



The Foghorn

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2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: SAILING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

Happy 2012!

We hope you enjoyed a joyful and relaxing holiday!



Thank you for your generous donations to the handful of great causes we supported last month. From the Helping Hands Committee, *“THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Christmas Helping Hands an overwhelming success. Because of you, we were able to provide gifts and gift cards to 11 Cottage Lake families. We are amazed at the number of people and groups that donated this year...families, teachers and staff, PTA and neighbors. Your gifts and donations were so great that we will be able to provide assistance to families throughout the remainder of the year. We are so proud to belong to such a generous community.”* For Heifer International, the loose change brought in by your children raised \$1,200. Those funds will go towards purchasing livestock and training for impoverished families, helping reduce hunger, increase nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. The Labels for Education Drive brought in 4,676 points which our teachers will be able to use to purchase materials for their classrooms (see our website for the full run-down and class winners!). Recycling Lays Chips bags and Capri Suns (THANK YOU to our fantastic and diligent volunteers who sort thru that bag of fun) allowed us to provide the following thru Terracycle.net: 10 honeybees to a family, a baby chicken to a family, saved an acre of wildlife land, planted one tree, gave clean water to 300 people for one week, gave clean water to three people for one year, gave 50 meals to Americans at Thanksgiving and saved 2 pounds of carbon from the atmosphere. All these things happened in the course of a month. Pat yourselves on the back - our school community is indeed making the world a better place!

This edition of the Foghorn gets us straight to business with a reminder that planning for our **Winterfest Dinner and Silent Auction** is in full swing. Our volunteers are working hard to ensure this is a fabulous event for the entire family. On February 10th from 6:30 -9:00pm we will be hosting this great affair at CLE. This is a family friendly event which includes dinner, silent auction, crafts, activities and games for the kids. To make the auction a success, we need your help acquiring donations. If you or anyone you know has items or services to donate, please turn them into the office by January 20th. Procurement letters should accompany donations and can be found on our website. Need ideas? How about items from your company, weekends at your cabin or timeshare, hand-made crafts, wine, electronics, sporting tickets, theater tickets, lessons (what can you teach?), new toys, fresh veggies from your garden, horse rides, pet sitting, gift certificates, car washing (by a 6th grader?), host a poker night, host a cupcake party—the possibilities are endless! You’ll also have the opportunity to donate items for classroom baskets (one basket per grade level, no procurement letter required). Here’s a reminder of grade level items needed for donation: CLC/Preschool/PreK - Arts and Crafts; Kindergarten - Family Cooking Night; 1st Grade - Family Games/Puzzle Night; 2nd Grade - Outdoor Fun; 3rd Grade - Movie Night; 4th Grade - Restaurant Night; 5th Grade - Drinks and Sweets; 6th Grade - Gift Cards. Cash donations are appreciated as well, including employer matching. This is going to be a great event - purchase your tickets now on our website! Adult ticket prices are \$10 for PTA Members and \$12 for non-members. Children are free!

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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Mark Your Calendars:

January 16
MLK Day - No School

January 17
PTA Board Meeting - 7pm

January 27
Non Student Day

Reflections Open House - congratulations to our finalists! Their work, along with other district finalists, will be available for viewing TODAY from 4-9pm, and Saturday, January 7th 10-3pm, at Northlake Lutheran Church. 6620 NE 185th St, Kenmore, WA 98028. Following are our finalists - NICE WORK! Film Production, K-2, Zaynah Cappelletti. Photography, 3rd-5th, Joyce Bateman. Photography, 6th-8th, Megan Siemering. Visual Arts, K-2, Gwen Schwenk, Mila Hyra and Megan Cole. Visual Arts, 3rd-5th, Joyce Bateman and Anya Hyra. Visual Arts, 6th-8th, Grace Zam-zow.



Piano Accompaniment

We're looking for a volunteer piano player who can perform for our Spring drama production of the Jungle Book. Check out the score on our website! Time commitment would be the week of production (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday rehearsals and 2 performances on Saturday). Please email cottagelakepta@hotmail.com if you're interested.



Math Club and NEMO

Three cheers for Matt Warhol (5th grade) who will be leading Math Club and NEMO (Northshore Elementary Mathematical Olympiad) this year. Look for more information to be posted on the website, but for now please consider volunteering to help after school. Math Club is one day a week and supplemental math is one day a week—students may attend one or both days. Please email cottagelakepta@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering once or twice a week after school.



PTA Men's Essay

WA State PTA hosts a Men's program which recognizes the important and different contribution that men make in children's lives and in their education. Children are more successful in and out of school when they have the guidance of an involved male role model—a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, step-father, teacher, mentor, neighbor, pastor/priest, coach, or friend. WA State PTA advocates for all children and all families, and as part of that advocacy they are promoting a statewide essay contest that explores this vital relationship, from our children's perspective. All children's entries shall include an essay no more than 650 words that describes how a male role model plays a role in their personal life. Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2012—entry forms and more information can be found on our website.



Inclement Weather

So far we've had barely a hint of winter weather, but there's still plenty of chances (and hope!) that we'll see some snow this year. That said, winter weather conditions could impact school schedules. In the event of a school delay or closure, the district will send a telephone message to families and employees. Please ensure you have updated your contact information with your child's school. Families who do not want the interruption of an early morning or evening inclement weather call can opt out of receiving them by contacting the Communications Department at 425.408.7670. You might want to review alternate bus routes with your child (to determine your child's alternate bus stop, please go to www.nsd.org/NSDTransportation. You must include your zip code to obtain accurate information). For more information on schools and the weather, including the 2011-2012 Snow & Ice Bulletin, please visit www.nsd.org/weather.



Fundraising Corner:

Do your New Year's resolutions include eating more fruits and vegetables? Well, you're in luck, because our PTA is a member of the Jamba Juice School Appreciation Program and they have fabulous smoothies (a fruit is still a fruit even with a little sherbet added, right?) Every time you swipe your card (which we can provide) at Jamba Juice, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to our PTA and 2% to the National PTA. Need a card for your key chain? Email cottagelakepta@hotmail.com and we'll make sure you get one!



Science Experiment du jour:

Can you mix oil and water? First pour 1/2 cup of water into a jar with a lid. You may want to put a drop of food coloring in so it's easy to see. Slowly pour in 1/4 cup of cooking oil. What happens? Try shaking the jar with the lid tightly closed. How many layers do you see? You can also add molasses and rubbing alcohol to make a "liquid lasagna." Liquids that are less dense will float on heavier liquids. Which liquid is the heaviest?



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