



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

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NEW YEAR AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been thinking you'd like to do something to get more involved at McLane?

Your PTSO has got a couple of great opportunities for a couple of 'special someones'.

1) Our current Treasurer will be leaving us in June to move with her 5th Grade student to Marshall Middle School. Could you be our new Treasurer? We have a consultant whom we pay to teach you how to do the job and to be on call when you have questions. This is a great opportunity to step up and help us ensure we keep good track of all the funds we raise AND learn a new skill. Believe me, accounting skills and knowing how to use Quick-

Books looks GREAT on a resume!

2) We are also losing our one of our co-chairs of the annual Carnival (May). If you join us now, you can learn the ropes from her before she moves on and have a great time for a great cause - YOUR school!

For more information on either need, please contact Debra at treasurer@mcclaneptso.org.

We are also still in search for a new refrigerator for our Kinder/Pre-School Pod. Got a spare you might want to contribute? Contact president@mcclaneptso.org if you do!

Have you heard about our new Cosmos Club?

5th Grade teacher Mr. Steve Eggleston, Your PTSO December Who's HOO, with financial support from Your PTSO, has purchased a telescope and will be hosting Cosmos Club outings over the next 5-6 months. This is a very special scope and can be used during the day!

Check out <http://mcclanecosmos.weebly.com> for more info or friend us on Facebook www.facebook.com/McLanePTSO and find out when you can join in the fun and see the stars right from our own backyard.

Happy 2013,
Rob & Denise Sawatsky
president@mcclaneptso.org



WINTER DATES TO REMEMBER

- WED. Jan. 30 - 1:30pm - Passport Club
- MON. Feb. 04 - 6pm - Your PTSO Meeting - McLane School Library
- FRI. Feb. 22 - 3:30-5pm - AUDITIONS - Cinderella

Art for Kids School will again be offering after school art classes at McLane Elementary for the Winter 2013 semester. These are ongoing classes, open to new and returning students, and projects are not repeated. For more info or to enroll your child, please visit www.artforkidsschool.com

THEATER PROGRAM—READ THIS! ALL NEW DETAILS!!

February - March, 2013

McLane PTSO will host the Tacoma Musical Playhouse students' theater program.

This year's production will be a **three & a half (3.5) week rehearsal period - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm, February 26 through March 21.**

Performances are March 22 at 6:30pm and March 23 at 12:30pm.

All students can participate but will need to A) audition on February 22nd, 3:30-5:30pm and B) commit to being at every rehearsal. If you can't

make them all, you will not be able to be on stage. However, you WILL be able to help decorate the school, sell tickets and do other fun things!!

Our Theater Program chair, Audrey Fung, will be looking for family members to assist during rehearsals, decorating the school, put-

ting together raffle baskets, and at the performances. If you are interested in supporting this program, please contact Audrey TODAY or more information:

volunteer@mcclaneptso.org
Get Ready for
Cinderella At McLane Elementary

FAMILY SWIM

SUN. Feb. 10 2:30-4:30pm

Join McLane Families at Discover Aquatics for some splashy-splashy fun.

\$5 per swimmer gets you two hours of "McLane Only" time in the 89 degree saline pool.

Great exercise, great fun, and because it isn't chlorinated, it won't wreak damage on your hair or skin!

Get back into the exercise groove with your family in 2013.

You don't have to swim, but please plan to stay at the pool to supervise your kiddos.



THINK SUN!

When its cold and gray, and your feeling low, remember that June is not far away.

Time to start thinking...BASEBALL! Your McLane Elementary PTSO will be sponsoring another McLane at the Rainier day in June for all you baseball lovers. Plan to attend and you can dream about a sunny day in June to help you get through the winter gloom.

June 9, 1:30pm. Look for more details soon...but put it on your calendar today!

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@mclaneptso.org

TODAY!



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OUR GARDENS OF DELIGHT

Did you know that McLane Elementary has several raised garden boxes and apple trees on our property?

Your PTSO would like to support a renewal of our gardens and share the produce from those gardens with our local food banks.

Our McLane Gardens can engage students by providing a dynamic environment to

observe, discover, experiment, nurture, and learn. School gardens are living laboratories where interdisciplinary lessons are drawn from real life experiences, encouraging students to become active participants in the learning process.

Ms. Hilary Davis is excited to support this ongoing project during the school year but she

needs help! Please contact hdavis@osd.wednet.edu if you or your family has time to help. She will also be working with classroom teachers to develop a plan to allow all kids at the schools to get involved!

Come get your hands dirty and help us

Grow Our Garden! and Your Delight



Ms. Joan Moore
Third Grade Teacher

WHO'S HOO?

Joan Moore has been teaching at McLane since 1994. Prior

to teaching at McLane, she taught in Bakersfield, California where she worked with students with many disabilities. Ms. Moore has also worked with 3-5 year olds with developmental delays and provided reading support for K-6th grade students in Kettle Falls, Washington. She worked her way

through college, as a part time certified nursing aid and janitor at a medical center. She lives with her two children, Cameron, 19, and Heather, 15., their cat, Mittens, a Beta Fish, Tucker, and a hamster, Claire.

What Ms. Moore likes most about McLane is the sense of community that has been built here. Students, Families, and Staff working

together to make this the best place to learn and grow. Her dream for McLane's future is to continue to produce "the citizens of our future".

Ms. Moore thinks she might be part rabbit...her favorite lunch is a HUGE chef's salad with all the trimmings!

There is so much more to learn about Ms. Moore...and her motorcycle!...you should stop by and have a chat!