

Little Cedars PTA Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- DADS AND DONUTS: 6/7 & 6/8
- 6TH GRADE RECOGNITION: 6/19 6:30PM
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, PARADE, & ASSEMBLY: 6/22

A Message from the President

With the school year quickly coming to an end, I really just want to thank all of the PTA members, parent volunteers, the LCE Staff and our fabulous teachers, and Mr. Hanson and Mrs. Brockman for all of the support you have provided this year.

As I look back at this school year, my heart-felt thanks goes out to the LCE PTA board members for all of your time and hard work this year. Monique, Doris, Hollie, Linda, and Kari: We made a lot of progress, tried some new things, and most certainly had a positive impact on our kids and our school. You are an amazing group of women and I appreciate your dedication!

We've been fortunate to have many wonderful parent volunteers that make our programs and events possible at Little Cedars. Without you, none of this is possible! We'd like to thank the following people for their hard work and efforts on some of our year long programs and recent spring events.

- ◆ Sheri Headdy and Kari Fausey: Yearbook chairs
- ◆ Connie Hellmund and Linda Smith: Art Docent chairs
- ◆ Lauren Hyatt: Celebration of the Arts chair
- ◆ Nancy Godines: Hospitality chair and Fun Run chair
- ◆ Colleen Chin: Staff Appreciation Week chair
- ◆ Sheri Headdy and Tami Schofner: Science Fair chairs
- ◆ Chris Johnson: FFL chair
- ◆ Connie Hellmund: Lego Club chair
- ◆ Rebecca Burns: PTA Newsletter Editor
- ◆ Doris Axelson: Science Lab chair
- ◆ Stephanie Eilitz : Legislative and Advocacy chair
- ◆ Scott Elings: Auction chair
- ◆ And all our other outstanding volunteers throughout the year!

Thank you for the support you have shown me, your generosity, and hard work... it's been a pleasure serving as your president for the past two years. In the Fall, you will be in the very capable hands of a new PTA Board lead by PTA veteran, Jennifer Rasar, as your president. Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you around the neighborhood! ~ Ashley Zimmerman, www.littlecedarspta.com (new)



Special Note

Did you know you can subscribe to the PTA calendar? Once your local calendar subscribes to the PTA Event calendar, it can automatically refresh your local calendar with any changes made. More information can be found on our website.

<http://littlecedarspta.com/ptacalendar.aspx>



Our Website changed:

Littlecedarspta.com

Fundraising @ LCE

Another school year is almost over at Little Cedars Elementary. The past two years have been great as Vice President of Fundraising. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful, supportive and generous families. We have continued the efforts started in the past and have initiated new programs that continue to educate and support the students and staff of Little Cedars Elementary.

I would like to take this time to welcome our new PTA Board for the 2012/2013 school year. A special welcome goes out to Karla Wheeler as she takes charge of Fundraising. I know she will receive the same support from our community that we have had in the past. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our school a special place for our children.

Thank you - Monique Taylor

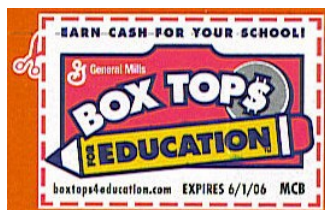
In addition to their PTA Auction sponsorship this year, Bell-Anderson Insurance will also donate \$10 to Little Cedars PTA for every opportunity to quote your Personal Insurance. Visit our PTA webpage at www.littlecedarspta.com to find the link to this great Little Cedars PTA program...you may even save some money in the process!"



BELL-ANDERSON
INSURANCE

Box Tops and Labels for Education

Please continue to save your Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education during the summer. We will submit labels and box tops again in October, so please keep clipping and saving! We love free money and free products at LCE.





OFFERS FOR SCHOOLS

Attention LCE Parents and Friends

**Are you a business owner or do you know a business owner
that would like to support our local schools?**

This year the LCE PTA is fundraising with MSN Offers for Schools! We are looking for any and all business owners that would like to increase their customer base, have their business promoted throughout our community AND help raise funds for our school.

Here is how the program works:

- MSN Offers for Schools will work with local businesses to set up a special offer (similar to a Groupon or Living Social deal)
- The offer will run on [LCE's own MSN Offers for Schools daily deal site](#) AND the site of any other schools participating in the MSN offers for schools program in your community
- Your offer will be featured on the MSNOffers.com page
- Our school will receive between 10%-15% of the purchase price of ALL the deals sold from our site
- Businesses will be promoted throughout our community at no cost

If you're interested in finding out more or signing up for email notifications, please visit <http://www.msnooffersforschools.com/WA/littlecedars/>.

To submit local businesses to participate in the program, please go to <http://msnooffers.blue33hosting.com/deal-registration.htm> and the MSN Offers for School team will get in touch with those merchants ASAP.

For more information on MSN Offers for Schools please contact Karla Wheeler at karlawheeler@comcast.net or Littlecedarspta.com





Legislative Update

Washington Treading Water in Science

everychild.onevoice. • Washington has slight edge in science scores, but gaps continue

- Not much movement since 2009: 29 percent not basic; 36 percent basic; 34 percent proficient; 2 percent advanced (numbers are rounded)

Washington's eighth-graders scored a little better than the national average on the science portion of the Nation's Report Card, but the state's gaps among subgroups remained entrenched.

Nationally, score gaps between black and white students and between Hispanic and non-Hispanic white students narrowed between 2009 and 2011. In Washington, the score gap widened for black students and narrowed for Hispanic students, but the changes were not significantly different. (Details below)

As a state, we are pretty much where we were in 2009, though there was small progress among subgroups of students.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress' science test measures students' knowledge and abilities in the areas of physical science, life science, and Earth and space sciences.

GOOD NEWS: As a whole, students in our state continued to score higher than the national average (Washington: 156; national: 151). When broken out by subgroup, Washington students averaged the same or better scores than the corresponding national subgroup.

BAD NEWS: Where 43 percent of Washington's white students scored at proficient, only 15 percent of black students did so. We continue to show wide gaps and we haven't increased proficiency much overall. White and Asian students score much higher than black, Hispanic and Native American students. And children from low-income households trail those from non-low-income households.

In 2011, Washington's black students averaged 30 points lower than our white students. In 2009, they averaged 27 points lower.

- Nationally, the 2011 gap between these subgroups is 34 points – with the average score for black students in Washington at 133, and the national average for black students at 129.

In 2011, Washington's Hispanic students averaged 23 points lower than our non-Hispanic white students. In 2009, they averaged 29 points lower.

Nationally, the 2011 gap between these subgroups is 26 points – with the average score for Hispanic students in Washington at 141, and the national average score for Hispanic students at 137.

In 2011, Washington's low income students averaged 22 points lower than non-low income students. In 2009, they averaged 25 points lower.

- Nationally the 2011 gap between these subgroups is 27 points – with the average score for low-income students in Washington at 143, and the national average score for low-income students at 137.

The 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) science assessment was given to a representative sampling of 122,000 eighth-graders across the nation, in both public and private schools. More information: http://nationsreportcard.gov/science_2011/.

Stephanie Eilitz
Legislative Chair
Little Cedars PTA 7.6.32





4th Annual Watch D.O.G.S. Golf Tournament

Please join us for a fun day of golf at

The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge

11825 Trilogy Parkway NE - Redmond, WA 98053

Sunday September 30, 2012

12:45 PM Modified Shotgun - scramble

\$89 Green Fee - Cart - Raffle Ticket - Dinner

Hole Sponsorship
available

Prize Competitions:
Longest Men's & Women's Drive,
Putting Contest, Lowest Team Score,
Closest to Pin, Raffle Prizes
and Mulligans for Sale!

For more info contact:
Scott Kelly at 206-914-4712
or skelly7@gmail.com

Junior Rates also available - \$70

www.fathers.com/watchdogs

Registration: (Deadline is September 16th)

<https://tournaments.okigolf.com/EventInfo.aspx?E=757204>

Hole Sponsorships:

Check payable to: Little Cedars Elementary PTA *Memo:* Watch DOGS Sponsorship
Mail check and registration to: Watch DOGS Golf - 13319 70th DR SE - Snohomish, WA 98296

- All proceeds to benefit participating Western Washington schools

- All donations are tax deductible. Tax ID#: 87-0797438