

# Little Cedars PTA Newsletter

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## PTA Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Families, students and staff of Little Cedars Elementary School,

On behalf of the LCE PTA Executive Committee, we welcome you and your family to Little Cedars.

Our membership theme this year is *"Discovering Endless Possibilities, Live the Adventure, Join PTA."* We invite you to join us as we team together to plan the endless possibilities that we have in creating traditions for our new school! Every family is encouraged and invited to get involved at the school by both helping in the classroom and by joining the PTA. It has been proven that a child succeeds in school when parents are interested and involved in the child's educational program and participates in PTA sponsored events.

As the new Co-presidents for our new PTA, we are very excited to kick the year off. Our goals are to create an active PTA that will continue to grow with the children of Little Cedars. We hope to reach out to parents who have never before volunteered; and have exceptional attendance at our PTA meetings so you can be a voice for your children.

There is an abundance of important information in this first issue of the PTA newsletter. Be sure to read it all so you can be aware of what is going on at Little Cedars. We look forward to getting to know you better and to making this a very successful year. We encourage you to call or email us with any questions, comments, or suggestions you may have.

Advocating for everychild with onevoice,

Julie Matheny and Jenny Price  
PTA Co-Presidents



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### Special points of interest:

- ✓ Help build a playground for our kids through the Playground Paver Project.
- ✓ Our PTA will have a website up and running soon – more information to come later.

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## Playground Paver Project

Our PTA Board and Playground Committee are working hard to raise money to build a playground for the children of Little Cedars. The Paver Project is a playground specific fundraiser. All profits from this fundraiser will go directly to purchasing the structures, preparing the playground area, and installation of structures.

Pavers are available for purchase to all student families, community members, community business, and anyone else who would like to help build the playground. Pavers can be purchased for \$100 each and the first 520 pavers sold will be placed around the base of the school flag pole. All pavers are 8" x 8" and can accommodate up to 4 lines of 18 characters per line. The pavers will be red with black inlay writing. Additional tax deductible contributions can be made above and beyond the cost of the paver. For more information about the pavers, please refer to the order form included with the newsletter. If you have other questions, you can contact Karen Bullard at [lcptamom@comcast.net](mailto:lcptamom@comcast.net)

Thank you for  
the  
Memories!

## LCE's First Musical Extravaganza

Signups begin September 4th-21st for 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The first 40 students to sign up will be in the show. First come first serve all other students will be put on a wait list. We will be holding auditions for parts in the show October 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, with callbacks on October 5th (mandatory parent meeting to follow callbacks).

Performances are November 16th 7:00 p.m. and 17th 2:00 p.m.

Come join the fun and be a part of this first after school fall drama program offered in cooperation with the LCE and Bellevue Children's Theater.

"We're having a Ball" Written and directed by Deonn Ritchie and Kim Douglas.



Cost: \$85.00 Payment due at time of audition.

Auditions may be opened to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade depending on enrollment.

Please turn in forms as soon as possible to secure your spot and receive your audition time and monologue. If you have any questions please email [jennifercepta@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifercepta@yahoo.com).

## Wanted: PTA Members

As we start our first school year at Little Cedars, our PTA is off to a fabulous start and membership is already strong. It's never too late to join, and members can be as involved as individual schedules and time permit. Joining keeps you connected and gives you an opportunity to have a voice in our organization and all the wonderful programs we strive to provide for our students and families. Mem-

bership is only \$10/individual or \$20/family (2 adults in the same household). If you have any questions or would like to learn more, feel free to contact our VP of Membership, Teddy Malobicky at 360-668-3542 or [tmalo@verizon.net](mailto:tmalo@verizon.net).



## Back to school Dance Week (September 17th—21st)

Most of your kids will probably already know the 'Dance Man' from their previous schools and for those of you who don't – you are in for a whole week of fun!

We are very excited to welcome Gaylen Sauve at our school and start the year with a fun and exciting program. At the end of the week, we'll have a back to school dance so all our kids can get together and meet new friends and reconnect with old ones.

Gaylen will instruct our kids Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> during their regular PE lessons and will teach them some

new dance moves – our PE teacher, Scott Wilson, has worked with Gaylen on several occasions and is happy to collaborate with him at our new school!

Our back to school dance will round up the program on Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm! This year's theme will be a '50's Sock Hop'. Since High School Musical is so popular, and it being a take on Grease, we thought this would be a **BIG** hit – poodle skirts, greasers, and all!

Food and refreshments as well as concessions will be available!

Volunteers are needed for building

preparations and decoration, set up and clean up, ticket sales, concession sales, and kitchen helpers. So if you can spare a little of your time to help and this dance sounds right up your alley we'd love to have you on our team!!! Feel free to contact Stefanie or Daniela to volunteer, or with any ideas, comments or questions.

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## Yearbook

We are happy to announce that we will have a yearbook to commemorate our first year at Little Cedars Elementary. The book will be filled with great memories from our first year at this new and amazing school. Committees are forming now and we could use extra help with the book. Currently we are looking for help in the following areas (but not limited to):

- 6th Grade Section
- Grades K–5
- Staff
- Groups and Clubs
- Candid photographers



"Whatever they grow up to be, they are still our children, and the one most important of all the things we can give to them is unconditional love. Not a love that depends on anything at all except that they are our children."

-Rosaleen Dickson

## Upcoming PTA Meetings

Please plan to attend out upcoming PTA Meetings. All meetings will start at 7:00 and will be held in the library:

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December—No meeting

January 10th

# Family Fun!

The purpose of our Family Fun section is to share some fun ideas to do with your family. It's easy to get stuck in a rut and caught up in our hectic schedules, but it's also nice to do something different.

We would love to hear from you! If you have any recipes you like to make with your kids or for your kids, craft ideas, activities, etc., we would like to hear them. Please contact Kari Fausey: [kari.fausey@comcast.net](mailto:kari.fausey@comcast.net)

Space will be limited, so there is no guarantee that each entry will be published.



## Mommy's Little Picasso

This craft idea is just in time for all of those great art projects our children will be creating this school year.

This simple clip-on device makes it a cinch to hang your child's school drawings -- and periodically replace them with his/her latest works.

1. First, attach a binder clip to the top of a wooden yardstick about 2 inches in from each end. Then tie the ends of a 4- to 5-foot piece of monofilament to the clips' metal rings to serve as a hanger.
2. Now use additional pairs of binder clips joined with monofilament to attach pieces of artwork to the lower edge of the yardstick and to one another, as shown.

## Fun in the Kitchen with Kids

This month's recipe was submitted by our Co-President, Jenny Price....enjoy!

### Elena's Cookies "Allrecipes.com"

Submitted by: **Jennifer Ofenstein**

"This is a recipe I created with my 4 year old daughter with things we had on hand. The cookies are delicious and soft. She and my 17 month old son both loved them! You can use rice, oatmeal, or mixed infant cereal." Original recipe yield: 2 1/2 dozen

#### INGREDIENTS

2/3 cup butter, softened  
 1/2 cup applesauce  
 1/2 cup white sugar  
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 egg  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1 cup dry infant cereal  
 1 cup all-purpose flour  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 cup wheat germ

#### DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease or line baking sheets with parchment paper.
- In a medium sized bowl mix the shortening, applesauce, white sugar, brown sugar, egg and vanilla. Beat until well combined.
- In another bowl combine the infant cereal, flour, baking soda,

salt and wheat germ. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix well.

- Spoon tablespoonfuls of dough onto the prepared baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 8 to 10 minutes or until just set. Let cool on wire racks before storing.



## Stress Relief Ideas

- \* Bike Ride
- \* Go for a walk
- \* Shoot some hoops at the park
- \* Play a game outdoors
- \* Jump in a pile of leaves
- \* Splash in puddles (remember boots!)

Who says outdoor fun has to end just because school is in session? Enjoy the last few days of sunshine and the upcoming crisp autumn days!





Fall Take Home Fundraiser:

Genevieve Catalog with wrapping paper starts Friday, Sept. 28th and ends Monday, Oct. 8th.

Walk-a-Thon

First Annual Walk-a-Thon will be held at Willis Tucker Park on Oct. 7th. Details to follow.

Skate Deck

Save the dates for skating fun: Oct. 23rd, Jan. 29th, and May 13th.

BINGO

Save the dates for our fun family night of BINGO: Oct. 12th, March 7th, and June 6th. Details to follow.

Holiday Affair

Our first Annual Holiday Affair will be held December 1st. More details to follow.

Locks of Love:

Attention All Students: LCE is going to celebrate a Locks of Love event on February 20, 2008 and we want all of you to be a part of the event. We want to get as many students as possible to grow their hair 10" or more to donate to children who have lost their own hair due to medical reasons.

Every month we will send out a reminder so hold off on those haircuts. Let's all make difference in the world together.

Little Cedars Elementary Auction Fundraiser:

Saturday, April 19th, 2008 Event will be held at Lord Hill Farms in Snohomish, tickets go on sale in March 2008. More details to follow.



Calling all Dads.....

Little Cedars Elementary and the PTA are excited to announce the launching of the Watch D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) program this fall. WATCH D.O.G.S. is the safe school initiative of the National Center for Fathering that involves fathers and father figures to help create a more safe and secure learning environment in our schools.

Who are Watch D.O.G.S.? Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day each year in a variety of school activities as assigned by the school principal or other administrator.

There will be a kick-off event for dads and kids this fall. The program is overseen by a "Top Dog" volunteer who partners with the school administrator to coordinate scheduling and identify opportunities for Watch D.O.G.S. to provide assistance at the school. Watch DOG volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom.

For more information about this program, visit the Watch D.O.G.S. website at <http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs>. If you wish to be included in the Little Cedars Watch D.O.G.S. e-mail distribution list please contact

# September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30						1
2	3 Labor Day	4 Meet your Teacher 12—2	5 First Day of School Drama Program Applications start (4th—6th Grade)	6	7 School is out at 1:35 (every Friday, unless notified other- wise)	8
9 Grandparent's Day	10 PTA Board Meeting	11	12	13 PTA General Meeting 7:00 Library	14	15
16 Mayflower Day	17	18	19 Dance Man	20	21 School Dance Last Day for Drama Program Apps. (4th—6th Grade)	22
23 First Day of Autumn	24 No School	25	26	27 Curriculum Night	28 Fall Fund- raiser starts today	29

# October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Audition for Drama Program	2	3 Audition for Drama Program	4	5 Drama Program Call Back	6
7 Walk-a-Thon @ Willis Tucker	8 PTA Board Meeting End of Fall Fundraiser	9	10	11 PTA General Meeting 7:00 Library	12 Bingo Night	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Skate Deck	24	25	26	27
		← Red Ribbon Week →				
28	29	30	31	Nov. 1	2	3
	← Conference Week—Early Release →					