



Lowrie Primary PTA

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Important Dates Coming Up

Cultivating Resiliency Event

Feb. 26th, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Domino's Pizza Day

March 5th all day

Next PTA Meeting

Feb. 27th - 6:00pm meet-n-greet
- 6:30 general meeting

Cultivating Resiliency in Our Children: An Expert Panel and Community Discussion - FREE!

On February 26th from 5:30—7:30pm there will be a Parent Education Night, designed collaboratively by school counselors Zach Deets and Katie Flaker. This evening is supported by the Lowrie PTA, Boeckman Creek PTA and Boones Ferry PSS. Lowrie Primary will be hosting.

Childcare will be available, as well as interpreters for Spanish speakers and some light snacks. We also plan to unveil the parent lending library that we are purchasing for Lowrie parents through a grant from the City of Wilsonville.

On this panel, our school counselors Katie Flaker (LPS and BFPS) and Zach Deets (BCPS) will sit on the panel beside authors Kathy Masarie, Howard Hilton and Kelly Bartlett. Ms. Masarie is the author of "Raising Our Sons: The Ultimate Parenting Guide for Healthy Boys and Strong Families" and "Raising Our Daughters: The Ultimate Parenting Guide for Healthy Girls and Thriving Families." Mr. Hilton wrote "BAM! Boys Advocacy and Mentoring: A Leader's Guide to Facilitating Strengths-Based Groups for Boys." Ms. Bartlett is a BFPS parent, coach and facilitator for Positive Discipline and Attachment Parenting. Her book is "Encouraging Words for Kids."

This is going to be a great event and we will see you there!

Talking Money from our PTA President Chelsea Martin

We've accomplished so much! We formed an executive committee with eight elected officers, placed about a dozen coordinators onto the Board, recruited over sixty members, raised somewhere in the ballpark of \$10,000 dollars so far (\$3,000 from donations from Boones Ferry PSS and Boeckman Creek PTA, \$3,500 from McMenemy's fundraiser, and \$3,500 from the Silent Auction)!

We have offered free community events and supported our staff in special ways. We have a website, a newsletter, a Facebook page, a bulletin board, a Watch DOGS program, a parent lending library, and more! This is all done by volunteers who are busy, have young families and rely on other volunteers with young families. Amazing!

We have not spent much money so far.

- We gave \$100 to the school counselor to be spent on children with emergency needs at Lowrie
- We will be purchasing a Parent Lending Library (with grant money awarded from the City of Wilsonville)
- We are sponsoring a Parent-Ed night on 2/26
- We have a website: www.lowriepta.com
- We are implementing Watch DOGS and are buying the program from the National PTA
- We have provided a couple of community events, both of which ended up making money even though they were free to attend
- We sent some leaders to a local PTA training and hope to send more to the state conference
- We've purchased blank cards for the Lowrie PTA to use for thank you notes and other correspondence

We have also budgeted to spend money on art supplies for the tile project and the artist in residence fees for that project. The check has yet to be written. In the years to come, we plan to provide small grants/stipends to all teachers and the school counselor to minimize their need to buy supplies out of their own pockets.

Some other ideas for spending include: Artist-in-Residence, Scientist-in-Residence, Microscopes and Specimens to be placed on a cart for all classrooms to share, scholarships for student field trips, and charitable giving to district-wide organizations like MAPS or WLWV Foundation. The fundraising strategy is still being developed and we welcome your feedback.



Thank you to those who treated Lowrie teachers and staff!

Special thanks to Hailey Levasa, PTA Hospitality Coordinator, for organizing and contributing to the Valentine's Day Event for teachers and staff. Also, thank you to Teresa Chen, Sara Steenhuis, Rachael Poling, Megan Lyons, Carrie Keith, Chelsea King Martin, MJ Povey, Kellena Collier, Brittany Turco, Alexa Ruiz, and Amy Newman! All these wonderful people contributed to set-up, treats and clean-up. Great job!



We appreciate all our volunteers!



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We need you to be a part of our PTA!

We are forming a *Nominating* Committee to help recruit leadership in the PTA for the 2013-2014 school year.

We need at least three people who do not wish to serve on the Board (elected officer or coordinator) and who want to help us recruit nominations for our elections in April.

Those serving on the nominations committee will work with current PTA President Chelsea Martin and Principal Patrick Meigs to brainstorm ideas for whom to talk to. Then they'll have conversations with them about their interest in PTA leadership and in March will make recommendations for the April election.

It is a short term commitment and a good opportunity to help the PTA form an inclusive and wide-reaching leadership body.

Please contact Katie Green at lowrie.vp.membership@gmail.com or attend the Feb. PTA meeting to join this team. Again, if you serve on this committee, you should not intend to be on the Executive Committee.

Please see our [Lowrie PTA Standing Rules for more information](#). There will be many opportunities to serve in PTA leadership! The four Executive Committee positions to be elected are: President, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Fundraising, and Vice President for Marketing.

Restaurant and Fun Center Days and Nights - A Must Do!



Wilsonville Domino's Pizza

will donate 25% of ALL sales, ALL day on **March 5th**. Dominos will even advertise the event for our school. Go Dominos!

Thank you for your support at Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center on 2/15! We hope everyone had a great time, it was a wonderful turn-out!

Yearbook Photos - WANTED!

We need photos for the yearbook. Email photos to:

lowriepthphotos@gmail.com

We would like you to include the teacher's name in the subject heading. Please do not label the photos.

Wheel-A-Thon coming May 31st!

We will be asking for donations of wheeled items, helmets, elbow and knee pads to use in this event. Please think of us when you are getting ready for Spring and Summer. Anything with wheels can be donated, as long as it is in good working condition - bikes, skateboards, scooters, even wheelie shoes! If your children have outgrown it, please donate those items to us! A drop-off spot will be set up soon.

We are also looking for Wheel-A-Thon sponsors in the next few months. Major sponsors will have their company logos on the event t-shirts, as well as banners and other advertising opportunities at the Wheel-A-Thon. Major sponsors will also be on our website, Facebook page and in our newsletter. If you, your business or your employer is interested in being a sponsor, contact Carrie Keith at lowrie.vp.fundraising@gmail.com.

Lowrie Vimeo Channel Here!

Lowrie PTA has many ways of communicating with students' families. This newsletter of course as well as our new website, flyers we send home with students, our bulletin board outside of the office and Facebook.

The newest way for us to get the word out is our Lowrie PTA Vimeo channel. This allows PTA officers and event coordinators to update you on the events, programs and PTA progress in a more personal way.

The latest video features PTA president, Chelsea Martin, explaining PTA goals and accomplishments. We plan more videos in the future and hope you find this channel helpful.

What has our PTA accomplished so far in our first year of existence, what challenges do we face and where are we headed in the future. Lowrie PTA President Chelsea Martin does an eloquent job of answering these important questions
<http://vimeo.com/59709417>

5th Grade Parents!

The yearbook will have two pages that feature 5th graders. Please provide a baby photo (no nudity) of your 5th grader. Photos can be emailed to!
lowriepthphotos@gmail.com. Provide your student's name and teacher. If the photo cannot be emailed, please turn it in to Lisa in the office. Photos will be returned hard copy. **Deadline is March 8th**. Contact Amy Newman if you have questions at newmanamy80@gmail.com.



Questions? Comments? General PTA Concerns?

Contact us at lowriepta@gmail.com

Go Lowrie Wolves!