP PTA Auction, 5:30-10:00pm
- 23rd - Student Science Fair, 6:30-8:30pm

GET YOUR PTA NEWS

Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter. For weekly updates on PTA news, events and more, send your email to web@lfppta.org to sign up for our email newsletter. Need info right away? You can always visit lfppta.org to view the calendar and important news.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FUNDRAISERS



Our biggest fundraiser of the year is only two weeks away and we're looking forward to seeing YOU there! The evening will begin with cocktails and a silent auction, continue with a plated dinner during the live auction, and conclude with music & dancing! The generous donations from local businesses, our amazing teachers, and LFP parents have made this an event you do not want to miss!

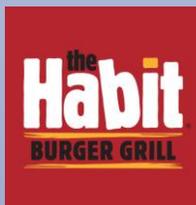
There's still time to buy a ticket or make a donation online at: <https://lfp.schoolauction.net/auction2017>

Thank you for helping to make this event a success!

Ashley Franzen auction@lfppta.org

SHORELINE PTA COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

Visit this new restaurant on **Tuesday, March 7th**. 100% of all proceeds from the lunch and dinner service will be donated to the Shoreline PTA Council. It is located at 1253 N. 205th, Shoreline, by Home Depot.



SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PASSES!

Shoreline School District's Bond passed in King County's February Special Election with over 74% Of the vote! This bond will go toward construction of an Early Learning Center, and rebuilding Parkwood Elementary, Einstein Middle School and Kellogg Middle School. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us get out the vote!



Washington's legislature is grappling with two issues related to education funding:

- 1. House Bill 1059, which would continue to give school districts their current level of funds through local property tax levies. It would maintain these current tax percentages for an additional year. The bill has passed the House but has not come to the floor in the Senate.
2. A plan for amply funding public education, per the McCleary Supreme Court decision. Both chambers have put forward plans, House Bill 1843 and Senate Bill 5607.

As residents of the 46th legislative district, we encourage families to get in touch with our legislators and offer their voice to this important conversation.

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Senator David Frockt
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Throughout the Year February item: undergarments & briefs

Students can bring items to their classrooms, or parents can drop in The Works box outside the main office.



Student Science Fair & Egg Drop!

Thursday, March 23rd 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Students present their amazing science projects and participate in the awesome egg drop (grades 3-6) contest.

PARENTING CORNER

How Caring for Living Things Helps Kids Build Empathy

Empathy is a skill that we can cultivate and strengthen with practice. It requires us to imagine how someone else is feeling and then respond in a caring manner. When kids care for living things – from babies to animals to plants – they exercise their empathy muscles. They learn through experience that 1) everything has needs; 2) these needs are not always identical; and 3) they can help meet those needs. Here are some ways you can help your children strengthen their empathy muscles:

Tip 1: Teach Kids How to Care for Babies. Ever notice how a group of kids will suddenly gather around a small baby in fascination? The organization Roots of Empathy (partially funded at LFP by the PTA) brings babies into classrooms and helps kids to observe the baby's development and to label the baby's feelings. If you have a new baby at home, find small, concrete ways for older siblings to help. Teach them to recognize how babies use their cries and expressions to communicate their needs.

Tip 2: Teach Kids How to Care for Animals. Researchers have found a correlation between attachment to a pet and higher empathy scores. Pet care can provide a consistent "job" for kids—a meaningful, daily responsibility. Even preschoolers can help fill a dog's water bowl or give fish a pinch of food.

Tip 3: Teach Kids How to Care for Plants. Gardening with young kids offers practical lessons in cause and effect. If you forget to water the flowers, they will begin to wilt; similarly, when you forget to "water" your friends and family with kindness, those relationships can wilt, too.

Read the full story on how to help your child build empathy by Deborah Farmer Kris at PBS.org/Parents.

PTA MEMBERSHIP

PTA POD KEEPS GROWING

We have 368 members – only 32 more to reach our goal of 400. It's not too late to join and help support our school. Would you like to help sponsor an LFP family in need? It's only \$11 to sponsor a member.

THANK YOU to all who attended the PTA Swim Appreciation Party. We had 115 swimmers, 65 families. Thank you to our 31 newest PTA members, including Superintendent Rebecca Miner.

Maris Abelson, Amy Aldrich, Vicki Ault, Lori Bell, Jay Carr, Stephanie Carr, Sandy Chong, Kimberly Clasen, Jimmy Fox, Kieran Gamley, David Gawlinski, Julie Green, April Johnston, Keegan Knickerbocker, Kelly Knickerbocker, Riley Kreutzer, Lois Lee, Stephanie Mason, Rebecca Miner, Melina Murray, Tom Murray, Fran Pondemer, Caitlyn Rockey, Caprice Sauter, Joseph Sauter, Christina Slimp, Monty Slimp, Asmi Vohra, Dan Warren, Erin Warren, Amy Wilcox

SCHOOL PLAY



"Oh, the thinks you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper!

This April, a talented group of LFP 4th, 5th and 6th graders will perform *Seussical, Jr.* -- mark your calendars and be sure to attend this free event!!

Friday, April 7th
Short preview performance during afternoon school assembly

Saturday, April 8th
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium

-Suzi Segulja and Amanda Jones
PTA School Play Co-Chairs
schoolplay@lfppta.org

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PTA BY
BECOMING A MEMBER.

VOLUNTEERING IS NOT REQUIRED!

Download a membership form here:
<http://lfppta.org/Doc/Flyers/MembershipForm.pdf>

MEMBER BENEFIT

40% OFF at
GREAT WOLF LODGE
reserve by March 3rd, visit
between now and May 4th

LFP PTA PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Staff Appreciation

K & 2nd Grade Families

Please bring an item for our next luncheon on Tues., March 7th.



Sign up at perfectpotluck.com.
Last name: appreciation
Password: staff

The Great Gift Card Giveaway!

Please help us show our love during Teacher Appreciation Week. Send in gift cards for any store or restaurant and for any amount. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Questions? Contact staffappreciation@lfppta.org.



Walking Wednesdays

Walking Wednesdays resumes on March 1st. Contact Dana Wick or Jesse Donovan at walktoschool@lfppta.org if you would like more information.



Movie Night!

Friday, March 10th

Movie starts at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you have any unused toys, games, or small trinkets lying around the house? Please consider donating them as prizes for the Natural Leader's El Día del Niño event. Send the items to school with your child, or place your donations in the box outside of the PTA office.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Holly Fisher for organizing the ever-popular Dolphin Dance; Amanda Royal for putting on a fantastic Science Discovery Night; Zin Khaing, Nik Dembrow, and Jacqui Rublee for hosting the explosive Science Kick-Off event and the Science Office Hours; Rachel Chen, Frank Kleyn, and Amy Wilcox for their participation in the Spelling Bee.

ART DOCENT

The Art Docents are now focusing on the art of Jacob Lawrence. Lawrence was a painter who created "stories" through his art. He is most famous for his Migration Series, which is a collection of 60 paintings depicting the migration of African Americans from the South to the urban North following World War I. Jacob Lawrence was a professor at the University of Washington for 15 years and his work can be seen in several locations on campus. His work is colorful, jazzy, full of simple shapes and powerful symbols. When he painted, he drew all the pictures first and then went through and painted one color at a time, which gives his work an almost collage-like feel. As a result, students will be using collage as the medium to create their own work.

- K-3 students will examine Lawrence's neighborhood scenes and think about what makes their neighborhood unique.
- 4-6th grade students will explore the idea of migration and immigration. What causes people to migrate or immigrate? What changes or challenges could happen on the way or upon arrival?

You can see Jacob Lawrence's entire Migration Series at the Seattle Art Museum now until April 27. It is a moving and thought provoking display and the ideas he paints are still very current in today's world.

Without ART, EARTH would just be EH!

Artfully yours,
Tami Thompson and Kathleen Berry

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