

LAFAYETTE PTA

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PTA PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Happy Fall Lafayette Families!

The school year is off to a fabulous start. Thank you for joining us at curriculum night, it was a very informative evening and we look forward to seeing the progress our students will make using the new curriculum this year. I would also like to thank the volunteers, teachers, and Ms. Chaput who helped organize the evening and shared their valuable time with the parents educating everyone on what to expect in the classrooms at Lafayette.

Gratitude. I want to personally express my appreciation to the chairpersons who have taken on committees this year, for returning chairpersons and for all the volunteers who work tirelessly to support all of PTA events and fundraisers. Your time, dedication and support are cherished! Everything you do will directly impact the Lafayette families and we could not support this community without you.

Need. As we know, homework this year will be predominately online. This is an effort to provide avenues for our students to be exposed to technology preparing them for their future, save the environment by reducing paper, and provide an interactive and efficient way for teachers to review student progress. Therefore, if you have any old electronic devices such as Kindles, Ipads, laptops, desktops, even phones, that you are not using please consider donating them to the school. We have some families in need of support. We are also asking for continued support for the school supplies program. So if you have not already donated the \$30 per student, please consider making your donation at www.lafayettepta.com/donate

UPCOMING DATES

October

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| 4 | Early Dismissal (1:10 pm) |
| 6 | Octoberfest @ Ounces |
| 12 | Walk-a-Thon Kick-Off |
| 13 | In-Service
NO SCHOOL/NO ENRICHMENT |
| 17 | General PTA Meeting (6:30 pm),
Childcare Available |
| 18 | Early Dismissal (1:10 pm) |
| 19 | Deadline to Turn in FERPA
Release |
| 20 | Box Tops Collection |
| 24 | Grades K-2 Skate Night |
| 25 | Early Dismissal (1:10 pm)
Grades 3-5 Skate Night |

November

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| 1 | Early Dismissal (1:10 pm)
PTA Membership Drive Ends,
Class Winner Announced |
| 8 | Early Dismissal (1:10 pm) |
| 10 | Veterans Day
NO SCHOOL/NO ENRICHMENT |

Support. "Every Child. One Voice" is the National PTA motto and being a member of the PTA means you will be contributing to the success of this motto. The meetings are only once a month but the impact of PTA programs and sharing your voice, ideas, and experiences to help create quality programs, events, and educational opportunities for children in developmental years will cause a positive chain of events that will benefit them for a lifetime. Please consider joining us to participate in establishing a foundation for the students of Lafayette to build upon. Join us at www.pt-avenue.com/LOGIN.ASP

Thank you for your time and consideration! Feel free to reach out to any board member with questions or feedback.

Cheers!
Pamela Quadros

EVENTS

OCTOBER 6, 6 PM: OKTOBERFEST AT OUNCES TAPROOM & BEER GARDEN

Come join your PTA and other Lafayette families at our inaugural Oktoberfest Social to welcome the new families to our community and say hi to our returning friends. We will have a food truck onsite to purchase meals, music, festive decorations, and door prizes. Feel free to dress in lederhosen or Bavarian style, there may be a prize! Tickets are \$20, which includes one drink and raffle entry. If possible, please buy tickets in advance.

Please email the Oktoberfest Chair, Karin Guidry at goodvibesbyK@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Danke to Karin for all of your hard work!



Buy Tickets

www.lafayettepta.com/oktoberfest-purchase-form/

www.ounceswestseattle.com

3809 Delridge Way Southwest, Seattle

15 Early Dismissal (1:10 pm)

17 Walk-A-Thon Movie Night

20-22

Parent-Teacher Conferences,
NO SCHOOL/NO ENRICHMENT

23-24

Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL/NO ENRICHMENT

28 General PTA Meeting (6:30 pm),
Childcare Available

29 Early Dismissal (1:10 pm)

OCTOBER 24, 6-8 PM: SKATE NIGHT, GRADES K-2

OCTOBER 25, 6-8 PM: SKATE NIGHT, GRADES 3-5

Lafayette students and families are invited to come together as a community for free pizza and free skating in October. Due to the popularity of this event, this year we are splitting it between two different nights.

If you have children in both sessions, feel free to choose the evening that works best for your family. We ask that a parent or guardian remain at the skate rink for safety reasons. This is a great opportunity to meet other Lafayette Leopard families and have fun as a family together.



Southgate Roller Rink

www.southgaterollerrink.com

9646 17th Avenue Southwest, Seattle

DECEMBER CRAFT FAIR

Get those creative juices flowing! Lafayette will be hosting their annual Craft Fair (hoping to coincide with Art Fair) in early December (date TBD). This is a great opportunity for students to sell their handmade wares, learn about business practices and work on their sales techniques. Tables will be available for students (and adults) to sell their goods. Popular items in the past have included jewelry, bath salts, cocoa, ornaments, pottery and decorations.

More details to follow but we wanted to give you a heads up to start creating now!

WALK-A-THON

Preparations for the Walk-a-Thon have begun and NOVEMBER 3rd is right around the corner. Are you ready to help one of the PTA's biggest fundraising events of the school year? The Walk-A-Thon's success is only possible with parent and community involvement. There are many ways for YOU to volunteer, opportunities are available before, during, and after the event. Volunteering for the Walk-A-Thon is a GREAT way to meet other parents and get to

know some of the students. Opportunities include: Event Set Up, Lap Counting, Pledge Counting, Classroom Helper, Sales Booths, First Aid Station, Cheer Squad, Clean Up/Take Down Crew.

Visit the Walk-A-Thon's volunteer page (<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080a49ada72ba6f58-lafayette/38248915>) and sign up for something fun today or if you have any questions, email wat.lafayette@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERING

LAFAYETTE RUNNING CLUB

The running club is looking for volunteers to help coach and/or track laps. Please email parent volunteer Aimee Corr, aimeecorr16@gmail.com with any specific questions on the running club. Volunteers can sign up at www.lafayettepta.com/volunteer/

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Do you have WordPress or cloud-based software experience? If so, please contact Julia Wester at julia@wester.org

GARDEN CLASSROOM

The Green Team always welcomes parent visits and help! For more information: garden@lafayettepta.com.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

All volunteers need to print, complete and turn in their volunteer paperwork to Miss Selina in the front office. All of the paperwork needed can be found at www.seattleschools.org/volunteer

SCHOOL NOTES

Mary K. Sykes, RN, SCHOOL NURSE (at school on Tuesdays)
Immunization Information Needed! If your child is in Kindergarten or new to the school, please provide an updated, signed copy of their CIS (immunization certificate) to the school nurse. Washington residents can print a copy of this online: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/ChildProfileHealthPromotion/ForParents/AccessYourFamiliesImmunizationInformation#1>

Please sign where it says Parent/Guardian Signature Required, date it, and return to school. If your student is from another state or country, please go to your Health Care Provider for an updated form, and bring it to school. Thank you for helping to keep the whole school healthy! When we have 95% of the students fully immunized, there is much less chance of an outbreak of whooping cough, measles, mumps or rubella.

LAFAYETTE RUNNING CLUB

The Lafayette Running Club is off and running! Come run with us every Tuesday and Thursdays during lunch recess at the Lafayette playground. All students, parents/guardians, and school staff are encouraged to participate! All students are automatically enrolled. Just show up! Lunch recesses are: Grades K/1 from 10:40-11:00 a.m., Grades 2/3 from 11:15-11:35 a.m., and Grades 4/5 from 11:45-12:05 p.m. Laps will be kept track on an iPad and updates will be posted on a bulletin board. Rewards will be given every 5 miles, there are new prizes this year! We love to see the students staying active during recess and working on achieving individual running goals. Please email parent volunteer Aimee Corr, aimeecorr16@gmail.com with any specific questions on the running club. Hope to see you on the playground!

MAKERSPACE

A MakerSpace is a collaborative workspace for making, learning, exploring, sharing knowledge & skills, and using anything from no tech to high tech tools and equipment. Lafayette now has a MakerSpace (Room 24) which is being used for the S.T.A.R. enrichment class on Wednesdays. In addition, the instructor, Eric Renn, would like to offer the space for other times during the week. If you have time to fill out a survey that would help with options for having the room be open for kids outside of the enrichment class time. They also want to know how you want to use the room! Find the survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMNH0jH3gAkxIHIEAZsZQvnE12F4rlzel730q8_gRxRV1n_Q/viewform

UPDATES

Ellen Zoffel, GARDEN & SUSTAINABILITY

From The Garden Team

Over 200 kids have come with their classes into the garden and Plant Lab in the first 3 weeks of school! It's a wonderful, busy

time of year as teachers make big plans to incorporate their curriculums with the garden and lab as a resource. Kids have harvested tomatoes, carrots, mint, marigolds, sunflowers, peas, beans, corn, zucchini, lavender, basil, kale, and sage. Two new microscopes have been a big deal in the Plant Lab. Kids have been looking at the changing leaves, decomposing plants, bug carcasses and dirt up close, very close!

Some other recent projects include, setting up grow lights and planting our first batch of indoor crops, a 4th grade class taking daily soil temperatures and ph, baking with frozen crops harvested this summer, and we should have the new weather station set up soon.

Thank you to the families of Lafayette for the donations, including almost 200 sunflowers! Enough for most of the school to be able to dissect their own sunflower in the name of science and then harvest the seeds for eating, art and seed packets for next year. A BIG THANK YOU to our Principal, Mrs. Chaput, for helping so much with room set up and to the Robins Family Trust, without their support, none of this would have happened.

Julia Wester, TECHNICAL SUPPORT

My name is Julia Wester and I've just joined the PTA Board as the Tech Support Chair. This means that I am responsible for the website and for assisting as needed with other tools that the PTA needs to achieve its goals. You may have already noticed the minor updates to our current PTA website. During October you can expect to see a completely redesigned website with an online store so you can purchase spirit wear online! In addition, we're looking at evaluating new software to help make the most out of our fundraising events like the Walk-A-Thon!

Jodi Hill, FUNDRAISING

We hope you have been saving those Box Tops. Be sure to turn them in, the first round of Box Top collections is October 20th.

Kristin Szabadi, CO-SECRETARY

All teachers have Room Parents! Whoo hooo! Thank you to all who have stepped up to take on this role in your child's class. Our time is limited when they are excited to have us participate in their schooling. Room parent orientation is on Tuesday, October 10 from 7-8:30 pm at the Mission Cantina. All Room Parents should have received an Evite with more information. If not,

please contact Kristin Szabadi , co-secretary at kszabadi0312@gmail.com.

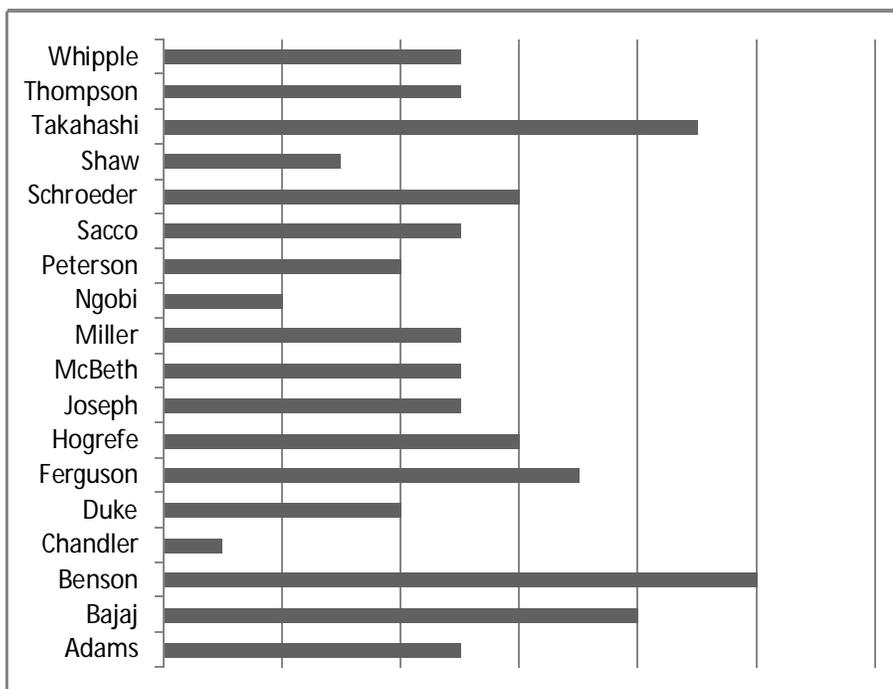
Tricia Coulter, CO-SECRETARY

School Directory: The PTA hopes to distribute a School Directory this year. In order to do so, the FERPA Release form, included in the First Day Packet needs to be returned to your teacher and processed by the front office. If you did not receive a copy, it can also be found here:

www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_543/File/forms/ferpa/ferpa_pk_english.pdf

Membership Drive: Are you ready for a little friendly class competition? The class with the most paid PTA memberships will win Menchie's gift cards. There is still time to join, the membership drive ends November 1. Join us at www.pt-avenue.com/LOGIN.ASP

Here is the race so far as of October 1. Look at those kindergarteners go – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



MISSION STATEMENT

Support the school's academic success and enrich the student experience while building a strong community.

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