



WOODMOOR WAVE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Changes are occurring all around us...the colorful palette of leaves, the unpredictable weather, daylight savings....

At school, our children have spent the last couple of months transitioning into the classroom setting. Now that the routines are falling into place, there are more homework responsibilities, new expectations and changes.

Classroom teachers and parents are preparing for our upcoming conferences to talk about the changes that our children are making within the classroom.

PTSA is moving our focus from our Fall Fundraiser into our Pass the Hat Fundraising. Thanks to Karen McGee, Vice President of Fundraising, for coordinating our fall fund raiser. The net proceeds from this sale will be divided among our classroom teachers. Our teachers will have the opportunity to enhance their classrooms, purchase curriculum materials, fund field trips or to buy other classroom items.

Our Pass the Hat Fundraiser is currently underway. It is a simple donation, so it will appeal to families that may not enjoy buying or selling things. One hundred percent of this fundraiser goes to support our PTSA programs: carnival, bingo night, science fair, art walk, etc. Donations can be made at www.woodmoorptsa.org

Don't miss our Fall Food Drive. Donations will be accepted until this Thursday, November 9th. If you haven't seen the food drive display located outside the main office, take a peek. Our Woodmoor Social Services team, Julie Hakamada, Diana Quist and will soon be beginning our Winter Drives.

Finally, PTSA is ALWAYS looking for new people and fresh ideas. Feel free to contact us if you would like to join an existing committee or drop by one of our meetings to see how you can be involved. Our hardworking team is always flexing and starting new projects.

Enjoy this season of change.

Laurie Rector...PTSA President

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 17-23 Book Fair in the Library
Early Dismissal @ 12:20pm
- 23 Reflections Program: Entries Deadline
- 24-25 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving
- 29 Picture Retake Day

DECEMBER

- 5-9 Toy Drive
- 8 PTSA Meeting - OPEN TO EVERYONE - Activity Room, 9:30am
- 16 Popcorn Friday
- 19 NO SCHOOL: Holiday Break

CALLING ALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Are you a Woodmoor family and a business owner? Did you know that the PTSA school directory usually has an ad section. Our hope is to add as many businesses from our own community to this section this year.

The benefit of this goes two ways. It benefits our school community and your business. If you are interested in placing an ad, there will be a minimal donation requested depending on the size of your ad.

Our directory lead is working diligently to put together the annual Woodmoor Directory. Please email newsletter@woodmoorptsa.org asap if you are interested.

BOX TOPS & LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Have you noticed the collection boxes for Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education in the front entry. If you haven't heard of either of these programs, they allow us to earn cash by simply clipping and turning in Box Tops and Labels (from Campbell soup cans). Both of these programs support our school.

Look for these emblems on products purchased.



DANCE CHAIR/COMMITTEE

At the request of the students, Woodmoor PTSA is hoping to have a dance. The date is set for March 2nd 2012. We are looking for a parent to head this up.

This would include the following:

- * Choosing a theme
- * Contacting and booking a DJ, (we can provide a couple of company names and phone numbers)
- * Advertizing the event, posters, website, Newsletters
- * Planning refreshments, you may bring the 6th graders in to sell items in the activity room if they would like to earn more money for their 6th grade party.
- * Coordinate volunteers
- * Give committee reports at the PTSA meetings.
- * Keep a notebook/folder to pass on to the next Dance chair/committee.

Please contact Linda Gilmore if you are interested.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Washington State PTA held its annual Legislative Assembly on October 14th and 15th at SeaTac Marriot Hotel.

The Washington State PTA has over 143,000 members and 900 local PTAs and is the largest membership-based advocacy association in the state. The purpose of the assembly was to set the statewide PTA's priorities for the legislative session in Olympia.

The assembly discussed issues including charter schools, juvenile justice, achievement gaps, early learning, school zone signage, and teacher compensation.

For more information, please see http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/leg_assembly/index.html or contact Mike Stall, Woodmoor PTA legislative co-chair
mikestall@hotmail.com

PASS THE HAT FUNDRAISER

Do you want to help support Woodmoor PTSA without having to buy or sell anything? That's why we've created the *Pass the Hat* fundraiser. Just attend one of Woodmoor's many family night activities (Back-to-School Night, Carnival, Bingo...) and be on the lookout for the special hat - cash or check donations are accepted. You may also mail your donation to:

Woodmoor Elementary
12225 N.E. 160th Street
Bothell, WA 98011-4167

We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. If your employer has a matching funds program, provide us with their contact information and our school will doubly benefit from your generosity. Checks should be made out to *Woodmoor PTSA*.

We've made it even easier to give to our
Pass the Hat fundraiser:

PTSA is now accepting online donations
 (most major cards accepted!)

www.woodmoorptsa.org

While you're online, click on the Facebook link
 and "like" our page to get the latest school
 news and volunteer opportunities.

PTSA ON THE WEB

Thank you, Karina Duchastel for designing our website banner (by the front entrance) and getting it ordered and displayed for us.

Karina is also responsible for keeping our website up to date. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, the address is **www.woodmoorptsa.org**. We are always open to new ways to make things run more efficiently at school and at home. If you have any new ideas for our website, please contact us.

JOIN OUR TEAM, KEEP KIDS SAFE!

The Safe Arrival group could use one or two additional parent volunteers to assist with morning phone calls to families who have not contacted the school to report that their child will be absent. We are looking for someone who can come to Woodmoor once a week at 10am and make phone calls. The job only takes 15 to 30 minutes! No experience necessary! Enormous help to the front office! For more information, please contact Diana Quist at kanddquist@comcast.net.



REFLECTIONS PROGRAM 2011-2012

National PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create and submit works of art in six areas:

Dance/Choreography
 Film Production
 Literature
 Musical Composition
 Photography
 Visual Arts (includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making and collage)

This year's theme is "Diversity Means..."
 ("La Diversidad Significa...")

All students will be recognized with a certificate and their entries will be hung in the main Woodmoor hallway Gallery to showcase their work and celebrate their creative efforts.

Encourage your children to participate in this fun and rewarding opportunity in the arts.

To participate, please pick up an English or Spanish packet with entry form, consent form, and rules in the Woodmoor office or go online to http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/about_reflections to print out the Student Entry Form, Consent Forms (must be used if a child or adult's recognizable image or voice is included in a Reflections entry), and Student Rules.

All entries are due November 23rd to the Woodmoor office.

If you need additional information, please contact:
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 or Katrina Sather @ 206-947-4879
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