



The Foghorn

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2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: SAILING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

Happy October!

From your Cottage Lake PTA, THANK YOU to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for this school year! We're impressed with the number of families who have enlisted to commit their time and energy to ensure our wonderful programs can continue. *We appreciate you!* It's not too late to sign up for volunteer work, so please go to our website and see what positions might interest you!

In the spirit of nudging you to sign up for something.... we'd like to remind you to sign up to become a PTA member! To put it plainly, the most important reason for you to join is so that you can provide your opinion on what goes on in our schools and with PTA funds. If you are not a member, you CAN NOT vote on these issues. Don't you want to help decide how the money the PTA fundraises gets allocated to our school? And if all the benefits we've been reminding you about don't suffice (if you've stumbled across our website, www.cottagelakepta.org, or viewed the emails you've been receiving from Cottage Lake PTA, then you've seen the oodles of reasons you and our school can benefit from PTA membership) then how about this: the National PTA slogan is *every child, one voice*. On behalf of our children, we need your voice.

"DIVERSITY MEANS"



The Reflections Program is underway! Your child can show off his/her interpretation of this year's theme, "Diversity Means," with an entry of photography, musical composition, dance choreography, film production, literature or visual arts. Entries are due November 9th and will be judged on creative ability and interpretation of theme. Any questions? Please email Lisa Fifer at lisafifer@comcast.net or Ashley Sarmany at thicket23@gmail.com.

MSP Test Results: They're in! With a new math program, a big push for science and the accompanying professional development over the last two years, Cottage Lake Elementary saw progress in math and science on last spring's MSP. Reading scores were down all over the district and the state this year, and it's something that NSD has put a priority on with the purchase of the new reading and writing curriculum. Our principal, Shelley Habenicht, will be presenting specific information relevant to the MSP at our October 18th Board Meeting.

Trivia Q: What's the difference between a Board Meeting and a General Membership Meeting? A: Board Meetings are open to everyone (as are General Membership meetings) but we don't discuss or vote on big things like budgets (which we do at General Membership meetings). Board meetings are for committee reports, treasurer reports, etc. and board members consist of committee chairs and the executive team.

Cottage Lake PTA Mission Statement

Our definition of "Success" is to connect **School, Home, and Community**; coming together to give... **Every Child, One Voice.**

Your PTA Officers:

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Upcoming Events:

October 14
Non-Student Day - NO SCHOOL

October 18
7:00pm Board Meeting

October 28
6:00pm Monster Mash

Parent Education: Interested in the renowned Love and Logic Program? The "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" is being offered locally and is now enrolling. Please email cottagelakepta@hotmail.com if you'd like to register.



On to scarier things! We're excited to be planning our annual **Monster Mash!**

October 28th, 6:00-9:00pm



Join us for our Halloween-themed event—all are welcome! Children (and parents!) have the chance to show off their costumes while they enjoy games, treats, and chances to win prizes at this **FUN** and free event! *No* unsupervised monsters allowed (no drop offs, please).

If anyone would like to donate a new ipod, ipod or any cool techie product for our raffle at the Monster Mash, please email Francine Sullivan at francinesullivan@aol.com.

And while we're talking about donations, does anybody have a functioning trumpet hiding in a closet under-



neth an old letterman's jacket or skis you haven't used in 20 years? If you can part with your instrument, you'd be our musical hero for the day. Please email our fabulous music teacher, Susan Lund, at slund@nsd.org if you can help!

As a PTA, we're doing our best to ensure you receive important news about our school and PTA events via email and our website. If you are not receiving weekly emails from the PTA and would like to, please email Sandy Tupling—sandratupling@hotmail.com to be added. And if you want to be removed (hmpfh) from the email list you could email Sandy as well. Oh, and here's an idea—make www.cottagelakepta.org your browser's home page so you don't miss a thing!

We have some unstaffed volunteer chair positions! Fundraising is looking for a volunteer to chair the Auction committee for our February WinterFest auction and event. We have a number of members who are already on the committee (you would not be alone!) Please contact Francine Sullivan at francinesullivan@aol.com if you are interested. We're also looking for volunteers for the Grant Writing Committee as well as the After School Enrichment Program Committee. Email us at cottagelakepta@hotmail.org when you realize you're just the person we need!

BEAR CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

The "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent"™ Program

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
October 12 – November 16, 2011

16530 Avondale Road NE, Woodinville
(about half-way between the library and Cottage Lake Elementary)

Facilitated by Cindy Horst, M.A.

- Learn fun, loving, *lasting* techniques for...
 - never again having to argue with your child
 - gaining control through giving choices
 - setting limits and responding with empathy
- Parenting with Love and Logic teaches kids, in a *loving* way, to *think* and be *responsible*, thereby raising their self-esteem and ability to handle the real world and all that it throws at them.
- Other parents have said...
 - *We were amazed at how our children responded to these techniques. Our entire family dynamics have changed.*
 - *Best parenting class I've ever attended. Fabulous teacher. Great sense of humor.*
- **Cost: \$15 per family for materials and registration.**



Don't miss it! Space is limited!



Are you missing important email updates? Check your junk mail folder and make Cottage Lake PTA a safe sender!

Save the Date to SKATE!

Wednesday, November 30th from 6pm-8pm at Bellevue Skate King.

More information to come!



FUNDRAISING CORNER:

This month we're highlighting an easy as Safeway-bakery pie passive fundraiser. With Safeway being the closest grocery store to CLE, it's a safe bet that most of you occasionally or frequently shop there. If you already have a Safeway card and key in your phone number to receive the in-store discounts, then, voila, you're ready to sign up for eScrip. You can spend 3 minutes right now and allow Safeway to give Cottage Lake PTA funds every time you shop. It's amazing how simple it is, but our enrollment numbers in Safeway eScrip

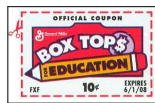


are puny/scrawny/inexcusably low—we need YOU to change that! NOTE: Existing members must renew their membership before November 1st! Go to www.escrip.com and click on "Yes—Renew!" and follow instructions. DO IT NOW BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!

New Members: Visit www.escrip.com. Click: "Sign up - it's free!" and search for Cottage Lake PTA (or use our ID # 8561656) and follow enrollment instructions. Please take the time to sign up. There is no cost to you—there is no extra card. Your Safeway card or phone number used at check out will automatically send the funds to our school. Bonus: eScrip offers an e-magazine called SmartShopper, featuring articles on parenting, cooking, family-life and tips and tricks for busy parents. For a link, go to our website and you'll find it under Fundraising (Safeway) for eScrip.

Another easy way to help our school:

Start clipping and saving Box Tops and Labels for Education. We received over \$600 last year since YOU cut those box tops and labels (or you made your kids do the dirty work, yeah?) Either way, start clipping! Look for these labels on everyday products you purchase, cut them out and send them to school with your child. Box Tops will look similar to this:



Labels for Education will look similar to this:



For tons more information on these programs, including common products you'll find Box Tops on as well as how these programs support our schools, guess where you need to go? (Yup. The Website).

Finally, a HUGE THANK YOU for supporting our fundraiser thru NW Fundraising. The orders are being processed and we'll divulge fundraising numbers as soon as we get them. Orders should be delivered late October or early November. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!



If you have any questions or comments, pretty please email us at cottagelakepta@hotmail.com.

