



LECLAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE LEOPARD'S "SPOT"-LIGHT

PTO NEWSLETTER



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On behalf of the PTO board I would like to

welcome all new and returning students, staff and teachers to what is going to +be another exciting year at Leclair Elementary. We are already off to a fantastic start! With school in full swing the PTO has been hard at work planning and organizing upcoming events. I would like to take this opportunity to "thank" all of those who helped plan this year's Boo-Hoo/Yahoo breakfast. This was our second year for the breakfast and it doubled in participation! I am also happy to report that we had a lot more Yahooers than Boo-Hooers!

Our two major fundraisers are also moving along with a great deal of success. Entertainment books will be wrapping up shortly and Market Day will continue to grow strong through the support of our school and fellow alum. Also, a special thank you to the book fair team for doing a wonderful job organizing this year's Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair is a huge highlight for the kids and encourages them to get reading! In addition, PTO volunteer forms are still available if you have not had the chance to complete one. There are many great opportunities for you to assist in your child's school. PTO offers projects that can be completed at school, after school and from home.

The PTO belongs to you, the parents!

Attend meetings and get involved in important decisions that affect the children. Meetings are once a month and only last about an hour. We hope to see many new and familiar faces at the first PTO meeting on **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00**. Babysitting is available.

New this year....

We have added a PTO bulletin board in the lobby. Please check out the calendar and message board for PTO updates.

We look forward to the year to come and we have a lot of fun events planned for the kids this year. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at: *kristen@pfundconstruction.com* or 692-9502

Entertainment Books

Our sale is wrapping up and our preliminary results reflect some impressive numbers! We currently have over \$13,000 in sales which provides Leclair a profit so far of \$6,500! We will continue to take orders if you find friends and family asking for them and you were not sure if you can still order —**yes you can!**

We have had over 30 families take advantage of the buy/sell 5 & receive the 6th one free! If you were close to that number and it just takes one or two more, don't hesitate to send in

your additional order (Child's Name, Teacher name, # of books, check made payable to Leclair PTO), and if the additional order puts you over the 5 book mark for your family, then please make note. If you have siblings who met the 5 and we didn't send you your free book, please send in a note so we can get one to you—thanks for your patience!

We will soon report on the top sellers & classrooms, along with our special drawing! Each class with 100% participation (buy/sell OR return the sample book) will receive a popcorn party! Please be sure to return the sample book if you do not play to buy or sell it; it is not a free book.

We appreciate all your support!

Debbie Provins

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Market Day

Our first Market Day pick up is just around the corner and we'd like to thank all of our wonderful parents who have generously volunteered to help organize and distribute the **80** orders we received this month! Way to go Leopards!

If you missed this month's deadline, don't fret! We have another sale coming up in October with great specials, great food and great deals! Look for

more information to come home soon!

*Kristen Pfund, Tiffany Paschall and
Debbie Gaughan*

Book Fair

What a fun adventure we had at the **Destination Book Fair—Read Across the World!** The PTO was able to donate ONE FREE BOOK for every student to take home and lots of our students enjoyed shopping at the book fair as well. The Scholastic Book Fair is such a great way to earn money for our school while promoting reading. Our teachers love it too! Thank you so much for visiting the book fair, volunteering your time to help and especially for helping your child's teacher by checking out their WISH LIST and buying your teacher a book for their classroom!

We had a fun week! We raised over \$800 in our One-for-Books change drive. That means Scholastic will MATCH that donation by donating over 800 books to kids in need AND our school gets to add \$880 worth of books to our library from the Book Fair. Mrs. Schmidt's class won first place in the change drive and received \$25 in free books for their classroom and got to spray Mrs. Smith with SILLY STRING! Mrs. Kinsella's class won first place in our Book Fair BINGO and also received \$25 in free books for their classroom as well as a special book reading with Mrs. Smith. All of this was only made possible by the support of our students and their families!

Thanks again to all the many supportive and creative volunteers that helped make the Destination Book Fair fun and memorable... if only we could have floated away in our BIG hot air balloon! We hope our students enjoyed the Book Fair just as much as we enjoyed planning it for them!

*Katie Peterson, Heather Frailey,
Barb Gramke and Julie Worthen*

Box Tops for Education

Just a reminder for all parents to continue cutting out those Box Tops and saving them for the October 9th deadline. Each one is worth a dime for the school, and they DO add up. If you already have a bag/envelope that is full, send it in with your child, clearly labeled with the teacher's name (the class with the most collected will win an ice cream party).

We are also collecting Campbell's Soup labels, so save those and send them in as well.

We still need people for the Box Top committee! If you are interested in this very flexible committee opportunity please contact Sheree Zoelzer at szoelzer@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Sheree Zoelzer

Buzz Books

2009-2010 Buzz Books are coming out soon! They will be sent home with your students next week! This year the PTO is providing one book, per family, per grade. So, if you have one first grader and one kindergartener you will receive two books! We will also have additional books for sale for \$1.00. If you would like to purchase an additional book, or if you have any questions email Tiffany Paschall at tmpaschall@att.net.

Tiffany Paschall and Heather Frailey



Foreign Language

Leclair is gearing up to start the Foreign Language Program. Interest letters have gone out. If you are interested in signing up your child, there is still time to do so as the program won't begin until the week of October 5th. Look for another interest letter coming soon and every effort will be made to

accommodate your preferences. If you are available to give a little time to help out with the program, please contact Julie Worthen, Julie_worthen@yahoo.com, 656-3678.

Julie Worthen



Staff Appreciation

Our first Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held in October! I will be looking for volunteers interested in sending food in or helping the day of the luncheon. The luncheons are always wonderful and greatly appreciated by our fantastic staff! If you haven't yet indicated an interest in this committee and would like to, please contact Natalie Thiems at n_thiems@yahoo.com, or 659-4476.

Natalie Thiems

Laminating

We are in the process of forming the new laminating committee. Teachers, please continue to bring projects to the laminating machine as usual. If you are needing special assistance or if you are interesting in volunteering for the laminating committee please email Elaine Szedlar at szeds@sbcglobal.net. Thanks!

Elaine Szedlar



Recycling Program

The recycling program is already underway! More information will be presented at the first PTO Meeting on September 22nd! For a complete list of items available for recycling visit www.fundingfactory.com or contact Angie Berlemann at aberlemann@sbcglobal.net



Yearbook

If you love taking pictures of your Le-

LeClaire students as much as I do...on the first day of school, field trips, class parties or even just for fun, please feel free to email your favorite photos to me so I can try to use them in our Yearbook! This is my LAST year at LeClaire, so I want this yearbook to be full of the special memories that make LeClaire School what it is...our favorite little school with teachers and friends that we will never forget! In the meantime, keep taking those pictures!!!

Katie Peterson

kpete11@yahoo.com

LeClaire Spiritwear

Look for LeClaire Spiritwear order forms to be coming home soon! We are still finalizing some details so if you have suggestions as to what you would like to see offered let us know!

We will be distributing the orders in October and still need volunteers to help organize and distribute. If you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions or questions, contact Alicia Smith, asmith@wisperhome.com or 650-7202.



Alicia Smith

Important Dates

September 22nd—PTO Meeting at 7pm in the Gym

*babysitting provided by FIT/GO Students

September 24th—Fall Picture Day!!!

October 2nd—Movie Night at 7:00 pm

October 12th—Columbus Day (No school)

October 16th—1/2 day of attendance and end of 1st qtr



Don't forget! Our annual movie night is Friday, October 2nd at 7pm! We will provide the popcorn and the movie, you can bring your favorite family friendly beverages and hopefully Mother Nature will provide a beautiful evening! Look for the movie announcement coming soon!

PTO Committee Chairs

Still Needed!!

The following Committees still need chairpersons:

Corporate Fundraising

Media Center/AR Program

Social Committee/Spring Fling

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact a PTO Board Member for more information.

**DON'T FORGET!!!
MARKET DAY PICK-UP
THURSDAY, SEPT. 10TH
LECLAIRE CAFETERIA
5:00—6:00 PM**