



Lake Tapps Elementary School News

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“Educating Every Child for Confidence Today
and Contribution Tomorrow”
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PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser has begun ~ Ends on Oct. 1st!

Important odds and ends to share with everyone:

- **Volunteers:** Please **sign in and sign out** each time you come on campus. Make sure you have a current Washington State Patrol form on file. Please check with Mrs. Demick if you are unsure.
- **Call the office by 2:30** if your child's pick up plans change. Notes go out to classrooms after 2:30. This helps us make sure we get the message to your child before school gets out.
- Rain or shine, we play outdoors, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing. **PLEASE** make sure names are on all items of clothing, especially sweatshirts and coats (lunchboxes too). Children are not allowed to take off coats at recess.
- If your child is not in the classroom at 8:45 am, they will be marked absent. Parents **must** come into the office and sign the child in so the staff knows your child has arrived. Do not take your child to class after 8:45 without stopping by the office first.
- Similarly, if your child will be absent, please call the office by 8:45 to let us know. If we don't hear from you, we are required to call you to learn the reason for your child's absence.
- The **Cub Scouts** are holding an informational night on Sept. 22nd at 7:00 at LTES for all our students. For more information, please go to www.pack527.com.

Mark your calendar...

September

- Sept 17 PTA Cookie Dough Kickoff
- Sept 17 **Parent Orientation** 6:30-7:30 for Purdy, Romano, Crivello/Neubauer, and Keaton/Zulauf
- Sept 22 **Picture Day** ☺
- Sept 24 **Parent Orientation** 6:30-7:30 for Stanton, Yardley, Severeid, Stewart, Schroll, and LaValley/Bruil
- Sept 28 PTA Skate Night 6-8:00 Auburn Skate Connection

October

- Oct. 9 State Inservice Day - **No School**
- Oct. 12 Teacher Inservice Day - **No School**
- Oct. 13 PTA Meeting at DHES 6:00
- Oct. 19 PTA presents “Love & Logic” series 6-7:30 DHES
- Oct. 21 Midterm
- Oct. 22 RAH Lunch
- Oct. 23 PTA Carnival at DHES 5-8:00
- Oct. 26 PTA presents “Love & Logic” series 6-7:30 DHES

Drop Off and Pick Up

What an incredible beginning! It's been impressive to see our students here on time and ready to learn; keep up the great work on getting them here on time. Remember it is not safe to drop your child off in front of the school prior to 8:35, so please stay with them until the crossing guard, Mrs. Lewis, comes on duty. For safety, **if you can not drop off your child at the curb, please park and walk your child into the building. Never let him/her cross the walkway alone.**

Pick Up: parents are to wait on the library side of the school. Students will be on the flagpole side. Students are to let a staff member know when they find their ride. We load three cars at a time, so if you are picking up at the drive through, please stay in the line. Don't pull around cars or leave your car. If you are picking up a student from DHES, to keep the line moving, please enter at the end of the line, because the buses do not get here right away.

Academic Collaboration and Enhancement

Our first **ACE Day** (release at 1:15) last Friday afternoon went very smoothly. We had several students involved in a variety of after-school activities. Please remember that students can join our programs throughout the year, just check the website. Look for ACE offerings on the left side of the page.

All of our teachers were involved in either training for our new cursive curriculum or learning to give reading assessments. All of this learning takes a great deal of time and having this time on Friday afternoons is so appreciated!

Keeping Our School Healthy

By now everyone has heard that the flu will be in full force this year. We will do our part to keep our students healthy by teaching and reinforcing healthy habits such as washing hands often, not sharing food, etc., and by keeping the building disinfected. However, a big part of keeping children healthy rests with families. The CDC recommends the following: **Stay home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone** (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). A fever is defined as having a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater. **Get plenty of rest; Drink clear fluids** such as water, to keep from getting dehydrated (losing too much fluid); **Cover coughs and sneezes** by using the fabric of the upper arm or elbow; **Clean hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (while singing the ABC Song two times), or use an alcohol-based hand rub often, especially after using tissues; **Avoid close contact with others**, including staying home from work or school; **Be watchful for emergency warning signs** that might indicate you need to seek medical attention. For more information about the H1N1 influenza virus, please visit the CDC website: H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>. Lets work together to have a healthy school year!