



The Foghorn

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2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: SAILING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

We're kicking off November full of gratitude!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the Monster Mash last Friday – we hope you had a great time! We're grateful for your food contributions to Hopelink (you still have until the 9th to bring food in!) and we hope your students had a safe and happy Halloween. Also, THANKS again for supporting last month's fundraiser via NW Fundraising – our school received \$8,003.05!

We're happy to share that the Awards and Grants committee just approved four grants for the month of October, totaling \$1,039! This covered a CLC field trip, owl pellets for the 2nd grade, provided new batteries for the school walkie talkies and purchased literacy supplies for our kindergartners. Each month the Awards and Grants committee will accept grant requests until the allocated funds are utilized. Thank you for supporting school programs like this thru fundraising—we couldn't do it without you!



EVENTS WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MONTH:

November 8th: Killer Whale Tales Assembly 9:30am - Your CLPTA has arranged for a dynamic assembly on Orcas in the Puget Sound! Expect your kids to come home talking about this one! As always, parents are invited to attend assemblies.

November 9th: Assembly Honoring Veterans! 12:45pm - Cottage Lake students, along with musicians from Timbercrest Junior High, wish to honor all veterans in a special assembly on Wednesday, November 9th. Students have been preparing several songs, a dance, a flag ceremony, and speeches to present to the veterans! Please invite any veterans in your family or community to attend this special presentation. Veterans are asked to make themselves comfortable in any seat near the back of the Cottage Lake gym when they arrive—students will be seated in the first two rows. We're all looking forward to thanking veterans for their service to our wonderful country!

November 15th: PTA Board Meeting 7:00pm - free childcare provided by YMCA.

November 16th-November 23rd: School Book Fair TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!!! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Cottage Lake November 16-23 in the library. New this year—ONLINE ORDERING! Look for more information in the coming weeks regarding FAMILY NIGHT on November 17th! We are still in need of volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up and sales during the day and after school. Please visit the book fair link on the school website or contact krispedro@hotmail.com to sign up for a shift that fits your schedule. Also on family night will be our Reflections Exhibition—come check out our students' interpretations of "Diversity Means." (Remember that the deadline for submittals is November 9th!)

Cottage Lake PTA Mission Statement

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

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Mark Your Calendars:

November 10
Non-Student Day

November 11
Veteran's Day
No School

November 24-25
Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

EVENTS CONTINUED:

November 30th: Skate King Family Night: 6:00pm - Who's ready to Shoot the Duck or skate the Snowball while listening to songs by Journey or Foreigner? No, not the right decade? Well, whether you're nodding your head and remembering your own roller skating memories or whether you're a beginner, please join us for a night of fun at the Bellevue Skate King! \$8 will get you admission and skate rentals - get your skates on!

Staff Appreciation: The Teacher/ Staff Appreciation Committee is looking for parents to help provide our wonderful teachers and staff with a luncheon on Friday, December 2nd to show just how much we appreciate the time and effort they spend on our children. If you are able to help by providing a casserole, rolls or to help with set-up, please contact Kris Pedro at krispedro@hotmail.com at your earliest convenience. Thanks for the help!

Calling all room parents! Please assign a photographer for your class parties, special activities, and field trips. This ensures yearbook coverage of your child's classroom! Please turn photos in to the front office, or email our Yearbook Chair, Ashley Sarmany, at thicket23@gmail.com.



Heard about the success of the October Science Club? Students have been raving about this enrichment class and all the cool experiments they've participated in. We're already enrolling for the Winter Term Science Club via our website (using the Back to School Packet). The class will run from January 5th to February 16th - 6 weeks long with no class on Jan 19th due to Zoo Day. Class is Thursdays only at lunch recess and costs \$10 for the term.

Regarding Enrichment Classes, we need a volunteer to co-ordinate after school classes (ASAPs) for Winter/Spring Term. Please think about helping out so we don't have to discontinue these important classes. Contact niki_thornton@comcast.net or log onto the PTA website to volunteer.

FUNDRAISING CORNER:



Attention online shoppers! Did you know that when you make an amazon.com purchase by first clicking thru the amazon link on our website, the PTA can earn 4-15% on your purchase? We just started this partnership with amazon.com last year and what a great opportunity to passively raise funds for the PTA! From everyday shopping to last minute holiday gifts—amazon.com has it all! Next time you plan to shop amazon.com, make sure you first go to our website, click on fundraising and then on the amazon.com link—the ordering process is the same as usual. You will sign in using your own private profile/password/payment information. Contact marileecipra@hotmail.com with any questions. Shop away!

Dreaming of turkey gravy and stuffing yet? If you're already in Thanksgiving menu planning mode, here's a reminder that when you shop at PCC, 5% of all scrip card purchases goes to the PTA! Cards are available in the school office or by request. You will take a PCC Scrip card (all have a zero balance) and on your next grocery trip you'll recharge it as you are checking out and paying for groceries. It's similar to paying cash but with the scrip card the school will benefit! If you have questions or need cards, please contact Mary Heidt at 425-788-9815 or maryandbruce@frontier.com.

Find lots more information on the web—www.cottagelakepta.org.



Check out the Literacy section under Resources on our website for cool educational games and activities for your child!