

## Did you know...

The following highlight some of the activities, events and items provided by our PTA as a result of your fundraising efforts in the 2011—2012 school year.

- √ Over \$30,000 to classroom teachers, including the music, physical education, computer lab, including:
  - \$8,400 for Artist in Residency for all grades
  - \$5,000 for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp
  - \$5,000 for the Library
- √ Over \$30,000 in Student Services, including the school directory, technology, including:
  - \$21,000 for technology
  - \$3,000 for the new track
- √ We received over \$6,000 from grant awards and local business partners!

*and so much more! Thank You!*

### Have items to donate?

- √ Check with classroom teachers about games, puzzles or possible classroom activities!
- √ Annually we hold our food and winter coat and gear drive in December!
- √ Need to clean out some of those like new prizes? The Gopher Room is always looking for rewards.
- √ Have old cell phones or printer cartridges? There is a bin in the office for collection!



# Lake Elmo Elementary Parent Teacher Association 2012-2013



# Welcome to Lake Elmo Elementary

## 2012-2013 school year!

We would like to welcome families to another fun filled school year. As planning began for the year, our PTA has again made it our top priority to create multiple opportunities throughout the year to gather as a school community where all students and families feel welcomed, respected and valued for who they are. A second priority is to create enhanced learning opportunities for all students. We are able to do this by raising funds that go directly back to the students and our school.

As in the past, we will be holding **two major fundraisers** this year. We will carry over spirit of the Summer Olympics for our second annual Walk for the Gold **Walk-A-Thon** on October 5, 2012. Students will have an opportunity to meet Olympic Swimmer Cole Shade at the Opening Ceremony on September 14th! Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for Technology at school. Our second fundraiser is our **Carnival** which will be held on April 13, 2013 where we hope to raise an additional \$20,000 for classroom support. We will be holding other family favorites including Spirit Night, Movie Night, I Love to Read activities, and Family Fun Fitness Night. We will also be doing our annual **Food/Coat Drive** so keep those donations coming!

Our monthly meetings are held in the Media Center from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and childcare is provided. Come meet Interim **Principal Witt** at our first meeting and hear her vision for a successful year!

Sept. 18 – Back to School

Oct. 16 – Advocating for your Child

Nov. 20 – Wellness

Jan. 15 – Self Esteem

Feb. 19 – Testing

Mar. 19 – Technology and your Child

April 16 – Diversity

May 21 – Looking Ahead

We invite you to come check out the PTA. It's a great way to stay informed about what is happening at school and hear a variety of speakers. Remember, you do not have to be a PTA member to attend meetings or get involved! We look forward to connecting with you!

**We hope you have a great year!**

In support of the District's Wellness policy, the PTA supports the schools efforts for our children's health and well being.



School recognizes that birthdays are a very special day for your child!

However, families are being **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** from bringing edible birthday treats.

### **Need some other ideas!**

How about a book or a game for the classroom?

What about a non food item such as a pencil, eraser, etc?

You can always purchase gift certificates for the school store!

How about a book for the library?

Remember, each classroom celebrates in its own way and you are **NOT EXPECTED** to send in Birthday items.

Also remember that because of allergies there are **no homemade treats** allowed in school!

# Lake Elmo Elementary Spirit Wear



**Port & Company full zip youth hooded sweatshirt - \$22.00**  
 50/50 cotton/polyester  
 Heather Gray sweatshirt  
 Royal Lake Elmo Elementary stitched across full front



**Sports Tek full zip adult sweatshirt - \$29.00**  
 60/40 cotton/polyester  
 Navy sweatshirt wih yellow stitching on left chest



**District Threads Knit Hat with Earflaps - \$12.00**  
 80/20 wool/nylon; 100% polyester fleece lining  
 Navy hat with yellow stitching on front  
 One size fits most



**Port & Company Fleece Blanket with strap - \$18.00**  
 50" x 60" - Royal blue with yellow stitching



**Square Seat Cushion - \$5.00**  
 Royal blue with yellow printing  
 Talk to your child's teacher about keeping these at school for assemblies!

# Lake Elmo Elementary Spirit Wear

Place all orders by **FRIDAY, October 5, 2012**  
 Need to check what size is best? We have samples in the office at school.  
**NOW AVAILABLE—ONLINE CREDIT CARD ORDERING**  
<http://www.companycasuals.com/lakeelmoelementary/start.jsp>

STYLE	COLOR	LETTERING	YOUTH					ADULT					TOTAL				
			S	M	L	XL	S	M	L	XL	QTY	COST					
Youth full zip hoodie	Gray	Blue								n/a	n/a						
Adult full zip hoodie	Navy	Yellow	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a											\$22.00
Knit Cap w/earflaps	Navy	Yellow															\$29.00
Fleece blanket w/strap	Blue	Yellow	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				\$12.00
Stadium Seat Cushion	Blue	Yellow	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				\$18.00
																	\$5.00

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Credit Card Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp** \_\_\_\_\_ **CVS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Instructions:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 All orders will be sent home with the student unless noted in the special instructions below.

Don't feel comfortable ordering online with your credit card. No problem!  
 Send cash, check or credit card info to your students teacher.  
 Please make checks payable to the Lake Elmo Elementary PTA! Questions?  
 Call Crista Walsh at 651-436-2641

## PLEASE HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

Many companies offer easy ways to raise money for our school. Here are some ways that you can help!

Clip **Box Tops** from hundreds of **General Mills, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Avery, Juicy Juice, Yoplait, Hefty and Ziploc** products. For all those online shoppers, if you start your shopping at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) to access over 60 stores a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school. Last school year we earned over \$2,600 by collecting Box Tops! Please drop off your Box Tops in the collection drawer in the front office or send them to your students teacher for a chance to win in our monthly drawing.

Save the **UPC code with the "Labels for Education" logo** from Campbell's soup, Goldfish, V8, Prego, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson and Franco American, Glad, Dannon, Post cereals, Emerald nuts, Bic and Pace. For a complete list of eligible products go to [labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com). The labels can be redeemed for science, sport, and art supplies. All UPC's may be dropped off in the collection drawer in the front office.

**Target** donates a percentage of all charges made on Target REDcards and Target Visa cards. Currently there are 125 cardholders that have designated Lake Elmo Elementary as their school of choice. In August school received a donation of \$4,441 from Target. You can go to [Target.com](http://Target.com) to learn more about the credit card or to get updates on donations to our school.

Look for **My Coke Rewards** codes under caps on bottles and inside boxes of 12 and 24 packs of Coke products including Barq's, Minute Maid, Fresca, Fanta, Powerade, Sprite, Vault, Pibb Xtra and Dasani water. Go online to [mycokerewards.com](http://mycokerewards.com) to enter the codes and donate them to Lake Elmo Elementary.



Inspire Your Child to reach new heights!

## Spirit Club

Does your child have a budding mind for business? Would they like to get involved in developing and running a business where proceeds benefit Lake Elmo Elementary? Are they interested in learning valuable lessons from local business owners?

The Spirit Club will meet monthly on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 pm to discuss Youth Entrepreneurship Strategies.

**Come Find out More!**

**Spirit Club Information Session**

Thursday, September 13, 2012

3:15 pm Lake Elmo Elementary Library

Questions? Contact Crista Walsh at 651-436-2641

\*Spirit Club is geared for 3rd—6th Grade but is open to all students.

Thank you for taking the time to clip and save.

# Lake Elmo Elementary PTA

## Year at a Glance

### August 2012

August 21 K Orientation  
 August 29 Meet and Greet /New Family Welcome

### September 2012

September 4 First Day of School  
 September 14 Walk A Thon Kick Off  
 September 18 Monthly Meeting  
 September 21 Spirit Night

### October 2012

October 2 Culvers Night  
 October 5 Walk A Thon  
 October 11–12 Bookfair  
 October 16 Monthly Meeting  
 October 22 Reading Rewards coming home  
 October 23 Reading Rewards due

### November 2012

November 6 Culvers Night  
 November 16 Give to the Max Day  
 November 20 Monthly Meeting  
 November 30 Pump it Up Night

### December 2012

December 4 Culvers Night  
 December 7 Food Drive Kick Off

### Lake Elmo Elementary PTA

- YES! I want to join the PTA by providing a \$10 membership!**  
*(Make checks payable to the Lake Elmo Elementary PTA)*
- YES! I want to be included in the Lake Elmo Elementary Student Directory!** *(PTA membership is not required)*
- YES! I want a paper copy of the student Directory!**  
*(An secure electronic copy will be made available this year.)*
- YES! I want my student to be listed in the class lists.**  
 Parent/Guardian

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Student Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Student Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How does the PTA make decisions about spending?

The PTA Board works with our Principal and teacher liaisons to determine funding priorities and each year, a budget gets voted on by PTA members. However, all funding is contingent upon fundraising dollars. Our mission is to ensure that the dollars serve the greatest number of students possible. Special requests can be submitted to a Board Member.

## Why do you charge membership dues?

When the PTA was originally formed back in 1992, it was determined that formally organizing and becoming a part of the National Parent Teacher Association would be a great benefit to our community. The National and State PTA lobby for education reform and provide us with access to additional funding and group benefits. Our local membership covers both our National and State Dues.

## What are the benefits of membership?

Because of the size of the National PTA, they are able to offer some discounts with partner businesses including Hertz, TMobile, ETrak, Met Life, Social Scout and Sharp Electronics.

## Do I have to be a member to participate in PTA activities?

No! All families are welcome to participate in all PTA sponsored events. We do require that if you are planning to volunteer at one of our events that you have a background check through the school district. The cost is \$15 and forms are available in the office.

## What if I can't afford to pay for my background check?

The PTA has funds available to cover the cost of this expense. Just contact the front office or send us a note at [LakeElmoPTA@gmail.com](mailto:LakeElmoPTA@gmail.com).

## Participate in the 2012 Walk for the Gold!

This year's fall fundraiser will be a Walk-a-thon once again! The Olympic themed event will be a day of fun, walking, exercise, and raising money for our school!

The Goal is to raise **\$25,000!**

Students will be collecting pledges for participating in the Walk-a-thon and the money earned will support technology for our classrooms. 100% of the pledges collected goes back to the school.

This is a great way for the community to get involved, children to get exercise, and companies to have the opportunity to match pledges for a great cause!

Mark your calendars! The date of the Walkathon is **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Students will have an opportunity to meet Olympic Swimmer Cole Shade at the **Opening Ceremony** on September 14th! Materials will be sent home in the Friday folders!

**There will also be great prizes for our top pledge-earners!**



## Mark Your Calendars!

Please join us FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 2012 from 4:30-6:30 to celebrate your PONY PRIDE before the Stillwater Homecoming Game!

Wear your favorite PONY PRIDE GEAR to school! After school join us for FREE food and fun for the whole family! Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs and gathers with friends and staff at the Lake Elmo Elementary blacktop area and gym! Face Painting and colored hair spray as well as other fun activities will be available to the kids! Munch on hot dogs, chips, popcorn, apples, snow cones, lemonade and water.

Sign up at <http://lakeelmoelementary.my-pta.org!>

# Lake Elmo Elementary PTA

## Year at a Glance

The Lake Elmo Elementary PTA has numerous activities and events that support teachers, parents, and your child's experiences at school.

### Donate your time...

The Lake Elmo Elementary PTA and all of our events and activities are run by volunteers.

- √ Volunteer at an event
- √ Become a committee Chair
- √ Serve on a Board Position

### Utilize your talents...

Do you have a unique talent or special interest that you would like to share with our school community? Consider some of the following;

- √ landscaping
- √ School clubs or events

### Make a financial contribution...

All of the funds raised by the PTA go directly to support student services and community activities. There are many opportunities for giving...

- √ Contribute to our Walk-A-Thon
- √ Give MN Day
- √ Spend the day at the carnival

And don't forget...

Many companies offer **matching gift** programs. The PTA is a MN Non Profit. Please contact us for more information.

### Supporting our local community...

The PTA has partnered with several local businesses to raise funds.

- √ Attend these fundraisers
- √ Connect the PTA with your business

### January 2013

January 5 Davinci Fest  
January 15 Monthly Meeting

### February 2013

February 1 Movie Night  
February 1 I Love to Read Month Begins  
February 5 Culvers Night  
February 19 Monthly Meeting

### March 2013

March 5 Culvers Night  
March 7 Dr. Seuss Night  
March 7-8 Book Fair  
March 19 Monthly Meeting  
March 21 Art Fair  
March 29 Pump it Up Night

### April 2013

April 2 Culvers Night  
April 13 Carnival  
April 16 Monthly Meeting

### May 2013

May 6 Teacher Appreciation Day  
May 7 Culvers Night  
May 21 Monthly Meeting  
May 23 Family Fun Fitness Night

### June 2013

June 4 Culvers Night  
June 6 Talent Show  
June 7 Last Day of School



Does your employer offer matching gift program?  
If Yes, Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Needs**

**YES! I am able to support the PTA by volunteering for the following!**

- Student Directory Coordinator
- Publishing Center
- Publishing Center Coordinator
- I Love to Read Coordinator
- Landscaping
- Book Fair Coordinator
- Spirit Wear Coordinator
- Box Tops Coordinator
- Carnival Co- Chair
- Campbell's Soup Label Coordinator

Visit <http://lakeelmoelementary.my-pta.org/>, send us an email at LakeElmoPTA@gmail.com or connect with us on Facebook to find out more information!

**Thank you for your support!!**

*The Lake Elmo Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a not-for-profit organization that relies on members to contribute their time and talents. Funds raised go directly to students. The PTA strives to build community in our school and enhance the communication between home and school. The PTA serves as an advocate for the education and well being of every child.*

## Connect with Us!

LakeElmoPTA@gmail.com  
[www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/schools/elementary-schools/lake-elmo-elementary/pta](http://www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/schools/elementary-schools/lake-elmo-elementary/pta)  
OR <http://lakeelmoelementary.my-pta.org>



[www.facebook.com/LakeElmoElementaryPTA](http://www.facebook.com/LakeElmoElementaryPTA)

### Executive Board

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| Crista Walsh.....      | President      | candrwalsh@aol.com           |
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**Voted Best PTA**  
*Stillwater Gazette Readers Choice Awards 2011 and 2012*