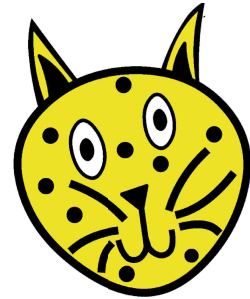


LAFAYETTE PTA

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PTA PRESIDENT MESSAGE

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome back all of our returning Lafayette families and offer a BIG welcome to the new members of our Leopard community. The PTA Board is thrilled and looking forward to an outstanding school year and cannot wait to see you at our events and fundraisers. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and visit the website to stay informed on the calendar of events, volunteer opportunities, and areas where we may need your support.

New this year is the PT-Avenue website which will provide a portal to all things Lafayette and resources for parents beyond PTA communications. Ideally we will also be able to generate a school directory from this software and send communication blasts as well.

Another new program this year is the purchase of school supplies by the PTA. We will need your support in the form of a donation to cover the costs of the supplies at a highly reduced price point compared to purchasing it on your own. Our suggested donation is \$30 per student. Here is a link to donate:

<http://lafayettepta.com/donate>

Once again, welcome to Lafayette Elementary 2017-18 school year! We look forward to building and supporting our school community together with you all.

Cheers!

Pamela Quadros, PTA President

UPCOMING DATES

September

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| 5 | Back to School BBQ |
| 6 | First Day of School |
| | After Drop-Off Meet Up at the Admiral Bird |
| 6-8 | Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings |
| 11 | Kindergarten First Day of School
Parent Tea & Tissues |
| 13 | 1-Hour Early Dismissal |
| 19 | Grade 2 Reading Fluency Assessment (thru Oct. 28) |
| 20 | 1-Hour Early Dismissal |
| 21 | Curriculum Night,
childcare NOT available |
| 22 | Individual and Class Pictures
Advanced Learning Referrals Due (see www.seattleschools.org/advlearning for more info) |
| 25 | Fall Enrichment Begins |
| 27 | 1-Hour Early Dismissal |

The following are on the PTA Board for 2017-18

- President, Pamela Quadros
- Vice President, Amber Zeddies
- Treasurer, Matt Drake
- Co-Secretary, Kristin Szabadi
- Co-Secretary, Tricia Coulter
- Communications Chair, Kris Stafie
- Enrichment Chair, Chris Weinmann
- Event Co-Chair/Past President, Rachel Hagenson
- Event Co-Chair, Sarah Dillard
- Community Outreach Chair, Christy Pudduck
- Garden/Sustainability Chair, Ellen Zoffel
- Legislative Chair, Meghan Hogan
- Fundraising Chair, Jodi Hill

There are many opportunities to be involved with the PTA, we have the following open positions:

- Technical Support Chair
- Volunteer Coordinator

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me at ms.pamelaquadros@gmail.com.

October

4	1-Hour Early Dismissal
6	Octoberfest
13	In-Service, NO SCHOOL
17	General PTA Meeting, Childcare Available
18	1-Hour Early Dismissal
24	Grades K-2 Skate Night
25	1-Hour Early Dismissal Grades 3-5 Skate Night

Monthly general PTA meetings are scheduled for every 3rd Tuesday, unless otherwise noted. Childcare is provided in the gym.

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 5, 4:30-6:30 PM: BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Join us for a FREE dinner and all-school play date before the school year starts. Meet your teacher, visit with old friends and make new ones. See you on the playground! Volunteers can sign up to help out here:

http://lafayettepta.com/volunteer/?sheet_id=38

SEPTEMBER 6: AFTER DROP OFF, DROP IN @ ADMIRAL BIRD

After the bell rings head across the street to the Admiral Bird. Let's celebrate the start of a new school year and raise a glass (or mug) with other Lafayette parents. Join in the fun, but plan to pay for your own drinks.

SEPTEMBER 11: TEA & TISSUES – KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

We look forward to getting to know your family and hope we can meet many of you at our annual Tea & Tissues. After you drop off your Kindergartener make your way to the school cafeteria to meet with other parents, PTA members and our school principal, Ms. Cindy Chaput, to share in some coffee, pastries and conversation. We won't ask if your tears are joyous or sorrowful.

SEPTEMBER 21, 6-8 PM: CURRICULUM NIGHT

School Administrators, Teachers, Staff and the PTA are very excited to bring the community together and share all the exciting programs that will enrich our students experience at Lafayette. The PTA will also have treats and information for you to see how you can get involved in your school.

OCTOBER 6, (TIME TBD): OCTOBERFEST

Mark your calendars for this adult-only social gathering at the Admiral Pub! More details to follow.

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

The PTA is hosting a community event for Grades K - 2 on October 24 at the Southgate Roller Rink. There will be free admission for skating and pizza for the whole family.

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

The PTA is hosting a community event for Grades 3 - 5 on October 25 at the Southgate Roller Rink. There will be free admission for skating and pizza for the whole family.

PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our goal is to have 100% participation of teachers and parents in the PTA. We will be having a membership drive, the class with the most memberships by November 1 will win Menchie giftcards. To join the PTA go to <http://www.pt-avenue.com/LOGIN.ASP>. Once you are online there are detailed instructions on how to fill out your member profile. You will be prompted to put in our Organizational Code which is 98116.

There are a limited number of membership scholarships available, please contact lafayette.pta.seattle@gmail.com with subject line "membership scholarship" if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERING

Every year parents give hundreds of volunteer hours to the school. Our goal this year is to have every parent volunteer at least two hours. Whether you volunteer inside or outside of the classroom, your participation and involvement is vital to the success of Lafayette Elementary.

Some upcoming volunteer opportunities are as follows, for more details, please contact us:

- Room Parents
Kristin Szabadi, kszabadi0312@gmail.com or Tricia Coulter, tmdoyal@gmail.com
- Walk-a-Thon
Contact wat.lafayette@gmail.com

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 here www.seattleschools.org/volunteer.

UPDATES

Amber Zeddies, PARENT EDUCATION

One of my favorite quotes is from Michelangelo, "I am still learning." Every day I learn something new, from my kids, neighbors, peers, or around the world. The PTA remains committed to fostering learning for our Lafayette community. Throughout the year, we will be hosting free opportunities to learn more about topics ranging from sexual education, bullying, diversity and inclusion, and first aid. We are seeking input for other topics you would like to explore together. Please email azeddies@hotmail.com with ideas.

Chris Weinmann, ENRICHMENT

We expect a full schedule of after-school enrichment classes and activities this year. Watch for fall session enrollment material, via email, the PTA website, and/or paper materials, in the first week of school. Enrichment classes will start the week of September 25. If you are interested in helping develop our enrichment program going forward or just have general

feedback or questions, contact our Enrichment Coordinator Kathy Johnson, lafayette.enrichment@gmail.com or Enrichment Chair Chris Weinmann, cweinmann@karrtuttle.com. We plan to assemble an Enrichment Committee this year to make sure the program keeps evolving.

Christy Pudduck, SPIRIT WEAR

Hey Leopard Pride! We are feeling the Leopard Vibes! This Fall we are launching a NEW spirit wear program at Lafayette! Lafayette kid's and adult's tees, hats, coffee mugs, water bottles and other fun things will be available for purchase at the Back to School BBQ on September 5! If you can't make it to the BBQ, you'll have more opportunities to purchase or contact Christy Pudduck, christy@coastalseattle.com, to get your entire family geared up and in the spirit!!

Ellen Zoffel, GARDEN & SUSTAINABILITY

The Lafayette Science Garden Program is one of our students' favorite things about our school! We are excited to announce the donor partnership with The Robins Family Trust to expand our science garden. Because of this generous donation, Lafayette has plans to integrate the garden into every aspect of our curriculum, including art, science, writing, and social studies. Additionally, our students will have two new dedicated classrooms. A Maker Room for project planning and creation, and a Garden Grow Room to extend all garden projects inside. These classrooms give teachers and students the opportunity to create and learn outside the bounds of normal class work.

This is an enormously exciting development for our school and we look forward to keeping you updated on our other "projects in the works." These include solar panels, outdoor greenhouse classroom, weather station and more!

Jodi Hill, FUNDRAISING

When we fundraise, it provides funds for vital components of the school, including

- Classroom Tutors
- School Counselor
- School Supplies
- Special Education Instructor
- Instrumental Music
- Enrichment Programs

- Curriculum
- and much more!

Bring in those Box Tops to your teacher, we'll start class competitions soon!

If you have any announcements for next month's Paw Press, the deadline to submit content is the 25th of every month. Please submit your announcements to Tricia Coulter at tmdoyal@gmail.com

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