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LITTLE CEDARS ELEMENTARY PTA

PTA Unit 7.6.32

OCTOBER 2015

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 1-2 Dads & Donuts
- 5 Fun Run Kick Off
- 9 B-I-N-G-O! Night
- 13 Picture Day
- 14 Fun Run Day
- 21 Half Day - Conferences
- 22 No School - Conferences
- 23 No School - Conferences

### November

- 11 No School- Veterans Day
- 12 Skate Deck Night
- 24 Grandparents Day/ Family Heritage Night
- 25 Half Day
- 26 No School
- 27 No School

## Membership Meetings

Jan 20, Mar 22, May 24

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## Welcome to LCE!

The first month of the new school year is coming to a close. We hope that all our new and returning families are settling into their new classes and enjoying digging in to learning! The beginning of the year is always a busy time and we have a lot more fun coming in the month of October. Please take a look at the upcoming events to the left and the highlights we've included in this month's newsletter. We don't want anyone to miss out! We have several ways to help you stay informed...

- Like the "Little Cedars PTA" page on **Facebook**
  - Just log into your account and search for us!
- We are also on **Instagram!**
  - <https://instagram.com/littlecedarspta/>
- Subscribe to the **Wolverine Weekly**
  - Send an email to [LittleCedarsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:LittleCedarsPTA@gmail.com) and ask to be added!
- **Opt in for text messages** - Text "follow LittleCedarsPTA" to 40404. It's that easy and you can opt out at any time. If you are receiving "junk texts", please text "Discover OFF". You will still receive LCE PTA updates. (\*Please note: You DO NOT need a twitter account to follow @LittleCedarsPTA)

### Keep the fun times going!!!

Don't forget to sign up to help at one of our upcoming events. We are able to put these fun family events on because of our wonderful volunteers but we can't do it without you! Any amount of time you can give is a huge help! **Please sign up here:**  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/1357ED80EA3CEE8C71-fallwinter>

## The BIG one is coming!!!

We would like to invite you to the Little Cedars Fun Run!  
Mark your calendar and get ready to cheer on your student!

## This is the **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year!

**Kick Off: Monday, October 5th**

**Fun Run: Wednesday, October 14th**

Stay tuned for more information. Your student's 'Flash Pass' will be sent home on October 5th. You will find your student's access code to [FunRunTime.com](http://FunRunTime.com) on the Flash Pass for online access.



More information about why Little Cedars chose FundRunners is on our website at <http://littlecedarspta.org/Page/Fundraising/FunRun>

## Volunteer of the Month

Our school is fortunate to have a solid volunteer base, so many parents and family members dedicate their time and energy to help in our children's education. All the hours and hard work do not go unrecognized!

LCE PTA would like to show our volunteer appreciation by recognizing Volunteer of the Month. Each month we will select a volunteer that has gone above and beyond in service for our school, students and PTA. 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!

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, we will select from the submissions.

The October "Volunteer of the Month" award goes to...

### Sara Johnson

Sara has two kids at Little Cedars Elementary (Eleanor is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Emmett is in Kindergarten) and has been volunteering at our school since her daughter was in Kindergarten. She enjoys helping out at special classroom events as well as PTA events. Sara also lends her time to the PTA as our Wolverine Weekly editor, making sure all our families have information on important events going on at LCE. As you can see, Sara is a huge contributor to not only the PTA but to our school and community.

**Thank you, Sara,** for being amazingly giving of your time and talents!

### Volunteer Opportunities!

You can also see the list of **upcoming volunteer opportunities** by visiting this address:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/1357ED80EA3CEE8C71-fallwinter>

We are always in need of event chairs. Chairs are simply the point of contact for the event they volunteer for. They are not responsible for the entire event and will have help from other amazing volunteers. We even have a book of everything you might need to know about the event from past years and our PTA VP of Events Erika Keating is available to help answer questions any time. We won't leave ya hanging!

Please consider giving of your time this year at one of the events on the calendar! If interested, please contact Erika: [napa2002@hotmail.com](mailto:napa2002@hotmail.com)

## PTA Membership News

Thank you to all our new and returning members! At this time last year we had 207 members. We are 208 members strong so far this year! That has us achieving Bronze membership level with the WA State PTA for enrolling 50% of last year's membership by the end of September.

Let's keep growing our membership base – remember, this gives us a stronger voice for our kids! Please consider sponsoring a LCE staff member if you haven't already, our goal is to have 100% staff membership! Forms available on LCE PTA website!

## LCE PTA Lego Club 2015-2016

Lego Club is a cherished and highly attended club at Little Cedars! Meetings will be held after school on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. This year, we will add more building challenges and themes as well as opportunities for free-form building and playing with friends. Our activities will be geared toward K-3rd grade students. Students do NOT need to bring their own Legos from home this year!

Max: 24 students

When: Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month after school, 2:50-3:50.

First meeting: November 4th

Dues: \$30 donation, if able

What to bring: A nut-free, non-messy snack, if your student will be hungry.

Questions? Contact Emily Walker at 206-321-2921 or [emily@siren-song.com](mailto:emily@siren-song.com)

## Watch DOGS

Couldn't make Pizza Night? You can still sign up to be a Watch DOG. Go to the following link for more information on the WatchDOGS program or to sign up to volunteer!

<http://littlecedarspta.org/Page/Watch%20DOGS/Information>



## Box Tops — Oct 20th

Please clip and save your Box Tops for Education coupons! Send them to school with your child and we will redeem them for cash used for educational items, programs, and events sponsored by the LCE PTA.

