



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

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HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY DECEMBER!



FALL DATES TO REMEMBER

As 2012 draws to a close, we would like to genuinely thank all our volunteers who have dedicated literally hundreds of hours so far this year to support McLane students, faculty, and staff in numerous ways.

To recap some of our programs and events, the PTSO has:

- ✍ supported the Back-to-School Night and Ice Cream Social
- ✍ purchased a day & night telescope for use with students
- ✍ produced the monthly PTSO Newsletter in print and online
- ✍ spread information about our school & events on PTSO Facebook page
- ✍ planned and managed

the 2011 Kingdom of Reading Read-A-Thon and raised over \$7,500 for our school activities!

- ✍ hosted a family movie night
- ✍ supported the 100 Mile Club, Passport Club, and P.A.T.S enrichment activities
- ✍ supported Box Tops, Campbell's labels, and Safeway e-scrip
- ✍ financially assisted teachers with curriculum and classroom purchases
- ✍ provided hours and hours of daily volunteer support for ongoing needs at McLane
- ✍ Provided coffee & snacks for teachers & staff

In addition to all this, our organization would not function as smoothly and successfully as it does without the ongoing efforts of our Board of Directors and Committee Chairs.

Thank you to everyone! You have truly made a positive difference to McLane Elementary, our teachers and staff and of course, our children.

The PTSO looks forward to seeing you in 2013. We have lots of fun family events planned to bring our families and community together.

May you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable winter break.

Rob & Denise Sawatsky
president@mclaneptso.org



- ✍ MON, Dec. 3 - 6pm - Your PTSO Meeting - McLane School Library.
- ✍ WED, Dec. 5 - Late Start
- ✍ WED, Dec. 12- Passport Club
- ✍ MON, Dec. 10- Deadline for donations for Giving Tree
- ✍ WED, Dec. 19, 2012 – Jan. 1, 2013

WINTER BREAK!

- ✍ WED, Jan. 02 - Back to School!
- ✍ MON, Jan. 07 - 6pm - Your PTSO Meeting - McLane School Library
- ✍ SUN, Jan. 13 - 2-4pm - Family Swim at Discover Aquatics



GIVING TREE @ McLane



The McLane annual **Giving Tree** program is well underway. In 2011, this program directly assisted

over 90 children in over 40 families from our McLane Elementary community.

The Giving Tree is decorated

with gift certificate tags for McLane kiddos in need was placed in the school office on MON, Nov. 26.

To simplify the process of distributing to those who are in need, we ask that only gift cards be purchased in increments of \$10 to \$25 from **Target, Safeway and Grocery**

Outlet.

Tags and/or the sign-up pages will be available through FRI, Dec. 7th. Drop off gift cards at McLane School office no later than MON, Dec. 10th.

Know of a group or workplace that is interested in supporting our

program? Please encourage them to purchase gift certificates or contact Wilma Keith at 596-6600 as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and spirit of giving this season!

Anne Giroux - Giving Tree Coordinator





Cinderella

THEATER '13

February - March, 2013
McLane PTSO will host the Tacoma Musical Playhouse students' theater program.

All students can participate and we will be looking for family members to assist during rehearsals, decorating the school, putting together raffle baskets, and at the performances.

If you are interested in supporting this program, please contact Audrey for more information:

volunteer@mcclanepspto.org

SAVE OUR LUNGS!

You may have noticed that the cooler weather has returned. Please consider turning off your car engine if you are going to be out of your car for more than 30 seconds.



An idling engine produces twice as much exhaust as restarting your warm engine. This is a concern near school as kids breath 50% more air per pound than adults.

More info at : pscleanair.org

DO IT NOW!

Have you been thinking about getting more involved at McLane Elementary? No time like the present - email us now!

There are ways for you to participate that can be a one time event or an ongoing commitment - you choose!

volunteer@mcclanepspto.org

TODAY!



www.facebook.com/McLanePTSO

THINK OF MCLANE THIS MONTH



If you shop online, or do any online searches, we hope you will consider our proposal.

Rather than just using Google, or Yahoo, or another search engine - use **Goodsearch.com**. Every time you search McLane PTSO earns money.

Use **Goodshop.com** and

every time you make an online purchase a portion of your purchase goes back to support our school!

Do you like to share your opinion? How about do it and benefit McLane Elementary at the same time?

Op4G.com provides a way for you or others to donate to a McLane Elementary by being paid to participate in con-

fidential consumer surveys. You earn money and can select a percentage to go back to McLane! **Its so EASY**

YOUR PTSO uses the funds raised to pay for enrichment programs that benefit McLane students.

It cost you nothing and means so much to our kids!



WHO'S HOO?



Mr. David Oas
 Third Grade Teacher

David Oas is very excited to be at McLane. Already, some things that he has noticed are that the staff at McLane is both supportive of one-another and dedicated to the achievement of students. Overall, this is his 7th year teaching. He has previously taught 3rd and 4th grade, and spent the last four years teaching 2nd grade at Centennial.

He has lived in the Olympia/

Lacey area most of my live and graduated from Central Washington University. This past summer he completed my Master's Degree with specializations in elementary Reading and Math. Mr. Oas has been married for three years. His wife also teaches 3rd grade at Evergreen Forest Elementary! They have two wonderful black Labs that we love.

Mr. Oas is a John Elway fan and loves the Denver Broncos. In fact, two years ago, he and his wife flew to Denver to watch the Broncos defeat the Seahawks in Mile High Stadium - a great memory and a dream come true!

