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LITTLE CEDARS ELEMENTARY PTA

PTA Unit 7.6.32

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## Upcoming Events

### February

- 1 No School
- 12- Mid Winter Break
- 15
- 19 Watch D.O.G.S. Father Daughter Dance

### March

- 4 Talent Show
- 16 Science Fair
- 22 PTA Meeting
- 24 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Concert
- 30 Half Day
- 31 No School -Conferences

## Membership Meetings

Mar 22, May 24  
7-8pm in the Library  
Free childcare provided

## PTA Board 2015-16

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## Mid-Year Check In!

First Semester is in the books. We've had some great events like BINGO, Holiday Affair, Movie Night and Spelling Bee! We are going full speed ahead into the second semester and we are looking forward to more fun events. Up first is the Father Daughter dance hosted by our Watch D.O.G.S., followed by the Talent show, the Science Fair and our second annual Spring Carnival! Make sure to read on for more details on those.

It's not too late to join PTA or to sponsor a LCE teacher or staff member. We are still hoping to get 100% of our teachers and staff sponsored but we aren't there yet! If you would like to help, please visit the membership page to download the form. Simply fill it out and send it in with your student.

<http://littlecedarspta.org/Page/Membership/Membership>

## Volunteer of the Month

One of the ways LCE PTA likes to show our volunteer appreciation is by recognizing a Volunteer of the Month. We have so many wonderful volunteers and their hard work and time does not go unrecognized! Selected volunteers will be featured in Wolverine Weekly, get their name on the school reader board and have a special reserved parking space for the month!

Our **January** Volunteer of the Month was...  
**Nicole VonTrotha**

She's taught Art Docents each year for multiple teachers, helped at several PTA and school events, is our Lead Science Docent this current school year, is active in Boy Scouts, participates as the GPHS Band Treasurer, serves as a Girl Scout Service Unit Member, as well as volunteers as a Community Summer Camp Coordinator. WOW!

As you can see, she doesn't just spend her time volunteering directly with her own children, she works for the entire community to help all of our children succeed. Thank you, Nicole!

The **February** Volunteer of the Month award goes to...  
**Christy Kenyon**

Christy has been a consistent volunteer extraordinaire lending her time and talents to Lego club, weekly classroom help, serving as room mom, helping as Holiday Affair bake sale chair, volunteering at book fair, leading the Girl Scout troop as well as unit cookie manager. The list goes on both inside LCE and out in our community!

We are fortunate to have Christy so generously give of her time and want to thank her for her continued contributions! As parents, we all know how precious time is. Thank you, Christy!

If you know of someone who goes above and beyond, please let us know by nominating them for Volunteer of the Month. It's easy to nominate a volunteer. Just email [littlecedarspta@gmail.com](mailto:littlecedarspta@gmail.com) with the name or names of volunteers you feel go above and beyond along with a short summary of why you are nominating them. Each month the PTA Board selects from the submissions.

## Watch D.O.G.S. Father Daughter Dance — Feb 19, 6:30pm in the Gym



The theme for this year's dance is "A Night in Paris" and will be filled with wonderful decorations, food, dancing and a special picture for you to take home and cherish. Dad's, Grandpa's, Uncle's, or any other special father figure, don't miss this opportunity to create a wonderful night out with your special little girl. The dress is formal/business casual and the cost is FREE.



We are looking for some help with this event, including dessert donations, please sign up if you can help!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aa4aa2ea6fc1-dessert>

## Talent Show — Mar 4, 6:30pm in the MPR

**Mark your calendars, the LCE Talent Show is March 4<sup>th</sup>!**

We will have **two preview days...**

**February 29<sup>th</sup>** for grades **K-3**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** for grades **4-6**

All students will be a part of the show. No cuts will be made at preview days. Previews are to find out how many kids we have performing and to make sure that all performances are NO LONGER that 2 mins.

Go to <https://talentshow2016.wufoo.com/forms/zxi7is00cg0w4b/> for more information and to fill out parent and participant forms.

We are also looking for some parent chaperones and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade stage helpers, please visit this link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aa4aa2ea6fc1-talent2>

Questions? Email Jen Randall: [jen.randall@outlook.com](mailto:jen.randall@outlook.com)

## Do you want to see a Science Fair at LCE this year?

Would you like to see a Science Fair at LCE this year? The PTA is excited to sponsor the event again this year. Last year's Science Fair was a huge success! In order to do this again, we must have volunteers to run the event. Our PTA board members have not been able to find the amount of volunteers needed to run these great events for our kids and this one is at risk of cancellation without proper support from our LCE families.

If you enjoy science or you just haven't had a chance to volunteer yet this school year, please consider signing up. It's a wonderful event that you can still enjoy with your family even if you are volunteering. Grab a friend and sign up to chair or co-chair this event today!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aa4aa2ea6fc1-science1>

## Spring Carnival — April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8pm

Everyone's favorite event is coming up in April.... The **Spring Carnival**. Details are still being planned but one thing is for sure - this event takes **many** volunteers to make it a success. Please consider volunteering!! The more help we have, the shorter the lines!

Shifts will be available so there is time to help and time to play with your family!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aa4aa2ea6fc1-spring1>

Stay tuned, more details about the carnival will be coming soon.

## Don't forget to **ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK** before it's too late!

**Yearbooks are on sale until March 30, 2016.**

Standard Yearbooks are \$14.00 and Photo Cover Yearbooks are \$17.00.

Need an order form? Go to [www.littlecedarspta.org/yearbook](http://www.littlecedarspta.org/yearbook) to print an Order Form or pick one up from the PTA board in the school lobby.

Wondering if you ordered a yearbook? Email [littlecedarsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:littlecedarsyearbook@gmail.com)

Donation Yearbooks: We are still accepting donations for yearbooks for kids that may not be able to purchase one. Our goal is for everyone to be able to have a yearbook this year. Forms for donations can be found at [www.littlecedarspta.org/yearbook](http://www.littlecedarspta.org/yearbook) and on the PTA board in the school lobby.

## Sign up to be a Watch D.O.G.

### What is Watch D.O.G.S.?

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer to spend a day at Little Cedars.

For more information and instructions on how to register for your volunteer day, visit the LCE PTA site or Top Dog, Chris Kasteler!

### Contact:

Chris Kasteler – Top DOG  
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<http://www.littlecedarspta.org/watch-dogs.html>

## PTA Board of Directors — Nominations 2016/17

In our last PTA Membership Meeting, the Nominating Committee for next year's PTA board was selected and voted on. The Committee is now hard at work looking for great candidates to fill open PTA board positions for the 2016/ 2017 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in getting more involved and would be a great candidate for one of the open positions, we would like to hear from you. We'd love to speak with interested candidates and fill them in on the responsibilities of the roles as soon as possible. The new PTA board will be voted in at our May General Membership meeting.

Every PTA Board position is up for vote but we are most in need of filling the following positions: President, Treasurer, VP of Programs and VP of Communications.

Please feel free to reach out to anyone on our Nominating Committee with questions, interest or names of individuals you think would be a great addition to next year's PTA Board!

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## Clip those Box Tops!

Keep clipping those Box Tops and send them in with your child. This is a super easy way to raise funds for our school. We have already raised over \$900 this year and our next submission deadline coming up – it's the last one of the year. Please turn in your Box Tops by March 31<sup>st</sup>!

