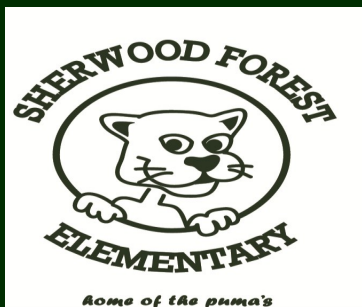


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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Please remember to send lunch money with your child if buying lunch

The Cafeteria opens daily for breakfast at 7:30am

Breakfast is \$2 & lunch is \$3

The school is not open before 7:30am

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www.sherwoodforestelementary.org

PTA Family Night Important Information

Last week the PTA hosted our annual Family Night Beach Party. What a great time we had! It was great to see so many families come and join in the fun. We had music, dancing, games and lots of snacks to choose from! A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who came and joined the fun and to all of the volunteers who helped to organize the event, decorate, sell concessions and clean up. We appreciate you all!

On a more serious note, it has

come to the attention of the PTA Board that some Sherwood Forest children are being dropped off at various Family Night events, including Beach Night. This is not a school event, but a PTA Sponsored event and a parent or guardian who is responsible for that child MUST BE PRESENT at all times in case of emergency. That person can be an older sibling or a parent may bring a group of children.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact the PTA at

PTASherwoodForest@gmail.com.

Your child's wellbeing is extremely important to us.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Walk Together, Learn Together, Succeed Together

It's Here!!! It's time for the Spring Walk-A-Thon!!

On April 13th, students will be participating in the Walk-A-Thon event during an extended recess to help raise funds for various supplies, activities and equipment. Your child brought their fundraising envelope home last Friday.

WHY? With the school budget cuts, the PTA is helping to fund the educational experience for our children and supporting them to achieve their greatest potential.

WHAT? Our goal is to raise \$6,000 in order to fund the following:

- * CD Players for new reading curriculum (the need is 60)

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SPRING LABEL CONTEST!

Chances are that you are tossing Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education labels – and that means cash and products for our school– going out in your garbage. Please take a moment to check your cereal boxes, tissue boxes, diaper packaging, soup cans and many prepared foods for Box Top and Campbell's Labels for Education labels. Be sure to

ask your friends, family and neighbors as well!

Our Spring Label Contest, sponsored by the Sherwood Forest PTA, is coming up soon! Each Box Top is worth 10¢ and Labels for Education provides different points values for products to help us fund programs, technology and supplies for our students and teachers. A collection page

and a list of participating products for both programs will be coming home soon. Fill as many boxes on the page as you can and send them in by May 13th. (If additional collection pages are needed they will be available for printing on the Sherwood Forest PTA website or on the information table at school).

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Sherwood Forest Nominating Committee announces the following candidates for the 2011/2012 PTA Board.

President - Jennifer Karls,
Vice-President Dana Brock,
Treasurer - Bridget Horne,
Secretary - Misty McIlraith.

These candidates will be voted on at our general membership meeting in May. If you would like to volunteer for an elected position or for any one of the number of chair positions, please contact any of the nominating committee Dana Brock, Bridget Horne, or Dana Stoneman.

2011 Washington State PTA 98th Annual Convention

The 2011 Washington State PTA convention on April 29 - May 1, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, promises to be a wonderful weekend to learn and grow as a parent, a PTA leader and a child advocate, and to see first hand how PTA makes a difference.

In the general sessions you will help determine WSPTA's leadership and direction, as well as hear from timely, entertaining and informative speakers.

You can also choose from almost one hundred classes on a wide variety of topics, as well as learn about new opportunities for fundrais-

ing and other activities from our vendors and exhibitors.

You will also be able to view an outstanding presentation of award-winning PTA programs and Reflections student artwork produced by the statewide winners and help honor exceptional work done by PTAs across the state.

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PTA School Grant Results

Every year the PTA gives money to classrooms to help fund things from new supplies to gym mats and field trips.

This year, we changed the way that we decided how to give out that money by forming a Grant Review Committee and having the teachers submit their requests in writing. Requests were reviewed by the committee via a stringent set of criteria. Here is a sample of what that criteria looked like.

Aligned with PTA and school goals (i.e. student achievement, parent involvement, safety), Benefits Largest Number of Student Body, Ongoing Benefits Beyond Grant Period, Related to and Complimentary to Curriculum, Represents Diverse Specialists at School (i.e. art, music) .

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SPRING LABEL CONTEST, continued

Get your tape ready, Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education don't accept stapled labels and glue doesn't always stick. For the plastic Box Tops that come on wipes & diapers, we recommend clear tape across the Box Top. Please no expired Box Tops and the expiration date has to be visible on the Box Top. For the Campbell's Labels for Education, please make sure to include the UPC

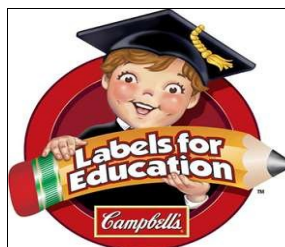
scan/barcode label. Labels can also be submitted to teachers loosely in a bag.

www.labelsforeducation.com & www.boxtops4education.com

The grade with the most labels will win a Popcorn Party!



The winning grade will be announced on May 20th.



Information about both programs can be found on the programs' websites:

Spring Walk-A-Thon, continued

- * Classroom equipment
- * Musical Instruments, Band/Orchestra & K – 4 Music
- * Books for classroom libraries
- * Field trip Grants
- * Math Enrichment

Checks should be made out to Sherwood Forest PTA and the PTA is a 501-3C Non-Profit group so all

donations are tax deductible.

Envelopes are due on April 13th, the day of the Walk-A-Thon.

You are welcome to come and walk with your child!

The Sherwood Forest Students, Teachers, Staff and PTA thank you for your continued support!



2011 Washington State PTA 98th Annual Convention, continued

And you'll be able to have some fun, by networking with PTA members from all parts of Washington, enjoy a delightful dinner and fun at the Convention Banquet, and so much more!

Convention details, class descriptions, registration policies and

more can be found in the Advance Registration Guide available online at: www.wastatepta.org/convention.html.

Cost to attend the convention is:

Postmarked after April 1st
Registration Fee \$190.00

Registration Fee (1 day only) \$170.00
Student* Registration Fee \$135.00
Convention Banquet \$45.00
Exhibitor Exposition only \$50.00



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Important Dates

April

4th—8th	Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
13th	Spring Walk-A-Thon
15th	Principal Coffee @8:00am
22nd	Spring Picture Day
22nd	Earth Day
26th	Family Math Night @5:30pm
28th	PTA Meeting 6:30—8:00pm in the Library

MAY

2—6th	Teacher Appreciation Week
9, 11, 13th	MSP Testing
13th	Principal Coffee @8am

Spring for Schools - Save the Date!

BSF's annual Spring for Schools benefit luncheon is Thursday, **May 26, 2011**. This event raises over \$500,000 to support Bellevue public schools this year. If you'd like to put together a table or know a company with a passion for education who might like to help sponsor this event, please contact the BSF office at 425-456-4199.

PTA Grants, continued

Unfortunately we were not able to fund EVERY requests, but we were able to do quite a few and even partially grant some of the others. Here is just a sampling of what was requested:

Tickets to 'Go Dog Go' for 1st Grade at the Seattle Children's Theatre

Scholastic books for 4th Grade class libraries that are "just right" leveled books for struggling readers to get excited about reading

4th Grade field trip to the Seattle Underground and Klondike Museum

Exercise balls and stability rings at various sizes for each classroom to help kinesthetic learners that are unable to help kinesthetic learners that are unable to focus, move around extensively and distract others

Various equipment for P.E. instruction to be used by all students

Various supplies and equipment to expand the math center activities for the 3rd Grade students

CD Players for listening stations as new literacy curriculum has books on CD's

Books for each student to take home to celebrate "Read Across America Day"

Leveled literacy activities for kindergarten and 1st grade to promote literacy development

Overall there were 16 requests for a total amount of \$8,832.22 of which we were able to fund \$4,961.64. Some were fully funded, others were partially funded and a couple were not funded because money was still available in budgeted classroom enrichment funds. We will continue to review these requests on an on-going basis.

Please contact the PTA if you have any questions, Thank you again for all of your support.