



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

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...AND THEY'RE OFF!

This year has certainly started off like a shot! The first few days of school are past and now we are all, hopefully, back into the school routine.

Your PTSO can't thank you all enough for the number of parents and family members who have put participation in school events on their priority list. We are simply stunned but the increased number of volunteers both in the classroom and for PTSO sponsored activities. You will be so glad you are participating! These years with our kiddos are short and it is truly a time to enjoy as much fun with them as we can.

Our feature event in October is our **Read-A-Thon** (more info below). This activity is a fully thought-

out effort by Your PTSO to focus more on activities that not only raise funds for us to use to enhance our children's' learning experience but also for us to actively encourage good learning skills. We hope everyone has fun and is excited by this new event. But don't worry if you think you'll miss out on getting your holiday wrapping paper purchased! You can shop online and support McLane at the same time through two new programs - www.GoodShop.com

and www.GoodSearch.com.
Check them out!

It is also time for the annual district **Cispus Wreath Fundraiser**. The 5th graders are selling wreaths to earn money to attend Cis-

pus, the district-wide outdoor school for all 5th Grade students.

The school district has agreed to match funds up to \$25,000. This means each 5th grader needs to sell 4 wreaths or get donations of \$60. The fundraiser is underway right now and will continue until November 5th.










Wreaths will be delivered before Thanksgiving. If you would like to make a donation, buy a wreath or have a question please contact

Debra - treasurer@mcLANeptso.org or 359-8044. Without your support there is no guarantee the Cispus program will be continued for future 5th graders.

Rob & Denise Sawatsky
president@mcLANeptso.org



FALL DATES TO REMEMBER

-  *MON, Oct. 1 - Enter the Kingdom of Reading Read-a-thon Starts!*
-  *PTSO Meeting, 6pm - Library*
-  *WED, Oct 3 - Late Start*
-  *WED, Oct 10 - Picture Day!*
-  *FRI, Oct. 12 - Turn in Reading Log*
-  *FRI, Oct. 19- Turn in Reading Log*
-  *MON - FRI, Oct. 22-26 - Scholastic Book Fair*
-  *FRI, Oct. 26- Turn in Reading Log*
-  *WED, Oct. 31 - Passport*
-  *MON, Nov. 5 - Turn in Final Reading Log & Funds Raised*
-  *FRI, Nov. 16- Read-A-Thon Awards Assembly*

READ-A-THON - PRIZES, FUN, & LEARNING!

Are YOU Ready to Read?

Earn great prizes and help raise funds to support great activities at McLane Elementary by reading!

This year, instead of selling from catalogs, McLane students and families will promote

our school's goal of a love for reading for all!

100% of the money collected in a READ-A-THON will be used at our school for our children. The PTSO sponsors purchasing library books, science and math materials,

Passport Club, cultural enrichment programs, Family Movie Nights, Theater Program, and much more.

We have made this READ-A-THON easy and fun and we are hoping that everyone will

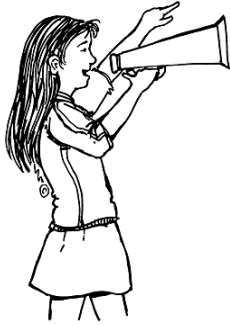
participate to make it a huge success for our school and children.

Prizes include: Nook & Kindle E-Readers, Books, Gift Certificates, Novelty Toys and MORE!



Question? Contact Nancy or Jaime at read@mcLANeptso.org or call 360-866-5569

CHALLENGE!



Are You Throwing Away Dimes that Could Go to McLane Elementary?

Probably. You wouldn't be alone. Lots of people are doing it.

We want to help you stop tossing money into the trash. Give it to McLane instead. It won't cost you a cent!



Your McLane PTSO sponsors Pod Vs. Pod Collection Challenges. The first one will be in November, so start collecting your box tops NOW!

BOOK FAIR

Scholastic Book Fair is MON-FRI, Oct. 22-26, 11:30-4 (3pm on 10.26)

Students & Parents may shop in the library/store online for a larger selection. Great way to get those last minute books for the Read-A-Thon!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/mclancelementary>

Books are delivered with no shipping fee a week after book fair closes to school or pay shipping to receive right away.

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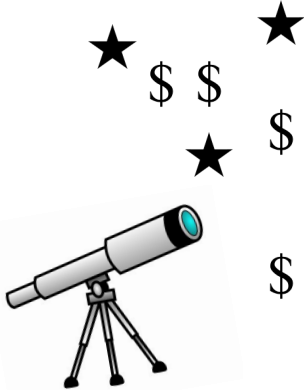
Do you like to share your opinion? How about do it and benefit McLane Elementary at the same time?

Op4G.com provides a way for you or others to donate your time and money to a McLane Elementary by being paid to participate in confidential consumer surveys. You then select a percent to go back to McLane! So EASY!



www.facebook.com/McLanePTSO

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!



Bet you didn't know that just shopping at Safeway helped us buy a new telescope for our students? They will be able to use it to learn more about the sky above us during the day or at night!

If you haven't renewed your Safeway card this year, you have until Nov. 01 to do so and ensure that Your PTSO can continue to provide the

funds to enhance the learning opportunities at McLane.

And we would be remiss if we didn't thank the group of volunteers who made time with very little notice to collect receipts during the two days that McLane was allotted.

This makes a significant impact on the total amount we

will be able to raise from e-scrip this year. It's easy for you - just register and shop but they had to get out there and collect the receipts!!



WHO'S HOO?



**Ms. Tara Heying,
Pre-School Teacher**

In this issue, we introduce the first of several teacher to join our McLane community in SY2012_13 – Ms. Tara Heying. Tara joined us from Chloe Clark Elementary in DuPont, WA

She has worked in education for about 9 months as a pre-school special education teacher and finds McLane to have a very positive atmosphere.

In the coming year, Ms. Heying hopes to find many ways to connect to our school families and with her fellow teachers. FYI - when she isn't at school, she likes to bowl!

Tara found a cat in an alley and has made her a part of her family. Of course, she named her Alley!

Tara's favorite lunch is pasta and her favorite snack is cheese.

Welcome to the school Ms. Heying. We hope you've hit a strike by joining our team!!

