

PTO Newsletter

September 2014



Welcome Back!

The Lake Center Elementary PTO would like to welcome all new, returning students, and families back to school! PTO is an organization of parents and staff, and by being at Lake Center you are automatically a member! 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! If you can't volunteer, but your high school child needs volunteer hours, please have them contact us. 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.

The first bell rings at 8:20 am; the second at 8:25 am. Half day dismissal is at 11:40. Regular dismissal is at 3:40 pm.



Open House

Thursday, September 11th

6:30-8:00 pm

- Tour classrooms & school:
- Meet teachers & staff
- Meet other LCE families:
- Enjoy refreshments in the Cafeteria
- Purchase Spirit Wear and Legend photos.
- Sign up to volunteer!

A donation of a dozen cookies to share would be appreciated. *Please be nut safe, and mark packages that may contain nuts. Contact Julia Warner if you would like to assist. Email: lceptoportage@gmail.com

First grade Presentation

Thursday Sept. 4th

6:30-7:30 pm

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Kindergarten Parent Night

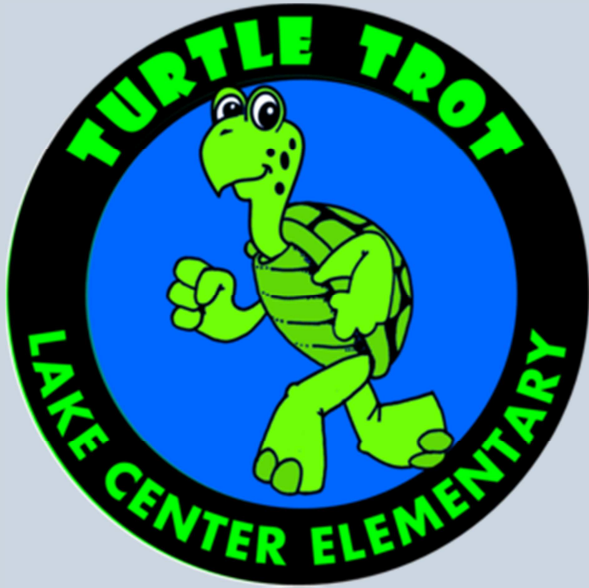
Tuesday Sept. 9th

7:00-8:00 pm



Lake Center is "Reward"... Again!

Congratulations LCE Students and staff on a job well done! Michigan Department of Education's "Accountability Report" named LCE a special "reward" status once again. "Portage Public Schools had three buildings -- Moorsbridge and Lake Center elementaries and Portage Central High School -- in the 94th percentile; the best among school districts that serve Kalamazoo County." This is recognition for high progress in the State! www.mi.gov: Michigan Department of Education www.mischooldata.org
http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/08/see_how_kalamazoo-area_schools_2.html



FALL FUNDRAISER

The primary fundraiser for the Lake Center PTO will be a "Walk a thon" type event. The event is called the Lake Center Turtle Trot.

We do not plan to participate in any catalog sales programs during this school year. The Turtle Trot will take place on Friday September 26th during school (Rain date: Oct 3rd). Prior to the event, Students will solicit pledges from family, friends and neighbors for a fixed amount or for the number of laps traveled around the track. After the event, Students will collect donations and win great prizes. 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

Interested in volunteering or to ask questions—

Contact Rachel at rachbry5@yahoo.com

or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaa72fabf94-turtle1>



Our PTO Chair is exploring ideas for a new order of spirit wear. If you know reliable merchants, have ideas and would like to assist in this process please contact Sarah at lceptoportage@gmail.com. Or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaa72fabf94-spirit1>

PTO Meetings:

- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- January 12
- February 2
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11

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
- Student Directory



LCE's 1st BOX TOP Contest is coming October 6-10, 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 \$4.00.

Previous years discounted.

Questions? – Contact PTO board

lceptoportage@gmail.com


Student Directory

Portage Lake Center PTO prepares a student directory to help families keep in touch. All parents/guardians must complete a directory form for each child. Forms will be distributed the first week of school. Please return your form by Sept. 23rd to ensure your child is included!



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

*subject to change www.LCEPTO.Weebly.com

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
1 Labor Day	2 Welcome Back Coffee, 8:30-10	3	4 First grade Parent Night, 6:30 pm	5 LCE Legends	
8 PTO Meeting 6:30 -2 nd floor Media Center	9 Kindergarten Parent night, 7pm	10	11 Open House	12	 Mileage club Wednesdays <u>Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th</u> Oct 6 th ½ day school Oct 6-10 Box Top Contest
15	16	17 Mileage Club	18	19 School Pictures & Round up Planning meeting 7:30	
22	23	24 Mileage Club	25 TT Balloon Build, 5:30	26 Turtle Trot	Oct 10 th LCE Movie Night Oct 13 th PTO Meeting Oct 22-24 5 th Sherman Lake Oct 30 th ½ day & Picture retakes Oct 31 st No School

PTO meetings are held the 2nd Monday of most months at 6:30 pm in the LCE Media Center.
 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

Feel free to email our board :
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Board:

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ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!

Get the word out on your business! Place a business card size ad in the **Lake Center student directory for only \$25**. Get the attention of 300+ families in this valuable reference book. The advertisement fees allow the PTO to provide complimentary copies for each LCE family.

If you would like to advertise, submit by Sept 23rd.

1. Use a standard business card, or ad graphic of the same size (2"x3 1/2") art. You can also send art as a JPEG or PDF to Julia @ jhat10@aol.com
2. A check made out to **Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.** for \$25
3. Send to school with your child or deliver to school office.