

LawtonNews

PTA Fundraising Party

For the 2009/10 school year, Lawton's biggest fundraiser (formerly the Auction) is undergoing a transformation into a Fundraising Bash! A party with a twist. Part social hour, part fundraiser and all fun. We'll be selling some of our more popular items from past years, such as class projects, teacher experiences and the ever popular Parties! (for example, Poker, Flip Flops & Lemon Drops, Winter Holiday Party, Mother Daughter Tea etc...). There will also be a Make A Difference drive that benefits the PTA general fund. Maybe a raffle thrown in and perhaps a "super silent" auction with a handful of items. Our goal is to come together and enjoy the company of those in our Lawton community while raising some funds in the process. We hope you'll join us in this endeavor.

You may be saying... WHAT??? No auction? How will we fund our programs? Hold the phone... no need to panic. The 2009-2010 school year has some returning fundraiser favorites (Move A Thon, Sally Foster) and some new fundraisers in the lineup, such as Christmas Tree Sale, Parent's Night Out, Brown Bear Coupon sale, Chinook Book sale to supplement any difference. With careful budgeting we can make it happen. Several factors drove this decision. The auction is a huge volunteer commitment and asks a lot of our families and also of the community who donates items. We wanted to be respectful of the changing economic conditions, both to our families and the donor community. Survey feedback indicated families would be interested in fundraisers for items they would be buying anyway and a move away from 'just getting more things.' It's a new model and with your help we'll raise the money and have fun.

Stay tuned for more details to come on this event.
Save the Date • Saturday, March 6th

We're still recruiting co chairs and volunteers for the event so please contact Kimball Mullins at kimball_mullins@yahoo.com if you're interested in helping.



CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 16

Emergency Forms due

Thursday, September 17

Speaker of the House Frank Chopp at Catherine Blaine • 6:45pm – 8:30pm • 2550 34th Ave W.

Saturday, September 26

PTA Lawton grounds cleanup

September 29 – October 2

Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, September 30

2 hour early dismissal (1:10 close)

Thursday, October 1

Curriculum Night

WELCOME BACK BBQ

The barbeque is a great way to reconnect with Lawton families, meet newcomers and embrace the new school year. A great event for teachers, parents and children!

Friday, Sept. 18

5:30 – 8:00 pm* on the playground

*Staggered start • K-2 at 5:30 • 3-5 at 6:30
– or just come when it works best for you!*
\$5/person at the door

GET INVOLVED!

We need help with set-up, take down, help with food service, supervise a bouncy house, volunteer for just a 1/2 hour!

Contact Natalie at NatDean@msn.com

Advanced Learning Applications

Have you heard about Seattle Public School's Spectrum or APP programs and wondered if your child is eligible? Students get placed into Spectrum and APP through an application process, and now is the time to sign up for advanced-learning testing.

All applications are due to the school office by Oct. 8. (*Advanced learning does not cut any slack on the deadline.*)

The application includes a parent form, plus one that the student's teacher must fill out and turn in. Forms can be picked up in the school office or downloaded from the web. Forms should be returned to Laura Thomas in the Office (even though it gives a mail in option) so she can keep track of who has signed up and make sure the form is filled in correctly.

H1N1 (Swine Flu) Virus

For all students, families and staff at Seattle Public Schools: Everyone is encouraged to continue prevention measures, including covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands, and staying home if you are sick. Seattle Public Schools wants to remind families, staff and students to take prevention steps to stay safe:

- * Sneeze or cough into a tissue, elbow or sleeve. Throw the tissue away.
- * Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- * If you are sick, stay home.

Fundraising Opportunities

There are lots of ways to help Lawton Elementary School raise money, including the "passive fundraising" programs. With these, Lawton benefits from money you're already spending, or activities you're already doing. And it's easy!

Spiff Your Ride!

The PTA will be selling Brown Bear Car Wash coupons at the Welcome Back BBQ and through the year! Tickets will be \$6 each or 4 for \$20. (car washes cost \$7.00 at Brown Bear). Excellent for gifts or to just keep a stash in your glove box. Your car will thank you. The PTA does too! **Contact Kris Croonquist for more information at kmcroon@comcast.net**

Sally Foster Fundraising has Begun!

You have less than two weeks left to kick your sales into high gear. Please take some time to ask friends, family and neighbors to help you raise money for your school by buying items from the Sally Foster catalog. 50% of every purchase goes directly to Lawton. You can sell in person, collecting cash and checks (written out to: Lawton PTA). You can also direct friends and family to the Sally Foster website, SallyFoster.com where they can enter Lawton's account number: 292082.

Hurry! Sales ends on September 28th.

Questions?

Deana Metteer (deanametteer@yahoo.com) or Nancy Knoll (mark.knoll@comcast.net).

Entertainment Books – Only \$20.00

Order forms came home the first day of school, but you can also buy your books in person at Lawton's Back to School BBQ. Entertainment coupon books sell for just \$20.00 each and can be purchased with cash or check (to: Lawton PTA). Orders will be filled on a weekly basis, upon receiving payment. Please be sure to include your child's name and room number with payment. Any questions, please email **Deana Metteer at deanametteer@yahoo.com.**

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Magnolia Thriftway Receipts

You can earn money for Lawton every time you shop at Magnolia Thriftway. Just save your receipts and drop them off in your student's classroom. Thriftway then donates back 1 percent of your total purchase to Lawton.

Boxtops for Education

Clip these coupons from cereal, crackers and other commonly used products — each one brings money to our school. Send the coupons to school with your child or place them in the pink collection box located in the front hall. Ask friends, co-workers and family to do the same.

Mabels Labels

Here is an opportunity to label all the things that kids can lose, as well as raise money for the school. Order online and Lawton will receive a portion of the proceeds. Follow the link for more details: www.lawtonschool.mabel.ca.

Shop at your favorite online stores

- Shop Box Tops MarketplaceSM (btfe.com/marketplace), and up to 8% of your qualifying purchase will automatically be donated to Lawton with no additional cost to you!
- Purchase books through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM at Barnes & Noble.

The drop boxes for both the Thriftway receipts and Box Top coupons are located in the office. The next deadline for submitting Box Top receipts is October so get your coupons in.

For more information, contact:
Margaret Bolger – mmbolger@yahoo.com
Box Top coordinator

Alane Pina – alanepina@yahoo.com
Thriftway coordinator

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Welcome to Lawton! As the school's volunteer coordinator, I can help you find ways to become involved with your child's school. The following opportunities are immediately available:

- Give that extra TLC to children with bumps and scrapes. Our School Nurse, Lynne Carveth, is only scheduled at Lawton on Mondays and Tuesdays. Volunteers are needed to help take care of recess mishaps on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 12-1:10pm.
- Kathy Dial, our librarian, needs assistance with several projects, including stamping and shelving books. Volunteers are also needed for the Scholastic Bookfair.
- Elaine Cooper, our music teacher, could use your help with labeling and copying projects.
- Sue Schultz has requested volunteers for her Read Naturally program 2:30-3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you ever have any questions about volunteering at Lawton, please contact Suzy Minto phone 252 2172 • email smminto@seattleschools.org

Thanks for choosing to become involved at your child's school!

Check out the Lawton Volunteer website at www.orgsites.com/wa/lawtonvolunteers

VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES

For the safety and security of our students, we ask that ALL visitors and volunteers enter through the main entrance on 27th Avenue and sign in every time you come into the building at the kiosk, which is to your left as you come in through the main Lawton entrance. Don't forget to wear a visitor badge.

Suzy Minto
Lawton Volunteer Coordinator

Lawton Walking School Bus routes are up and running!



All routes start at 8:30.
For more information look at the school website, at the display in the front hall, or contact a leader.

If you are interested in being a leader or helping out with International Walk to School Day, please contact Lyon Terry, lyterry@seattleschools.org.

Safety Reminders!

1. No child crosses a street without a leader's permission.
2. Leaders always wear a bright yellow vest.
3. Stay on the sidewalk, do not run ahead, or walk in people's yards.
4. Be nice to your fellow walkers and always listen to the leader.
5. Have fun.

	WALKING WEDNESDAY	FUEL FREE FRIDAY
ROUTE 1 22nd and Dravus <i>Route Captain: Amy Crocker</i>	Amy Crocker amycrocker@gmail.com Jenasys Newton Jenasysc@gmail.com	Mr. Howard pmhoward@seattleschools.org
ROUTE 2 28th and Dravus <i>Route Captain: Nancy Spragins</i>	Kathy Stanley stanleynw@comcast.net	Nancy Spragins nospragins@yahoo.com
ROUTE 3 34th and Dravus <i>Route Captain: Mark Miller</i>	Mark Miller Spectrum3811@yahoo.com	Mark Miller Spectrum3811@yahoo.com
ROUTE 4 35th and Emerson <i>Route Captain: Julie Keaton</i>	Kirsten McCaa Kirsten@coolmom.org Eileen Carrol Kirk4172@comcast.net	Julie Keaton Juliekeaton1@comcast.net Liz Wolk lizwolk@yahoo.com
ROUTE 5 35th and Gov't Way <i>Route Captain: Marla Master</i>	Mullins Family (Route runs from Discovery Espresso, 32nd and Jameson only on Weds at 8:40) bdmbike@hotmail.com Kimball_mullins@yahoo.com	Marla Master marla@masterdesign.ca

Route 5 starts only at Discovery Espresso on Weds. Looking for a volunteer to lead from the beginning of the route - 35th and Gov't Way every Wednesday!

Debate Club for 4th and 5th graders

Developed and run by Successful Schools in Action, this popular program at Blaine, Coe, Lawton, and John Hay schools helps kids improve their public speaking and critical thinking abilities.

- NEW! Taught by elementary school teachers, trained in debate
- Meet after school once a week for 12 weeks, starting early October
- Students develop both affirmative and negative arguments
- A cross-school tournament will be held in January

Tuition is \$120, and a limited number of scholarships are available.

Online registration will open September 14 at www.schoolsinaction.org. Classes are capped at 16 participants, who will be enrolled in the order their completed registrations and tuition are received. Questions? Contact the Debate Program Manager, Sandy Nielsen, at 206-283-2187 or sandynielsen@schoolsinaction.org.

**Love to get dirty?
Help clean up Lawton!**

GARDEN WORK PARTY

**Saturday September 26th
10 to 2pm**

Join us for an hour or stay the whole time. It's a great way to meet people, make Lawton look great all while having fun. Some tools and gloves provided – bring your own if you can.

Questions? Britta Bowman
davebritta@comcast.net • 284-7350

Committee Chair Position Openings for 2009-2010

Want to get involved? Help Lawton and have fun at the same time. There are still a few chair openings available. Look over the list, give us a call if you have questions, grab a friend or two or three to co-chair and let's get ready for another fabulous year!

Bingo Chair needed to organize this fun event.

Fifth Grade Promotion Help send off our graduating class with a ceremony and fun party. Would like two 4th grade parents to work together to chair this event.

Legislative Chair Assist in keeping the community informed on important educational happenings and events within our state legislature.

Math Night Plan a fun-filled night of math games.

Staff Appreciation Plan a week of goodies and treats to show the Lawton Staff how much we appreciate them. Have one co-chair, need another.

Student Art Fundraiser-Co-Chair Assist teachers in completing art card projects and coordinate sales of art work by processing and filling orders.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer please contact your PTA Co-Vice Presidents:

Lisa Balsam • 284-3205 • balsams@comcast.net
Deana Metteer • 375-4996 • deanametteer@yahoo.com

Lawton News

Lawton News is compiled weekly by Marla Master, PTA communication officer.

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*When sending submissions please put the word **NEWSLETTER** in subject line. Thanks!*

Deadline: Friday 5pm
For the following Wednesday's edition

Community Coffee Hours with the Superintendent

Please join Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson at one of her upcoming community coffee hours. During September, the Superintendent will be holding a series of informal coffee hours to provide families and community members with an opportunity to discuss the issues that matter to you and your family. She looks forward to hearing your questions, concerns, and points of view.

Monday, 09/21/09 *

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Eckstein Middle School

3003 NE 75th Street, Seattle, WA 98115

Wednesday, 09/23/09

8:05 – 9:05 a.m.

Washington Middle School

2101 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98144

Monday, 09/28/09*

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Hamilton Middle School

4400 Interlake Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98103

Tuesday, 09/29/09

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Aki Kurose Middle School

3928 S. Graham Street, Seattle, WA 98118

Tuesday, 09/29/09*

6:50 – 8:00 p.m.

High Point Community Center

6920 34th Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98126

* Interpretation services will be provided at these meetings

DISPLAY SHOWCASE

THIS WEEK

Sara Pozil with her own art work

If you have a collection you would like to display for the school, sign up with Mrs. Thomas in the office.

The Great Wallingford Wurst Festival

Saint Benedict School would like to invite your families to the 27th Annual Great Wallingford Wurst Festival on **Friday, September 25 (4pm – 10pm) and Saturday, September 26 (10am – 10pm)**.

Admission is free to this family-friendly event.

Join us for great food, rides, a rock climbing wall, games and prizes, craft vendors, used and new book sales, and live music.

For more information, go to www.stbens.net.

Saint Benedict School • 4811 Wallingford Avenue N.

Calling all Football Fans!

Your local football club, the Interbay Eagles, is currently recruiting for the Midget & PeeWee teams (ages 10-13). If you're still looking for a fall sport, here's your chance!

Practices are held at Interbay Field (3027 17th Ave W, Seattle, WA) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with games in varying locations on Saturdays.

Give Coach Jeff Anderson a call for more information (206.730.8558). Thanks and GO EAGLES!!!

Harry Connolly Book Launch

Local author and former Lawton parent, Harry Connolly, is launching his first novel, *Child of Fire*.

Please consider this an invitation to a book signing on **Saturday, October 3rd, from 11:00 – 1:00**, at Magnolia's Bookstore. Note this book is for adults.

If you're curious about the book, a synopsis, cover art (and blurbs) are:

<http://www.harryjconnolly.com/blog/?p=12>

You can read the first chapter for free here:

<http://www.harryjconnolly.com/blog/?p=731>

Or you can order it from here:

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0345508890?ie=UTF8&tag=twenpala-20>

WANTED: Lawton Parent for Successful Schools in Action Board of Directors!

The SSIA Board of Directors is looking for a parent representative from Lawton to serve alongside principals, teachers, other parents, and community members. SSIA is a non-profit coalition of neighborhood schools who believe strongly in the power of collaboration and are committed to helping support all students.

Serving on the board offers a great opportunity to be part of a successful and innovative non-profit, make a difference in our public schools, and work with a passionate and smart group of people.

For more information please contact:

Lisa Moore, Executive Director, at: 206-378-0797, or lisamoore@schoolsinaction.org.

Book-It SuperStars

Book-It SuperStars is a Lawton program to encourage reading. To participate, each student must read for 20 minutes at least 20 times each month. A parent may read aloud to those just learning. Fill out the dates on the book-It sheet and return it to your teacher or Mrs. Dial in the library.

Student progress will be tracked with star stickers on our SuperStars display which will be posted on the bulletin board outside the library. (sorry no pizza hut coupons this year). Students who complete the full program will celebrate in the library with a pizza party lunch and free book. So pick up a book and get reading!

Questions: Marla Master • marla@masterdesign.ca

EMAIL OR PAPER?

To save paper, and the environment, starting in October, we will return to email distribution of the Lawton News.

If you prefer to continue receiving a paper copy, please contact Marla and a printed version will be sent home with your child.

marla@masterdesign.ca • 285-0590

Getting schools funded

Speaker of the House Frank Chopp at Catherine Blaine

Please join the Seattle Council PTSA & Speaker of the House Frank Chopp as we discuss the challenges and possibilities ahead.

How do we fund the schools we need and still afford our health and social programs?

Thursday, September 17, 2009

6:45pm - 8:30pm

Catherine Blaine K-8 Cafeteria. 2550 34th Ave W.

42nd in spending: The way Washington funds schools hasn't been working – mainly because the state didn't have a handle on what students really need. For instance, it only funded 5 periods when kids need 6 to get into college. High school requirements didn't align with college and employer requirements. And while Seattle kids did well on the WASL – and many taking the SAT did great – five out of six grads didn't have the credits to get into college. In 2007, only 17 percent of Seattle Public School graduates met university requirements.

Money from the state doesn't cover what communities expect – and often falls short on transportation and overhead costs. Legislation passed last year promises to overhaul the way we fund schools – and to pay for the education kids really need. But the big debate over HOW to increase education funding (take it from other areas or increase tax revenue) remains.

Do we need tax reform? More revenue? What are the likely proposals? What if new funding isn't secured?

We hope this will be the first in a series of conversations about changing the way we think about what's "basic" in education.

Seattle Council PTSA

We're a coalition of all the PTA's and PTSA's in the city. We're 14,000 members strong – and we speak up for kids.
<http://www.seattlecouncilptsa.org> • (206) 364-7430



Seattle Public Schools
2445 Third Avenue South
PO Box C-34165
Seattle, WA 98124
September, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

***If you are already registered with *The Source*, you may disregard this letter.
You DO NOT need to register again.***

The Source is Seattle Public School's online communication tool that allows parents, guardians and students online access to student schedules, attendance and standardized test scores. Secondary students and their parents or guardians will also have access to grades and class assignments. *The Source* is a great way for parents, guardians, and students, to monitor grades, find upcoming assignments and to communicate with teachers.

Even if you have several students enrolled in Seattle Public Schools, you only need to register once. If you register and do not see all of your students, please email sourcesupport@seattleschools.org.

To register, you will need:

- First, you will need access to a computer with internet access. All of our schools have a computer available for families without a home computer or who do not have internet access. Your neighborhood library or community center has computers available as well.
- Next, you will need to know your Household Security Code. (See below.) Only those on record as a student's parent or guardian will be provided a Household Security Code.
- Finally, you will need a valid email account to register with *The Source*. If you do not have an email account, there are several online resources where you can get a free email account such as: www.gmail.com or www.hotmail.com. Your email address will be your *Source* username. Once you have an email account and a computer with internet access, you are ready to register!

To get your Source Household Security Code:

1. Send an email to: sourcesupport@seattleschools.org
2. The email must include:
 - Your name and relationship to each of your students
 - Each student's full name
 - Each student's 7 digit Seattle Schools student ID#
 - The school each student attends
 - Each student's date of birth
3. Upon receipt of this information, The Source Team will email your registration code, along with registration instructions.
4. Register online at: <http://source.seattleschools.org>

If you have questions about *The Source*, need help registering or need other assistance with *The Source*, please email us at:
sourcesupport@seattleschools.org

Sincerely,
The Source Team