

November 2015

PTO Newsletter



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NEXT PTO MEETING
Monday
November 9TH
6:30 pm



Lake Center 2014 Turtle Trot was another huge SUCCESS!

Once again the LCE PTO collected over \$30,000!!!

Pie throwers and winning classes will be announced November 13th. Who will win the top Chrome notebook prize?! Our school is ready to throw lots of pies at Mrs. Jensenius again this year!

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much!
- Helen Keller

WANTED

Western Round Up and Raffle



Friday November 13th, 2015 • 6:00 – 8:00 pm
(This is not a drop off event.)



\$10 LCE family entry ticket or \$5 per Person, pay at the door.

- Professional DJ Country Dancing in the Gym; please wear gym friendly shoes
- Snacks and beverages in cafeteria. • Lasso Toss • Tumble the Tin Cans • Snake Stomp • Pin the Shoe on the Horse • LCE Bingo • Pig Herding • Fun Crafts • Riding Relay • Western Photo Opts and weather permitting ... Wild Cow and Panning for Gold.
- Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and you can enter to win lots of prizes! If you are interested in donating a prize for this raffle, please contact our chairs at lcepto@gmail.com
- Volunteers Needed Before, During & After!! Anytime between the hours 3:30 ~ 9:00pm; please help as you see possible 3 hours, or stay the whole time ...YOU PICK!! Please sign up or contact lceptoportage@gmail.com today! Join us on Facebook @ "Lake Center Elementary PTO" Volunteer info at Sign Up Genius: <http://goo.gl/rpBqOJ>



ELECTION DAY is November 3rd. **Don't forget to get out there and vote!** We have two very important bond proposals for our schools on the ballot. Go to

www.portageps.org/information/millage to help you make an informed decision.



Thank you to the many students and volunteers that have made Mileage Club such a rewarding time on the track. Note the last Mileage Club for the fall is Nov 4th



LCE Family Dining Out @ Texas Roadhouse on Westnedge. Thursday, November 12th from 4-9pm only! Flyers must be shown (on phone is okay). 20% of all sales (and 10% of gift card sales) during this time will benefit LCE's PTO. Get a FREE turkey voucher with a \$50 gift card purchase!



FALL Teacher Conferences Tuesday, November 17th from 4:00P.M. - 8:00 P.M. (Full Day of school for students) and Thursday, November 19th from 4:00P.M-8:00P.M (Full Day of school for students). PTO will be providing a meal to the staff for both dates. Please contact our board if you would like to donate a dessert, soda, or water bottles for either date; lceptoportage@gmail.com



Student Council: Super Hero Day - November 13th – NO costumes! Wear super hero themed shirts, jackets, hats, socks, etc. (Bring a pair of gloves/mittens to donate to local kids to help them keep warm this winter season).



Battle of the Books consists of teams of 6 students each, reading 6 pre-selected books, and preparing for a battle (quiz) over the books. The program is focused on 4th and 5th graders, but advanced 3rd grade readers may also participate. RULES: During the battle, teams have 45 seconds to discuss the question and write down their answer. The answers are given to judges and points are awarded. The team with the most points wins. We will be meeting with the fourth and fifth graders on Monday, November 9 during school hours. Information will be sent home with the students that week. Forms for participating students are due back Wednesday, November 18. Titles will be released via email on Monday, November 23 Information and questions can be directed to Tonya Szafranski at jeffreyszafranski@sbcglobal.net.



Staff Treats

A few more volunteers are needed to provide treats for our amazing staff twice a month. Items can be homemade or store bought. Please provide enough for 60 staff members. Items can be dropped off in the 2nd floor staff lounge or in the office. Visit <http://bit.ly/1L9oFJD> to sign up.

Contact Lora Darrah (loradarrah@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



The **Fall box tops** results are in! We collected over 14,000 box tops which brings in over \$1400 for our school ...super job everyone! The winners of the grade contests were: 1st place – 4th grade, 2nd place – 3rd grade, 3rd place – 2nd grade Prizes will be delivered the first week of November. Thanks so much participating! Our next collection will be in February so start clipping those box tops now! If you can have them cut nicely and separated into groups of 50 in snack size Ziploc bags, that helps even more! Thanks to Marianne Voetberg and the box top team for their hard work in clipping and counting all of these box tops!



Next LCE Family Night is at Great Skate Thursday, November 5th 6:30-8:30 pm.

This is a family event. Supervision required. No drop offs. \$4.75 Quad skate rentals. There is an additional cost for in-line skate rentals. Location: 10496 Portage Road (269) 327-8006



Sherman Lake Camp provides countless opportunities for our students to feel like the champions they are born to be! Thank you to the 5th grade teachers and parents who make this rewarding experience possible. Our PTO pays for a large majority of 5th grade camp each year and your support helps make this happen.



The fifth grade camp experience at the Sherman Lake YMCA Camp is a strongly impactful and developmentally important event. We strive to grow our children academically, socially and physically at Lake Center. The staff at Sherman Lake prepares meaningful activities directly tied to each of these developmental areas and can only be delivered in a camp setting like theirs with access also to top notch athletic facilities. Our children learn goal setting, team work, positive self talk and to reach outside their comfort zones to engage in intellectually

stimulating and physically challenging activities. These include: survival games, rock wall climbing, kayaking, swimming, Underground Railroad simulation and archery. Throughout, the children are immersed in an environment where four principles are embedded in everything they do- Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility. They make new social connections, learn family style dining and come back a closer, more supportive learning community. It is the true high point of every fifth grader's school year.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



Do you love helping kids? Love to shop? If you answered yes, then we need you! Volunteers will help K-5th grade students pick out gifts to give family members for the holidays. Volunteer duties include assisting students with the shopping, wrapping gifts, escorting students to and from the Activity Room, and delivering gifts to the classrooms at the end of the day. Friday volunteers will help inventory and pack leftover items once the shopping is finished, and clean up the room.

Volunteers are needed Monday, Nov. 30 - Friday, Dec. 4. Please visit our sign up genius page at <http://bit.ly/1t8Jclw> if you can help. Shifts are 10am-12pm or 12-2pm. If you can only work part of a shift, that is fine. We will take volunteers for any amount of time they can spare! Just note in the comments section when you sign up what time you will be there.

Moms and dads can volunteer. So can grandparents! Just make sure to fill out a background check form in the office prior to the start of the boutique.

Only those students who bring in money on their assigned day will be allowed to shop during their lunch recess. Items range in price from \$0.25-\$6. Students have a limited amount of time so volunteers will need to encourage students to shop quickly. Contact Lora Darrah (loradarrah@gmail.com) if you have any questions.





Please join us for the first **Father/Daughter dance** planning meeting on **Tuesday, November 3rd** from 7:00-8:00 in the Library. After you go vote to support our schools please come help us vote on our theme and get our planning set in motion to make this a magical night for our girls! Please save the date for the big event: **SATURDAY, February 6th, 2016.**

There will be more information in the coming months. If you would like to volunteer or donate for this event please check out our link: <http://tinyurl.com/lcnd9tf> or contact Maggie Piotter with any questions or concerns at maggie.piotter@yahoo.com.

As you are going through your daughter's old dresses they have outgrown, please consider donating any semi-formal dresses to some of our girls that may need a dress for our dance. You can donate them to Second Childhood and let them know they are for the free rack for Lake Center Elementary.

November Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3 Election Day Father/Daughter Planning Meeting 7 – 8pm	4 Last Fall Mileage Club	5 Half day Great Skate 6:30 -8:30 pm	6 No School
9 Report cards sent & PTO Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11	12 Texas Road House 4:00 – 9:00pm	13 Super Hero Day Western Roundup & Raffle 6-8 pm TT Prize Assembly
16	17 Teacher Conferences 4:15 -8:00 pm	18	19 Teacher Conferences 4:15-8:00 pm	20
23 	24	25 No School	26 No School Thanksgiving Day	27 No School

Coming in December ...

Dec 4 Movie Night

Nov.30 – Dec 3
Holiday Boutique

Dec 11 Student
Council LCE Spirit Day

Dec 17 Jungle Joe's

Dec 21-Jan 1
Winter Break

S - Stay Safe
A - Act Respectfully
I - I Can...
L - Lead Together

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**PTO meetings are held the 2nd Monday of
each month at 6:30 pm in the LCE Media
Center.**

**No meeting in December. These are open
meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**Committee meetings are set by the
committee chair. All dates maybe subject
to change.**



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