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LITTLE CEDARS ELEMENTARY PTA

PTA Unit 7.6.32

December 2016

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 8 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert
- 9 Holiday Affair
- 16 Half Day
- 17 Winter Break Begins

### January

- 3 Back to School
- 12 Choir Concert
- 13 MLK Jr. Assembly
- 16 No School - MLK Jr. Day
- 24 PTA Meeting
- 30 No School

## Membership Meetings

Jan 24, Apr 18, May 16  
7-8pm in the Library  
Free childcare provided

## PTA Board 2016-17

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## Volunteer of the Month

There are so many great ways to help at Little Cedars and we really appreciate all the hard work of our volunteers. We would like to recognize our November and December Volunteers of the Month.

Our November Volunteer of the Month is **Christine Willems**. All four of her children have attended Little Cedars Elementary, and her youngest is currently a sixth grader here. Christine has been our wonderful Hospitality Chair for the past two years, and we are so grateful to have her! She continues to volunteer at PTA events each year, helps out with her children's classroom parties, and last year, she attended the sixth-grade camp as a chaperone. We appreciate you so much Christine for all you do for the PTA, our school, and especially our students. Thank you!

Our December Volunteer of the Month is **Reem Yousef**. Reem spent countless hours putting together this year's student directory, sifting through opt-out forms and making sure all the details of the directory were just right. With just over 700 students, this was quite the undertaking! Reem has helped in this effort the last few years, her time and attention will be missed when her youngest graduates LCE at the end of this year. Thank you!

## Holiday Affair

**Friday, December 9th  
6:30 - 8:30 pm in the MPR**

It is that time of year again when we get to come together and make some fun holiday crafts with our kids.

### Crafts include:

Snowman Ornament - \$1.00, Winter Bracelet - \$2.00, Sock Snowman - \$2.00, Fleece Scarf - \$2.00, Reindeer Ornament - \$0.50, Reindeer Hot Cocoa - \$1.00, *We will also have a few of our crafts from years past available from \$0.50 - \$1.00.*

We are giving back to our community again this year with our **Warm Hands Drive!** Please bring a pair of gloves or mittens (child or adult size) for us to donate to the Snohomish Community Food Bank and the Snohomish Cold Weather Shelter. For every pair of gloves or mittens you donate, you will receive a raffle ticket to be entered in a drawing for a handmade gingerbread house. Let's share the warmth of this holiday season!

Refuel after your crafting with a delicious snack from our Bake Sale! Goodies will be \$0.50 each!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help and a special thank you to Holly Young for planning, coordinating and preparing the crafts for this amazing event!

## Wolverine Wednesday

Show your school pride by wearing your spirit wear and/or school colors to school on Wednesdays for the rest of the year.

## Stay Connected with LCE PTA

There are so many great ways to connect with LCE PTA. Here are a few links to get you started:

**Website:** <http://littlecedarspta.org/Home>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/LittleCedarsPTA>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/LittleCedarsPTA>

**Instagram:** <https://twitter.com/LittleCedarsPTA>

**Wolverine Weekly Sign Ups:**

<http://littlecedarspta.us5.listmanage1.com/subscribe?u=44b11f85f4f16662c76758490&id=43c54e4ecc>

The Wolverine Weekly is a weekly email sent by the PTA to keep you informed of the current PTA happenings. It is a great place to find out about fun events and volunteer opportunities.

## Amazon Smiles

**You shop. Amazon gives.** Please consider using AmazonSmile when you make your holiday purchases this year. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know and love. Same products, same prices, same service. For every purchase you make on [WWW.SMILE.AMAZON.COM](http://WWW.SMILE.AMAZON.COM), Amazon will donate a percentage of that purchase to the Little Cedars PTA. All you have to do is designate **LITTLE CEDARS PTA** as your charity and use the [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) URL when shopping on Amazon.

## Lego Club

Spring Lego Club signups will be announced the second week of January in the Wolverine Weekly. The spring group will prioritize kids who did not have the chance to participate in the fall. Questions? Please email Emily Walker at [emily@siren-song.com](mailto:emily@siren-song.com)

**Spring Group: Feb. 15, Mar. 1, Mar. 15, Apr. 12, Apr. 26, May 10, May 24. Meets 2 Wednesdays a month after school, 2:50-3:50 at Little Cedars Skybridge, near the multi-purpose room. Dues: \$20 donation.**

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be available for purchase until March 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information please visit the PTA website:

<http://littlecedarspta.org/Page/Events%20%20Programs/Yearbook>

We need your help to make our yearbook great! As you take pictures of class and school events and programs throughout the year, please share your photographs with us for possible inclusion in the yearbook. All photos need to be submitted by February 16, 2017. Pictures can be emailed to [littlecedarsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:littlecedarsyearbook@gmail.com).

## Advocacy

We have decided to work on a long-term advocacy project that will support the state PTA's goal of expanding ECEAP programs. Our project is to build an early learning center in Snohomish that will house ECEAP, the developmental preschool, and our early learning support specialists. This will hopefully be a bond issue in 2018. We are in the early information gathering and planning stages. Please contact our Advocacy Chair, Tyana Kelley ([tyana.kelley@gmail.com](mailto:tyana.kelley@gmail.com)), with any questions or to volunteer.

## Upcoming Events and Need for Volunteers

Note: All events are subject to cancellation if we do not have enough volunteers.

**WatchDog Father/Daughter Dance:** Save the date for the Father/Daughter Dance. Friday, February 3, 2016. More information coming soon!

**Reflections Art Contest:** Be a Part of The Reflections Program! The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas including Visual Arts Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production. Think about the 2016-17 theme: ***What Is Your Story?*** We want to know who you are and how you see the world around you. Get Creative! For more information contact [jen.randall@outlook.com](mailto:jen.randall@outlook.com) or visit <http://bit.ly/reflectionsLCE>.

**Talent Show:** Mark your calendars for this year's Talent Show! March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. Now is the time to start putting together your groups and practicing! We will have two preview days on February 27<sup>th</sup> for K-3 and February 28<sup>th</sup> for 4-6. Go to [www.littlecedarspta.org](http://www.littlecedarspta.org) for more information and to fill out parent and participant forms. Questions? Email at [jen.randall@outlook.com](mailto:jen.randall@outlook.com).

**Spring Silent Auction:** The silent auction is coming up and we would like it to be better than ever. We could use some help organizing this event and getting donations for gift baskets and/or services. If you can help with this great event in any way, please contact Tanya Jaegel at [tjaegel@hotmail.com](mailto:tjaegel@hotmail.com).

**Spring Carnival:** The Spring Carnival will return this year. We need volunteers to help make this event a success. If you are interested in helping or have any ideas for this year's carnival, please let us know at [napa2002@hotmail.com](mailto:napa2002@hotmail.com). We will need several volunteers to make this event successful.