

Lake Elmo Elementary



Parent Teacher Association

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

(Lake Elmo, MN – November 26, 2012) The Lake Elmo Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA), in conjunction with staff, administrators and a variety of community partners will be hosting a special event at Lake Elmo Elementary called **Sharing is Caring**. The event will take place at the school on November 29, 2012 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm and will kick off our annual food and winter clothing drive with an amazing dinner provided by the Lake Elmo Inn!

"This will be the fourth year of our Food and Winter Clothing drive and we have a very generous community" says Crista Walsh, PTA President "Coming together to for a dinner is an amazing way to connect and share in this community effort." A complaint many families have is that there are not many volunteer opportunities that the whole family can participate in. "Bringing these opportunities to our families and connecting with local businesses and community group demonstrates to our students that they too can have a significant impact in the success of our local community," says Walsh.

The event will have a variety of activities, highlighted below:

- Enjoy a spaghetti dinner from the **Lake Elmo Inn**, including pasta, red sauce, chicken alfredo or meat sauce, salad, bread and dessert.
- Families will be greeted by **the Lake Elmo Cub Scout Pack 224** who will be collecting any non-perishable food and new or gently used winter clothing donations.
- The **Lake Elmo Lions** will be busy helping throughout your meal and students from **Cathy's Music Studio** in Lake Elmo will be providing entertainment throughout the night.
- The **Lake Elmo Girl Scouts** will have a craft station benefiting the Animal Humane Society.
- **Community Thread** and **Valley Friendship Club** will have a craft making stations where you can make cards and stocking stuffers for the Holiday Bureau.
- The **Lake Elmo Bank** and **Lake Elmo Oil** are sponsoring a station with Karron Nottingham, our artist in residence, and her **Off the Wall Studio** to benefit seniors in the community.
- The **Lake Elmo Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network** will have a station benefiting military members and their families.
- Visit the **Spirit Club** students and create a Thank You for the many volunteers in our school.
- Families will also have an opportunity to visit our **Scholastic Bookfair** to pick up some great holiday gifts and buy Lake Elmo Inn Gift Certificates!

There is no charge for this event and ALL are welcome but we do require you to RSVP! Families are asked to consider bringing non-perishable food and/or any new or gently used winter clothing items for donation and a \$5 per plate donation for dinner. To **RSVP**, visit <http://lakeelmoelementary.my-pta.org/> or email [LakeElmoPTA@gmail.com](mailto:LakeElmoPTA@gmail.com). You can also sign up to volunteer on the site as well.

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. Please help us spread the word! For more information on other exciting things happening at Lake Elmo Elementary, please visit <http://lakeelmo.stillwater.k12.mn.us/>.