



Lowrie Primary PTA

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Nov. 28th, 2012

Important Dates for December

Red Robin Fundraiser

Dec. 3, 4:00-11:00pm

The Giving Tree

Dec. 3 - 20

Families Read Together

Dec. 13, 6:00-7:30pm

Book Fair

Dec. 10 - Dec. 14

No School

Dec. 21 - Jan. 4



Thanks to Boeckman Creek's PTA!

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President's Message

by Chelsea Martin

One challenge that many organizations face is how information is disseminated. Decisions are made, important conversations are shared, information is exchanged; yet, many folks who are not part of these conversations and decisions are still interested and affected by them. That information needs to be disseminated and what is the most effective means to do so? This was a topic of discussion at our recent PTA executive (con't on p.2)

The Lowrie WOLVES! Big news! Lowrie Primary has a new mascot!! After a rigorous voting process with a run-off at school, a mascot was decided!

From this point forward, we will be known as THE WOLVES!! Principal Meigs is excited by our new designation and that the voices of our children were so integral to this selection. "I look forward to a logo being designed and spirit wear being created," said Principal Meigs. "Another wonderful milestone in our growing school community!"

We need you! 5th Grade Celebration Committee

We need you to join our 5th Grade Celebration Committee! We want a wonderful 5th grade send off. Please consider joining this FUN committee! Contact Shelby McQueen at 503.427.0610 or 209.596.1692. **The Giving**

Tree—Come and donate at the Giving Tree! Contribute to families in need Dec. 3 - Dec. 20. The tree is located in Lowrie's main entrance. **Safe**

Routes To School—Help keep our children safe. Join our committee. We want to get a group together soon to talk about safe routes to school and develop safe building practices. Contact Jim Fitch at jim.h.fitch jr@gmail.com for info. or to join this valuable committee.



Donations needed for Jan. 25th Auction

Lowrie PTA is holding its first auction January 25th. We would appreciate any help our membership could offer! Please think about donating to help us create a special auction experience.

Our fundraising goal this year is \$3,000. Help us make this happen for our children and staff at Lowrie Primary! Gift cards, special deals and business contacts are all greatly appreciated and welcome!

Please contact Carrie Keith, VP for Fundraising:

lowrie.vp.fundraising@gmail.com



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committee meeting.

PTA leadership makes decisions based on the mission, objectives, and vision statements that we collaboratively wrote at the beginning of this school year. These statements inform our efforts. Similarly, we surveyed the staff about how the PTA can support their work in educating our children. We also work with committees and listen to our members and other parents.

We know that you want information and we will do our best to share with you: the dates of events being planned, decisions on how we are spending PTA funds, important conversations about the culture of the PTA, and other major movements we are initiating. Monthly meetings, Facebook and this newsletter are the primary ways we disseminate information to you.

The executive committee is creating an organization that is mission-driven (our decisions are informed by our agreed upon mission, objectives and vision) and transparent (decisions and information are open and shared). I trust that you will also seek out the information you desire and will do your best to stay informed by reading our messages and staying involved. When we all do our part, we can make sure information dissemination is a meaningful and effective process.

What's Coming Next?

Here are some efforts and events Lowrie's PTA have coming up:

The PTA will be funding the "artist in residence" fees for the tile project that Lowrie students are completing. We will also fund clay and materials to be used for future art projects that will put the kiln to work.

The fundraising committee is planning:

- Winter Dance and Silent Auction for January.
- Wheel-A-Thon for the end of the school year.
- A couple of "restaurant nights", including Red Robin and Bullwinkle's.

What our PTA members are doing:

- *President Chelsea Martin and Marta McGuire will meet with a representative from the Center for Earth Leadership regarding a sustainability initiative involving the WLWV school district.
- *Kishore Kollu will donate his time and talent to design a PTA web site for us.
- *Travis Tadema will donate his time and talent to start up a Watch DOGS program.

Our PTA Goals:

- *The PTA will continue to explore ways to complement science education at Lowrie, potentially funding additional science equipment.
- *Scholarships for students to attend enrichment programs and field trips are a potential area the PTA will fund.

Thanks to Boeckman Creek PTA!

A special thank you to the Boeckman Creek Primary School PTA for their very generous \$1,500 donation to our Lowrie PTA. We donated \$50 towards the Estevan fund in their honor.

Some ways you can stay informed:

"Like" us on Facebook to receive updates and view documents in the notes area.



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Read the newsletter for events, and messages from the executive committee.

Read the minutes from our meetings; they are sent out to all PTA members.

Attend PTA meetings; general membership meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month, gathering at 6 PM and meetings conducted from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 28th.**

Talk to the folks on the executive committee; we don't know everything that the PTA is doing, but we know something, and will always listen to you.

Serve on a committee. Standing committees exist, and special committees have been formed.

Click here to access recent PTA minutes: https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B_1wiQJ0L7BIQ0YybVVnd2htaGM