



The Foghorn

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2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: SAILING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

Welcome Back! The Cottage Lake PTA has great plans in the works for this school year and we're kicking it off with a Back to School Pizza Party. Join us TONIGHT for free food, fun activities, pottery painting and endless good times. 6:00-8:00pm.



What does it mean to be a member of the PTA? In one word: supportive.

The membership dues you pay cover the fees owed to the State and National PTAs, which in turn recognizes *our* PTA. What is it that we do? For starters, we're a volunteer run, non-profit organization that aims to connect school, home and community to help every child receive the best education possible. Through fundraising efforts, the PTA supplements district-approved curriculum with extra programs, materials, books, and equipment to enhance the education of all students. And, we sponsor really cool events like the October Monster Mash, the Winter Fest/Spring Fling, family movie nights, etc.

Becoming a Cottage Lake PTA member *does NOT* mean you have to volunteer any of your time or attend any meetings. However, your membership *DOES* mean you're making a great difference for our school and community AND earning a discount on PTA programs and events. Please join the Cottage Lake PTA now! Any questions? Feel free to email us at cottagelakepta@hotmail.com.



SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT! PERSONALIZED SWEAT-SHIRTS, HOODIES, TSHIRTS AND MORE ARE AVAILABLE IN A RANGE OF COLORS AND SIZES. ORDER ONLINE BEFORE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH BY CLICKING THRU THE BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET. GET YOUR GEAR ON!

After School Enrichment Classes (ASAP) Registration is NOW!

Classes start on September 19th and unless noted run for 8 weeks. We have a great lineup of classes for our fall enrichment program. Go to www.cottagelakepta.org and click on the Back to School Packet for the full class description and enroll there! Sneak Peek: Jr Art Appreciation (Grades K-3), Karate (Grades K-6), Drama for Kids (Grades 1-6), Jr Engineer Lego Class (Grades 1-4), and Science Club (Grades K-6).

COMMUNICATION: Our goal as a PTA is to keep you informed via our NEW website, www.cottagelakepta.org; the Foghorn, a monthly publication, as well as a once-a-week email update which includes school and community information and events. When you register on www.cottagelakepta.org, make sure your email preferences are checked in order to receive the email updates.



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:

Presidents:
Jodie Howerton
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Kres Jones
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Sandra Tupling
Marilee Cipra

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Theresa Rumens-Shabro
Francine Sullivan

Upcoming Events:

September 9
6:00pm Pizza Party

September 12, 14, 15, 19
Curriculum Nights

September 20
6:00pm WatchDOGS
7:00pm General Membership
PTA Meeting

CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Monday, September 12th

6:00pm: Kindergarten
7:00pm: CLC/Special Ed

Wednesday, September 14th

6:00pm: 3rd Grade
7:00pm: 4th Grade

Thursday, September 15th

6:00pm: 5th Grade
7:00pm: 6th Grade

Monday, September 19th


6:00pm: 1st Grade
7:00pm: 2nd Grade



Popcorn Anyone?

Here! Here! The PTA is continuing Popcorn Fridays this year! To ensure we can maintain this program, you must purchase popcorn - \$10 for PTA members and \$12 for non-members – or your child must present 50cents to purchase – in order to receive this much adored treat. For those of you who purchase the popcorn ahead of time, your child's name will be on file for distribution.

FUNDRAISING CORNER:

There are many easy ways you can contribute to our school without making a direct donation to the PTA. Of course you can find all this information on our website as we've, eh'hem, mentioned. We'll be highlighting one or more options in each Foghorn to remind you. 



Donations from Target: In the rush to stock up on back-to-school items, we're guessing that many of you made a trip or two or five to Target. Did you know that Target donates a percentage of your purchase directly to the school (it doesn't funnel through the PTA). There is no cost to sign up—all you do is use your Target Visa card after you've designated our school via the Take Charge of Education program. Visit www.target.com/tcoe to link your card to our school. If you don't want to sign up for a Target Visa, you can sign up for a Check Card through Target that is linked to your checking account and works exactly like writing a check at Target.

OUR BIG FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR IS COMING THIS MONTH...

Our major fundraiser of the year will be through Northwest Fundraising—a locally based program with great product offerings from wrapping paper, homewares, gifts, frozen foods and much more. **50% of the proceeds** will be donated to the PTA! Northwest Fundraising has helped some of our neighboring Northshore District PTAs raise *significant* amounts of money to help fund school programs. We're hoping that this fundraiser will be so successful that it will be our first of the year, and our last. YOU can help! Your child will be sent home with a catalog as well as instructions for online ordering. This will be a great opportunity for our children to feel directly involved in helping raise funds for our school. Information will go out towards the end of this month—keep your eyes open for it!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FUNDRAISING AND ALL OTHER PTA PROGRAMS, PLEASE VISIT WWW.COTTAGELAKEPTA.ORG. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PTA!!!

