

Learwood PTA Newsletter

Winter 2012

A Message from the PTA President...

Welcome back from Winter Break! It's hard to believe that January 19 marks the halfway point of the year.

Thanks to the many volunteers who have given their time and talents to make Learwood a more enjoyable place for the students and staff! Vision screening for the 7th grade was held in November. Thanks Tara Nardi for coordinating the volunteers. Both the 7th and 8th graders had a fantastic time at the November Activity Night. I want to thank Merri Killius and Melissa Bubolz for organizing the event and Shelley MacDonald and Becky Russell for selling concessions. Cookie Walk was a huge success thanks to the leadership of Julie Grosel and Theresa Baker and the culinary skills of our parent bakers. The staff truly appreciated all the yummy cookies.

PTA held a spiritwear sale during fall conferences. I would like to thank Wendy Hamilton, Vicki Fritzman, Kimberly Orille, Tara Nardi, Amy Lodge, and Connie Datko for manning the table and taking orders. Thanks to everyone who supported our sale. We hope you are pleased with your purchases!

Learwood students really showcased their talents by creating works of art in the Reflections Creative Arts Program. Entires in Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Dance Choreography, Music Composition, and Film Production were judged on January 7. Results will be announced soon. The Fair, which will display all entries across the district, will be held on Sunday, March 11. Good luck to all our students!

PTA's Founder's Day is in February. As in years past, PTA will recognize

two teachers for their continued support of PTA and our children. Both teachers will be presented with a gift card expressing our gratitude.

Bylaws were revised and the changes/additions were approved by general membership. They have been submitted to OHIO PTA for approval. A copy will be made available on the PTA website upon approval.

Please consider joining us for a PTA meeting. It's a great way to meet other parents and find out what is happening at the school. Meetings are held at 9:00 am in the Learwood cafeteria. Dates are listed in this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

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Important Dates:

January

12 - PTA Meeting
16 - No School
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
19 - End of Second Grading Period
20 - No School (In-Service Day)

February

9 - PTA Meeting
10 - Activity Night
(sponsored by Student Council)
20 - No School
(Presidents' Day)
29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

March

8 - PTA Meeting
11 - Reflections Creative Arts Fair
23 - End of Third Grading Period
30 - Activity Night
(sponsored by PTA)

April

5 - PTA Meeting
6-15 No School
(Spring Break)

Learwood PTA in need of funds...

As many of you are aware, in lieu of selling magazines or other such items, Learwood PTA does a "Donation Only" fundraiser.

This money covers many activities for the Learwood students and staff. We provide "bagged breakfast" for the 8th grade students before their Washington

DC trip and also provide assistance through CRS to help children attend this field trip. Our PTA also hosts 2 dances per year for the students. Our staff is supported through PTA with a dinner during the winter conferences as well as a lunch during Staff Appreciation Week in May. We also help purchase gifts to the class-

rooms. Last year we donated many different tools for the History, Gym, and Science classes.

Unfortunately, we have not had an overwhelming response to this approach. Our donation goal is \$5,000.00, of which we raised under \$1,500. To raise in the missing funds we have been selling re-

freshments at Football and Basketball games, as well as selling Spiritwear. Those activities have earned us almost another \$1,000.

At this time please consider using the enclosed form in this newsletter to make a much needed and appreciated donation to our PTA.

Staff Appreciation...

Hello All You Wonderful Parents!

I'm getting a big head start here, but I wanted to give everyone this information and possible opportunity to help. This year National PTA Staff Appreciation Week is May 7th - 11th. I already have a fabulous list of volunteers who will help me make this week very special for all of our staff members - and I thank each and every one of you who have already signed up ~ with a HUGE THANK YOU to all of you wonderful ladies who have been volunteering right there along side me for these many years.

As in past years, my plan is to provide something for each day of the week. On Monday, we do a breakfast bar ~ on Tuesday we have a veggie extravaganza ~ on Wednesday we have a big lunch ~ on Thursday we have decadent dessert day ~ and on Friday they all get a little gift. I have a couple of ways the students can get involved in thanking their favorite teachers and staff members throughout the week as well.

The original sign up opportunity for Staff Appreciation Week went out at the beginning of school, but

on the off chance that it did not make it to the home, the volunteer opportunities were to donate a food item, assist in setting up and/or cleaning up the food items, providing drinks, paper products, etc. So if anyone is still interested in being a part of this fabulous week, please e-mail me at singingvic@gmail.com or call me at 440-930-4782 and I'll put you on my list. I may need some additional physical assistance this year with making a few posters - which students could help with if your son or daughter just loves doing that sort of thing, and putting up some paraphernalia around the school. We have in the past and still will accept monetary donations if your busy schedule will not accommodate any additional volunteer opportunities, but you are still determined to help in some way.



I am extremely grateful for all the Awesome volunteers I get each year and am again looking forward to helping our Learwood staff members to know how very much they are all appreciated. We leave no one out ~ teachers, office staff, teachers aides, lunch ladies, custodial staff ~ each individual that our students come into contact with at Learwood has an opportunity to be a shining example, whether that be work ethic, character building or as simple as kindness and respect. So in a way, we all have something to teach the children around us.

And I am very thankful for all the assistance I receive with this wonderful week!

Thank you.

Vicki Fritzman
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Reflections...

Learwood students really showed their artistic side with their Reflections entries. For each entry submitted, the student's name was placed in a raffle for one of three \$10 iTunes gift cards. The gift card winners were Charles Heintel, Safa Salem, and Trevor White. The entries have been judged and results will be available soon. The Fair will take

place on Sunday, March 11 at the high school. Not only will all the entries submitted by the district be on display, but there will be live entertainment. A ceremony will take place during the fair to celebrate the student's whose works earned the judges recognition and placement. Please attend to enjoy our children's creativity and success!



You're invited...

The Avon Lake PTA Council is sponsoring a community screening of the acclaimed documentary film, "Race to Nowhere," on Monday evening, February 20th, at 6:30 at the Performing Arts Center. This powerfully thought-provoking film is intended to help stimulate dialogue among all stakeholders around the challenging issues facing parents and educators today. There will be a panel available after the screening

to answer questions and/or initiate the dialogue. Admission is free, but you will need to reserve tickets; information for doing so will be provided at a later date. For more information on the film, visit the film's website at <http://www.racetonowhere.com/>.



Can you help?

PTA is looking for parents to help sell concessions during the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball season. The games are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday nights from January 24 through March 8. Each night there are two 1 hour and 15 minute shifts. Someone will come to setup, cleanup and deposit the receipts - all you have to do is sell concessions. Please use the link below to sign-up for a spot (or two).

Also, as this is part of our fundraising efforts, we are seeking donations of items to sell to help keep costs down. Please contact Connie Datko cldatko@oh.rr.com for a list of items needed.

Questions? Contact Connie Datko or Kristen Masa kmasa@oh.rr.com

Thank you all for your support and GO SHOREMEN!!!
Jennifer Porter

[Learwood Boys Basketball Concession Signup](#)

Learwood PTA

In lieu of our PTA sponsored Magazine Fundraiser, Learwood PTA runs a flat donation driven fundraiser. Our participation rate last year was 162 parents and staff. Our PTA has set a donation goal of \$5,000.00, last year we raised \$ \$ 4,196.00. If we do not reach our goal by the end of September, we will have to attempt another form of fundraising later in the year.

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Please send your cash or check (to Learwood PTA) donation that you feel is appropriate in an envelope with your child to their first period teacher. If you would like a receipt for your donation, please fill out the form below and a receipt will be sent home with your child.

The PTA looks forward to a successful donation drive and eliminating the need for additional fundraising events for the PTA. We believe this will simplify the fundraising efforts and allows 100% of the money donated to go directly to the PTA.

Thank you for supporting the Learwood PTA! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

Sincerely,

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Yes, I would like a receipt for my Learwood PTA donation.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's grade: \_\_\_\_\_