

December 2014



# PTO Newsletter

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LCE PTO  
wishes you  
and your  
family Happy  
Holidays!

See you at our  
next PTO meeting  
January 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30



## LCE Family Night at Jungle Joes – Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.

This is a family event. Supervision required. No drop offs. LCE families have an hour and half block to jump. The cost is \$5.00 per child & \$2.00 for adults who jump. Watching is free!  
Location: 7255 South Sprinkle Road 269-324-1992



**The Holiday Boutique, held Dec. 8-11** during recess, gives students the opportunity to shop for family members. Items range in price from 25 cents to \$6. ONLY those students who bring in money on their assigned day will be allowed to shop. Due to the limited time students have to make purchases, we are requesting parents send in filled out gift tags for each person your student is shopping for. Additional information and money envelopes were sent home Nov. 24-25. \*Volunteers are needed to assist students.

Please contact Lora Darrah at [loradarrah@gmail.com](mailto:loradarrah@gmail.com) if you can help or sign up **online** <http://bit.ly/1t8Jclw>  
If you can't work an entire 2 hour shift, that is ok. We will take any and all help we can get!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10:30-10:50 (K)	Hicks	Vance	Candey	Vaughn
10:55-11:20 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Frieben	Gilbert	Mungovan	Critz
11:21-11:46 (5 <sup>th</sup> )	White	Oudekerk	Sackett	FitzHenry
11:47-12:12 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Chenery	Rutten	Trott	Koop
12:19-12:44 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Ostertag	Boesen	Chappa	Rosati
12:45-1:10 (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Meewes	Way	Mendham	Sachwitz/Riggins

LCE's next **PTO Dining Out** Event will be **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** Location will be announced soon.  
Make this a family event and spread the word to friends as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Student Council's "Hoodie Sweatshirt" Day December 12<sup>th</sup>



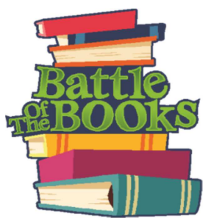
## LCE Movie Night Join us for a FREE showing Mr. Peabody & Sherman

**Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>** Make history...Come to MOVIE NIGHT!! Doors open at 6:00. Movie Starts at 6:30.

Admission is FREE and open to all LCE students and families. This is NOT a drop-off event-parents are expected to supervise their children at all times. Concessions will be available for purchase-please no outside food. Bring sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows as we will be set up on the gym floors. There will a brief intermission half way through the movie.

## Battle of the Books 2014-2015

Teams have been formed and the book titles have been released. We have 19 teams signed up!! Both the Bookbug and Barnes and Noble have tables set up with our books. If you purchase books at The Bookbug you will receive a 15% discount per book or a 20% discount if you purchase all six titles at once. "Battle Day" at LCE is tentatively scheduled for February 9th or 10th (final decision to come soon). Top two teams will then compete at the "Grand Battle" at Lake Center Elementary, also an evening event February 24th. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Weaver at [andykris03@yahoo.com](mailto:andykris03@yahoo.com) or Tonya at [jeffreyszafranski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffreyszafranski@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!!



### Book Titles:

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom

By Louis Sachar

Sadako and the Thousand Paper

Cranes

By Eleanor Coerr

Tuck Everlasting

By Natalie Babbitt

Tuesdays at the Castle

By Jessica Day George

FEVER 1793

By Laurie Halse Anderson

Tornado

By Betsy Byars

# Turtle Trot's here...YOU did compete!!!

**THANK YOU LAKE CENTER!** Turtle Trot is here....YOU did compete! Turtle Trot 2014 was a record-setting year for the Lake Center Elementary community! Our students were able to raise a total of **\$31,941.47**. That is an incredible number! To compare, that is a 17.5% increase from funds raised in 2013. Wow! Credit goes to our students and their parents, our teachers and staff and all of those who supported LCE through their donations.

## RESULTS/PRIZES

1<sup>st</sup> Place Pizza Party: Mrs. Vance – Kindergarten

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Frozen Treat Party: Mrs. Ostertag – Third Grade

School Wide: Spring All School Cook Out

GRADE	WINNING TEACHER	AWARD
K	Vance	Visit from Vern the Turtle or an extra recess
1	Trott	Mrs. Trott will have green hair
2	Frieben	Class popsicle party
3	Ostertag & Boesen	100% Participation = Green Face Teacher
4	Sachwitz/Riggins	Mrs. Sachwitz will wear crazy hair
5	Sackett	Extra 30 minute recess



Thank you for your passion and support towards the success of this fundraiser. You will recall that the Turtle Trot is the primary fundraiser for the Lake Center PTO and these funds are used throughout the year in various ways. Examples include: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sherman Lake Camp, Teacher requests for supplemental educational materials and supplies, Class field trips, Media center books and supplies, Technology funding for Chrome Books. Congrats to the Pallo family winning the Chrome Book.



# THANK YOU LAKE CENTER ELEMENTARY!!

**Western Round Up and Bring It Back Raffle 2014 was fun!** Thank you to all our LCE families, many volunteers for supporting the PTO and our school! Sincerely, PTO Chairs Stephanie Norg and Julia Warner.

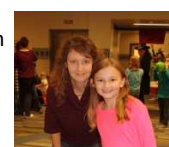
Addison and Jenni Willis  
Alex and Becca Schramm  
Ally Way  
Amanda Slagle  
Ashley Palmer Vance  
Ben Critz  
Ben Skurski  
Bethany Oudekerk  
Bev, Trent and Besty  
Chris Dally  
Connor Warner  
Cristi Smith  
Deb Friebe  
Debbie Snell  
Donna Rosati  
Effie McCarren  
Haley Hrab  
Heather Danielkiewicz  
Jen Kitchen  
Jen Skurski  
Jen Williams  
Jenna Ostertag  
Jennifer Crouse  
Jill Northuis



Jimmy Johns  
Julia and Ted Warner  
Karen Fitzhenry  
Katerina Mikhailova  
Kathy Takace  
Katie Schwartzfisher  
Kelly Jensenius  
Kelly Veres  
Kennedy Lambert  
Kim Amsterburg  
Kim Dillon  
Kimberly Watkins  
Kristen Weaver  
Lisa Koop  
Lora Darrah  
Macky Schramm  
Maggie Piotter  
Marc Mungovan  
Maria Johnson  
Maria White  
Marianne Voetberg  
Max Schramm  
Megan McNabb  
Meghan Pavlowski



Meijer on Shaver Rd.  
Melissa Nicola  
Nicole and Mikayla McEwen  
Nicole Hinze  
Nicole Toennessen  
Pat Baltmantis  
Rachel Bryant  
Randall and Nikki Emery  
Robin and Corey  
Brendlinger  
Sara Jessee  
Sarah Overholt  
Sharon Longman  
Sharri Sackett  
Stephanie Tangeman  
Tara Ojala  
Tina Richmond  
Tony Pallo  
Tyler Monarch  
Vance Seibers  
Viola Stiverson



**TAKE OUR EVENT SURVEY!**  
<http://bit.ly/11yyoaC>

**Thank you so much to all who participated in the Bring it Back Raffle! We had a great turn out and a lot of fun! HUGE thank you for all of the prize donations! Please share in thanking these local businesses by supporting and shopping with them!!**



Western Round Up Raffle Prizes	Winner(s)
Jamerry Basket donated by independent rep Katie Redmond (Kalamazoo area)	Simpson (Way)
Gift Certificate to Ample Pantry for a Four Family Fare	Mrs. Mungovan
Gift Basket from Kid's Gym (in Portage) with 2 passes	Chenery (Trott)
\$200.00 Gift Certificate for photo shoot with K. Redmond Photography (Kalamazoo area)	Crowley (Rosati)
Gift Certificate for Indulgence Facial from Faces Skin Care in Mattawan	Tina Richmond
"All Day Organizing Tote" from Laurie Chenery's Thirty One with auto first aid kit	Nicola (Vaughn)
One room of carpet cleaning (\$75.00 value) from Absolute Cleaning Solutions (Layne family)	Tina Richmond
Gift Certificate for one night stay at Gr& Beach or Sugar Beach Resort in TC	Weaver (Hicks)
Air Hogs Remote Control Helicopter (donated by Meijer on Shaver Road)	Emery (Mungovan)
2 - \$50 Gift Certificates for Kingdom Soccer in Portage	Warner (Ostertag) / Longman (Chappa)
Gift basket from Mandy's Candies in Vicksburg	Chenery (Trott)
4 tickets for Ivy & Bean at Miller Auditorium ( 2 winners - set of 4 tickets each )	Crowley (Rosati) / Toennessen (Vance)
3 - Gift Certificates from Wiggles, Waggles & Tails Doggie Day Care in Portage (3 winners)	\$13 Franz (FitzHenry) / \$20 Darrah(White) / \$30 Warner (Ostertag)
5 Tubing passes for Timber Ridge Ski Resort & hot chocolate & first aid kit	Gutshall (Way)
\$35.00 Gift Certificate for Wine & Canvas (Kalamazoo)	Veres (Boesen)
2 Ski Lift passes for Bittersweet Ski Resort with hot chocolate & first aid kit	Franz (Boesen)
3 - \$10.00 Gift Certificates for Second Childhood in Portage	Johnson (Critz) / Mrs. Rosati / T. Richmond
Gift Certificate for Erbelli's (Portage) / Bowling up to 6 at Airway & 4 Bella Creamery cones	Jaros (Sackett)
Detroit Pistons shirt with signed photo of Jonas Jerebko	Fullmer (Vaughn)
Detroit Pistons cap with signed photo of Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	Jesse (Koop)
Family Fun Gift Basket donated by Warner family	Washburn (Candey)
\$15.00 Gift Certificate at Long Lake Roller Rink & 3 meals & sundaes at Culvers (Portage)	Overholt (Ostertag)
\$25.00 Gift Certificate for Long Lake Skating Rink (Vicksburg) & 2 Bella Creamery Cones	Brendlinger (Vance)
\$40.00 Gift Certificate for Long Lake Skating Rink (Vicksburg) & 2 Mancino (Portage) Gift Cards	Gutshall (Way)
2 - 4 pack cupcakes from the Salted Cupcake in Schoolcraft	Marianne Voetberg / Laurie Chenery
Holiday Wreath hand crafted by Ms. Sackett	Julia Warner
1 week camp at YMCA Sherman Lake	Darrah (White)
Holiday Wreath hand crafted by Ms. Sackett	McEwen (Mendham)
2 Tickets for the play of your choice at The Civic Theatre (Kalamazoo)	Wesolowski (Rutten)
2 - \$30 Gift Certificates at Texas Roadhouse in Portage	Jesse (Koop) / Tina Richmond
Signed baseball from Chicago Cubs' Edwin Jackson	Daiga (Ostertag)
Gift Certificate for a basket from Edible Arrangements in Portage with Bella Creamery cones	Mrs. Kopp
\$30.00 gift card for Olive Garden on Westnedge	Nicola (Vaughn)
Scholastic Book Basket donated by Staci Sokolowski & Scholastic Books	Wesolowski (Ostertag)
Gift Basket from Great Harvest in Portage	Wood (Vaughn)
2 gift certificates from Curious Kids for Summer Academy Program	Rachel Bryant / Tina Richmond
Bracelet with charm from Kristen Weaver's Origami Owl	Jacox (Chenery)
2 - Green Glove Dryers by donated by owner & creator Karen Smoots and family	Weaver (Hicks) / Fullmer (Vaughn)
Dolci Salon - 2 Certificates & 1 product collection (3 winners)	\$20 GC - Karen Ridders / product - Erickson GC for haircut - Wood (Vaughn)
"Cut Above" aka "Best Friend" necklace from Sarah Overholt's Silpadia Jewelry	Tonya Szafranski
Birthday party at Soccer Zone in Portage	Ehler (White)
5 Person Tent (donated by Meijer on Shaver Road in Portage)	Cahill (Vaughn)
Samantha BeForever doll from American Girl	Slagle (Meewes)
Sanderson and DeHaan Lawn Sprinkling (donated by DeHaan family)	Crowley (Rosati)



Big Thank You to PTO planning chair, Kimberly Watkins and all the LCE families for dessert donations during our Fall Teacher Conferences! The teachers and staff loved it. They felt very special and appreciated.



Thank you to Penn Station and all that participated in our Dining Out. LCE PTO earned \$200 ☺















### "SAVE THE DATE" LCE Father Daughter Semi- Formal Dance

**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6–8pm "Enchanted Garden"** More information in coming months. If you would like to volunteer or donate for this magical event please do so at <http://bit.ly/1vmf11y> or contact Julia Warner with any questions or concerns at [jhat10@aol.com](mailto:jhat10@aol.com). Families wishing to donate a semi-formal dress to a girl in need are asked to drop off (to the special free rack) at Second Childhood in Portage (recently moved to the Carillon Center across from Target, they are collecting now through the dance).



## DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2 	3	4 <b>Jungle Joes</b> 6-8pm 	5 S - Stay Safe A - Act Respectfully I - I Can... L - Lead Together
8 <b>Holiday</b> (during ***	9 <b>Boutique</b> recess) <b>VOLUNTEERS</b> & LCE DINING OUT	10 <b>Boutique</b> (during *** <b>NEEDED</b> ***	11 <b>shopping</b> recess)	12 <b>Hoodie</b> <b>Sweatshirt</b> <b>Day</b>  & <b>LCE Movie</b> <b>Night, 6 pm</b>
15	16	17	18	19
22 <b>Winter</b> 	23 <b>Break</b> 	24 <b>No School</b> 	25 <b>No School</b> 	26 <b>No School</b> 
29 <b>NO</b> 	30 <b>SCHOOL</b> 	31 <b>No School</b> 	1 New Year's Day 	2 <b>No School</b> 
5 Return to school	6	7 <b>*All dates may be subject to change</b>	8	9



Come see our new PTO display cabinet in the LCE lobby!

We are excited to say we have a new way to keep you "in the know". It is our hope that this glass showcase will serve as a PTO point of reference when you are at school. **Please feel free to let us know what you think.** [lceptoportage@gmail.com](mailto:lceptoportage@gmail.com)



We apologize for the delay in the LCE School Directory. In the past it had been produced for the cost of supplies only. This year we were awoken to the reality of how expensive the labor is in addition to the supplies. Thank you to Swift Printing and Communications in Grand Rapids who printed the directories this year as an act of kindness to LCE! We truly appreciate your generosity! - Julia Warner, Lora Darrah and the PTO

**PTO meetings are held most 2nd Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm in the LCE Media Center. However, there will be no meeting in December ~ Happy Holidays PTO!**

*These are open meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend. Committee meetings are set by the committee chair.*

#### PTO Officers:

Julia Warner  
Co-President  
Lora Darrah-Co-President  
Stephanie Norg  
V-President  
Darcie Martin – Secretary  
Tony Pallo-Treasurer

#### Teacher Representatives:

Marci Mungovan  
Ashley Palmer-Vance

#### Principal:

Kelly Jensenius

#### Board:

Robin Brendlinger  
Rachel Bryant  
Sarah Gaines  
Katie Johnson  
Angie Layne  
Maggie Piotter  
Kellie Schnell  
Stacie Sokolowski  
Tonya Szafranski  
Stephanie Tangeman  
Nicole Toennessen  
Marianne Voetberg  
Kristen Weaver

Please sign up! Parents, teachers, friends and families are encouraged to register their credit, debit & grocery club cards as supporter with GFS, Hardings, Meijer, Target and the eScrip program. Upon receipt of registration, a percentage of all purchases made with these merchant supporters will be given back to our school. LCE PTO relies on these programs, with minimal volunteer hours to bring the funds to support many events to our students and staff each year. Thank you so much! Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

