

PTO Newsletter

September 2015

Welcome Back!



Did your summer fly by, seem never-ending, or a crazy combination of both? The Lake Center Elementary PTO is excited to be back and looking forward to making new memories this year with all our students and their families. The PTO is an organization of parents and staff, and by being at Lake Center you are automatically members! Being involved with the PTO is a wonderful way to support our school. We love our volunteers and couldn't do half the things we do without them! Learn more about our online sign-ups for many events @ www.LCEPTO.Weebly.com and join us the 2nd Monday of most months, @ 6:30 pm in the Media Center.

In addition to sponsoring several events throughout the school year, the PTO provides funding for field trips, educational materials, and equipment.

First Bell – 8:20 am; Tardy Bell – 8:25 am; Half Day Dismissal – 11:40am; Full Day Dismissal – 3:38pm

First Day of school is Tuesday, September 8th and it is a half day!

Reminder

When using the drop off circle, please make it a quick procedure and have kids exit on the right side of the car. If more time is needed, be sure to go into the parking lot and find a spot to park. The parking lot tends to be a little packed with so many of us bringing our kids on the first day. Make sure your child does not need to cross into traffic. Watch for kids and parents walking and taking advantage of 1st day photo ops! The Lake Center Staff will be working with you to make sure procedures are followed throughout the year but we always want the safest environment for our kids and families!

Welcome Back Coffee

We invite all parents to stop by the LCE Cafeteria between 8:30 - 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 8th to enjoy some coffee and goodies, catch up with friends, and make new ones. Information about PTO events will be available - great time to sign up to volunteer! We look forward to seeing you!



Open House

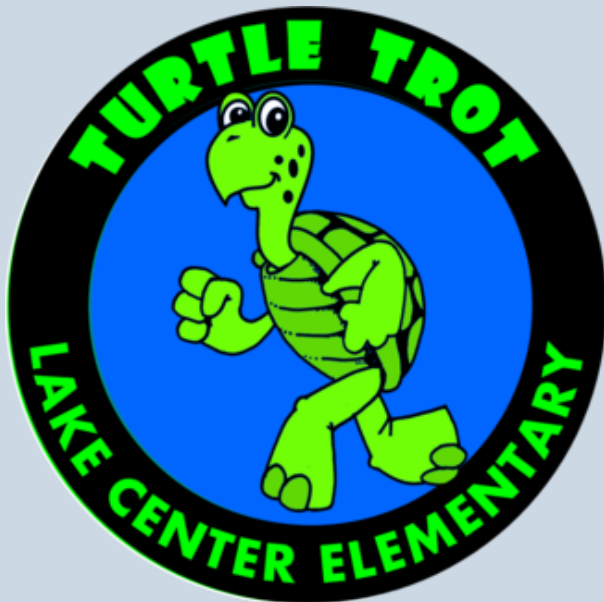


Join us for Open House Thursday, September 17th 6:30-8:00 pm

- *Tour classrooms & school:*
 - *Meet teachers & staff*
 - *Meet other LCE families:*
- *Enjoy refreshments in the Cafe*
- *Sign up to volunteer!*

A donation of a dozen cookies to share would be appreciated. *As always tree nut and peanut free is preferred but please mark packages that contain nuts.

Contact Julia Warner if you would like to assist.
Email: jhat10@aol.com



FALL FUNDRAISER

The Turtle Trot is the primary fundraiser for Lake Center Elementary PTO. The Turtle Trot is a "Walk-a-thon" type event that will take place on Friday, September 25, 2015 during recess*. Prior to the event, students solicit pledges from family, friends, and neighbors for a fixed amount or for the number of laps traveled around the track. Following the event, students will collect donations and win great prizes.

*Rain date: Oct 2nd

Some of the reasons we are excited to host this fundraiser:

Great Return: Nearly 100% of every donation goes to support Lake Center !!

Reduce your Taxes: Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc. is a 501c3 tax exempt organization. Donations made during this event are tax deductible if you itemize.

Double your money: Some employers participate in "Matching Contributions" and will match employee donation to a 501c3 organization. Check with your employer.

Promote Fitness: This event encourages kids to participate in fun physical activity. Fun: We will be providing a fun, festive environment for the event. Kids will have the opportunity to win great prizes that promote school spirit!

Let the FUN raising begin! - Look for forms coming in September
 Start donating now at <http://www.gofundme.com/Turtle-Trot-2015>
 Interested in volunteering or to ask questions—
 Contact Rachel at rachbry5@yahoo.com
 or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaa72fabf94-turtle1>



Our PTO Chair, Nicole, will be taking orders for new LCE spirit wear at our Open House on Sept. 17th. If you or your student is in need of a new t-shirt or sweatshirt showing your support of our school, be sure to stop by her table and place your order! Students will have a chance to show their school pride with scheduled Spirit Days throughout the school year!

PTO Meetings:

- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- January 11
- February 1
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9

PTO Programs:

- 5th Grade Camp
- Allocations for class supplies
- Family Fun Events
- Field Trips
- Kindergarten Lunch Helpers
- Kindergarten Screening Books
- Mileage Club
- Movie Night
- Special Requests
- Staff Appreciation Activities

LCE's 1st BOX TOP Contest is coming October 5-9, please keep collecting!

Lake Center Legends

The Lake Center Legend is a fun and candid group picture of your child's class. It's a great way for your child to identify all of their new friends and help put faces with names.

They will be available for purchase at Open House for \$5.00. Previous years discounted.

Questions? – Contact PTO board

lceptoportage@gmail.com

Student Directory

Due to the convenience of Skyward, the directory will no longer be published. However we are looking for fun, creative ways to recognize the amazing businesses who helped sponsor our school and events with directory ads in the past. Contact lcepto@gmail.com if you would like to be a school sponsor on any level this year.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

*subject to change www.LCEPTO.Weebly.com

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8 Welcome Back Coffee, 8:30-10	9	10 First grade Parent Night, 6:30 pm	11 LCE Legends
14 PTO Meeting 6:30 -2nd floor Media Center	15 Kindergarten Parent night, 7pm	16 Mileage Club	17 Open House/ Scholastic Book Fair	18
21	22	23 Mileage Club	24 School Pictures	25 Turtle Trot
28	29	30 Mileage Club		



Mileage Club: 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28

5th Grade Sherman Lake: 10/7-10/9

Box Top Contest: 10/5 – 10/9

Movie Night: 10/9

PTO Meeting: 10/12
(1/2 day students)

PTO Officers:

Julia Warner--President
Stephanie Norg – Vice President
Kristen Weaver – Secretary
Tony Pallo-Treasurer

Teacher Representatives:

Marci Mungovan
Ashley Palmer-Vance

Principal:

Kelly Jensenius

Feel free to email our board :
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Volunteers Wanted

LCE PTO events are only successful because of the wonderful volunteers!

Have a high school student who needs hours? We have them! Most events have needs for volunteers. Visit our website (www.lcepto.weebly.com) for more information and links to Sign Up Genius. Make sure to notate they are students so chairs know to complete their required paperwork or contact Julia at jhat10@aol.com to be put on a general contact list. These are fun ways to get the needed hours!