

LawtonNews

PTA General Meeting Thursday, January 21, 6:30pm

In addition to our announcements about PTA happenings, we will also have a guest presenter, Emily Fuller from Seattle Parks and Recreation.

Emily will present the draft design of the Lawton Play Area (a.k.a. the "Upper Playground") which will undergo renovation this summer. There will be an opportunity to review the draft design and provide additional feedback. Ideas from the first meeting in December, 2009 were incorporated into the draft design that we'll see on Thursday. Come make your voices heard !

Childcare (for children out of diapers) will be provided for Lawton families, but you must reserve a spot in advance. Please contact marla@masterdesign.ca to reserve.

FROM SEATTLE PARKS

Seattle Parks and Recreation invites you and your family to meet with the design team for Lawton Park Improvements. Parks will present design option for your neighborhood park and wants to hear from you about the different designs. This renovation project, identified in the 2008 Parks Levy, provides play area improvements for children ages 2-12, safety surfacing, better accessibility and possible site furnishing.

Semi-Extreme Makeover

Did you notice the new pillows in the foyer and the office? A huge thank you to Nancy Knoll and Walley O'Shea who stitched and sewed new cushions to spiff up our school.



Tuesday January 19

- BLT Meeting 3:30pm
- McClure Open House 6:30 p.m.

Thursday January 21

PTA General Meeting • 6:30 pm

Thursday January 26

- Lawton Open House for new parents (see page 2)
- "Put Yourself in the Shoes of a Person with Dyslexia" Simulation, 7:00pm, (see page 4)

PAPER DRIVE

January 25 to February 8

Get ready for the Lawton Paper Drive!
For two weeks, the school will collect reams of paper. Your donations will offset photocopying costs and help your school dollars go further!

How you can help: Bring in reams of paper (8.5 x 11 white copy paper is all we need) to the office OR buy a case of paper and we will have it delivered to school. Cost per case is \$27.00 (make checks out to Lawton). There will be a drop box on the counter.

Have any questions: Contact Marla Master
marla@masterdesign.ca

Las Vegas 98199 is coming on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Space Needle, Skyline level

Mark your calendars for this year's big Lawton fundraiser event and social: Las Vegas 98199 Casino Night. In place of our annual auction, this event promises all the fun, glitz, good food and drink of our traditional event but with a new twist.

You'll have a chance to mingle and socialize with other Lawton parents and staff, try your luck in some classic casino games as well as sign up for the ever-popular parties – some old favorites and some new. Poker aficionados and newbies alike will have a chance to hit the tables in tournament play as well.

Everyone will have a chance to win some fabulous prizes as well as buy raffle tickets for one of two fabulous prizes. The winning ticket wins either a weeklong stay at a fabulous house in Big Sky, Montana or a coveted reserved parking place! There will also be a "Make a Difference" opportunity (a "raise your paddle" pledge drive) to ensure the Lawton coffers are well stocked to provide our kids the critical enrichment and world cultures programs, tutoring, classroom reduction and other unique opportunities we all expect and appreciate. All this and some surprises to boot, so watch for your invitation and RSVP soon – we hope to see you there!

Why Should I Come?

Besides having a wonderful night out, your support is important! The dollars raised go directly back into programs benefiting each child at Lawton. We hope to ensure the Lawton coffers are well stocked to provide our kids the critical enrichment and world cultures programs, tutoring, classroom reduction and other unique opportunities we all expect and appreciate. More details on this fabulous event will be distributed by newsletter and email.

How Can I Help?

If you'd like to help, email Kirsten Dumo kdumo@comcast.net or any of the committee members below.

Michelle Acquavella • Sandra Barnes • Eileen Carroll
Kirsten Dumo • Natalie Dean Hubbard • Jani Lauvrak
Tracy Pozil



Sponsor Lawton's Largest Fundraiser

For a \$200 tax-deductible donation you can help make a BIG difference by sponsoring our fundraiser to be held at the Space Needle on March 13th.

This year's theme – Las Vegas 98199 – **Everyone's a Winner**, is sure to be a night of fun and generosity.

More Sponsors (parent professionals, families that cannot attend, grandparents, etc.) mean Less Expenses, so more funds donated will go directly to support and enrich our students with programs of world cultures, arts, music, tutoring, equipment, supplies and much more!

Our Sponsors will be generously thanked the night of the event on all media and printed materials, and will be highlighted and thanked in our school newsletter which reaches all Lawton families. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you would like to become a SPONSOR, please contact Maria Alvord at m.alvord@comcast.net.

Give extra TLC

to children with bumps and scrapes during lunch recess on Thursdays 12:00 – 1:10pm.
Contact Laura Thomas 252 2130 for more info.

International Dyslexia Association – Washington Branch (WABIDA)

PRESENTS:

“Put Yourself in the Shoes of a Person with Dyslexia” Simulation,

**Jan 26, 7:00pm,
Tukwilla Community Center**

12424 42nd Ave. S
(1/2 mile North of I-5 off Interurban Ave.)

“Put Yourself in the Shoes of a Person with Dyslexia”
Simulated Hands-On Experience, Barbara Bailey

This simulation provides a lively, thought-provoking activity for teachers, parents or anyone interested in better understanding the lives of individuals with dyslexia.

Registration recommended. \$10 donation requested.
Clock Hours are available through
24 7 Educational Services

Lawton Kindergarten Open House

January 26, 2010 • 6:30 pm

Incoming kindergarten parents and new parents of 1st – 5th grade children are invited to attend the Lawton Open House. Come find out what we’re all about!

DAYTIME TOUR DATES:

Wednesdays, 9:15- 11:15 a.m.

Feb. 3rd • Feb. 10th • Mar 3rd

Catharine Blaine K-8 Open House

**2550 34th Avenue West •
252-1920**

February 2 • K – 4 • 6:30 – 8:30 pm

February 4 • 5 – 8 • 6:30 – 8:30 pm

DAYTIME TOUR DATES:

**Tuesday, March 2, 9:00-11:00am
K-4 Focus**

**Tuesday, March 9, 9:00-11:00am
K-4 Focus**

**Wednesday, March 16, 9:00-11:00am
5-8 Focus**

Lawton News is compiled weekly by Marla Master, PTA communication officer.

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When sending submissions please put the word **LAWTON NEWS** in subject line. Thanks!

Deadline: Friday 5pm

For the following Tuesday’s edition

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

By Lawton Legislative Chair, Anson Fatland

While the current legislative session in Olympia is mainly focused on closing a projected \$2.6 billion shortfall there are a lot of education-focused discussions going on as well. Our State did not submit an application for the first round of the Race to the Top, yet is working to position itself to submit a competitive application for the second round. As such, some of the issues being discussed this session are:

- Allowing the state to intervene and oversee schools where student achievement is persistently low (this is NOT meant for the state to take over failing schools)
- Revising teacher and principal evaluations to focus on instruction and use multiple measures, including student academic performance
- Extending probationary period for teachers to 3 years, and allow districts to grant continuing contracts after 2 years
- Allowing non-institutions of higher education to offer teacher and principal preparation programs
- Encouraging increased parent involvement and input
- Providing for adoption of Common Core Standards
- Encouraging local dollars to be used to close the achievement gap and increase STEM instruction

I will try to track bills as they go through the legislature and keep us updated on the process.

Also....The Quality Education Council, created by the Legislature in ESHB 2261 (the major education reform bill passed during the 2009 session) submitted its initial report to the Governor and Legislature. It was released on January 13 2010, and while it's a relatively dry read, the executive summary pulls it all together rather nicely. In it, 13 initial recommendations are made including overall K-12 funding (don't reduce it in the 2010 supplemental budget), early learning (include early learning for at-risk three- and four-year-olds as part of definition of basic education), full-day kindergarten (continue incremental phase in), and class size reductions (work to provide K-3 class size allocation of 15 students per classroom teacher) to name a few. The report is short at only 22 pages and can be found at <http://www.k12.wa.us/QEC/pubdocs/QECJan2010ReportMinorityReport.pdf>

DISPLAY SHOWCASE

THIS WEEK

Sophia Alvord 204, Soft life creatures

If you have a collection you would like to display for the school, sign up with Mrs. Thomas in the office.

The days are warming up!

Hop on to one of our Walking School Busses every Wednesday and Friday!

Check lawtonelementary.org/transportation/walking-school-bus for more info.



Sophia Pook Family Fundraiser Benefit

Friday, February 5th

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Magnolia Community Center

Help us celebrate Sophia's successful kidney transplant by attending a fundraiser benefit given in her family's honor to help defray ongoing costly prescriptions for anti-rejection medications.

We are also looking for donations for the fundraiser. If you have any of the following items to donate (no clothing), please contact Jennifer Hamann at hamann.j@comcast.net or 206-282-7248.

Silent Auction Items • Bake Sale • Flea Market Items
Books (used) • Jewelry/Note Cards

Thank you for your support of Lawton's own,
Pook family!

Magnolia Little League Registration

Magnolia Little League has opened its registration for the 2010 Baseball and Fastpitch seasons. Registration, league information, and a calendar of events can be found online at www.magnolialittleleague.com

Skills evaluations for players participating in the AAA or Majors baseball divisions will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 6th & 7th, at field #2 just south of Monger Pool. Players for these divisions must be registered by January 31st.

Magnolia Little League has been selected to host the District 8 Fastpitch 9/10yr old all star tournament beginning July 5th. Magnolia last hosted this tournament in 2008. Attached is a photo of the 9/10 All Stars who won the District 8 titled and placed fourth at State. This was the 2008 Combined Magnolia/Queen Anne Fastpitch All Stars team (9/10-year-olds). We are excited to be hosting this tournament again.

Keith Peterson, President Magnolia Little League

Queen Anne Community Center

Kids' Dance Party:

Once a month dance party for parents and kids ages 6 months - 10 years. Come dance away the winter blahs with the whole family as DJ's are guaranteed to get the party started. (80's, salsa, disco, etc.). Queen Anne Community Center for date and times. \$3.00 per child.

Beginning Ballet

Ages 5 - 6

This class will give each child a chance to learn the basics of ballet technique and presentation. With a focus on beginning skills, the class will progress from a center warm-up and stretch to locomotive techniques that travel across the floor. Using fun games and music, every student will gain a positive introduction to the art of dance. Bring your ballet shoes! Girls should wear leotard and tights, and boys should wear stretch pants and a non-baggy top.

#52112 1/4/2010 - 3/22/2010 Mon 4 - 5 p.m.

Activity fee \$75.00

Beginning Jazz

Ages 7 - 9

This class is a high energy introduction to jazz dance and performance technique. Students will focus on building strength and flexibility using basic jazz technique and exercises. The class will progress from a center warm-up and stretch to traveling across the floor and then a final combination that will develop throughout the course. Jazz shoes should be worn, along with leotards or form fitting tops and black stretch pants. #52113 1/4/2010 - 3/22/2010 Mon 5 - 6 p.m.

Activity fee \$75.00

Beginning Jazz and Hip Hop

Ages 18 and older

This class is perfect for any adult who wants to build flexibility and endurance while shakin' it to some of today's hottest music. After a high energy warm-up that includes conditioning and stretching, students will learn fun phrases and combinations to perform at the end of class. Wear comfortable clothes that allow free movement, and bring light sneakers or jazz shoes. Get ready to rock your body and break a sweat!

#52114 1/4/2010 - 3/22/2010 Mon 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Activity fee \$80.00

Instructional Basketball

Ages 6 - 7

Players will develop their basketball skills: shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding, and defense.

No Program 1/18/10, 2/15/10

#52116 1/4/2010 - 3/22/2010 Mon 4 - 5 p.m.

Activity Fee \$55.00

Staci Williams, Assistant Recreation Coordinator

Queen Anne Community Center

1901 1st Ave W

(206) 386-4240

Drama Club

Taught by Tracy McDonagh

Grades 3-5

Fridays • 3:10-5:00
\$150.00

February 26th - June 18th No club on 3/19
15 weeks

Grades K-1

Thursdays • 3:10-4:30
\$150.00

February 25th – June 10th
15 weeks

Please sign up in the office.
Make checks out to Tracy McDonagh

Scholarships and payment plans available.

Please contact Tracy McDonagh
(206) 252-2151

E-mail tlmcdonagh@seattleschools.org

Primary Drama Program

Session offers creative movement,
acting exercises, scene work. Performance

Intermediate Drama Program

Session focus is on acting skills:
Improvisation, voice and scene work
Session requires one weekend rehearsal.
Performance of Alice in Wonderland
June 4, 2010

Drama Club is a program that teaches
discipline, focus, communication and creativity.

Children will build confidence and
articulation of voice and body.

Mrs. McDonagh has taught theater skills
for over 15 years. Several of her former students
have gone into professional work in theater.

The Northwest Boychoir auditions

The Northwest Boychoir is holding auditions for NEW members on Saturday, February 6 for Spring Enrollment. Boys ages 6-9 are invited to sign-up for auditions. No previous music training is needed. The Northwest Boychoir offers the perfect blend of fun and music training. If your child is interested in singing and music, the Northwest Boychoir is the right choice.

For 36 years, we've been training Seattle's children to sing and perform in public. Auditions are offered twice yearly. We offer small group instruction, after school, in Seattle's University District with convenient freeway and public transportation access. Call us today to set up an audition appointment at (206) 524-3234 or visit www.nwchoirs.org

Mid Winter Break Theatre Camp

FEBRUARY 2/15 - 2/19

Fairytales

Campers will have 2 options:

1. performing
2. learn to build and paint set pieces and create stage props
(campers can do both options)

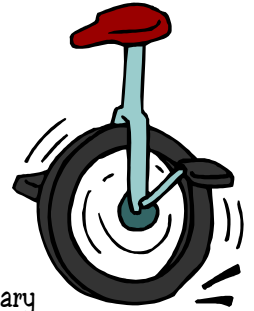
9am - 3pm • Tuition \$100.00

Contact Tracy Mcdonagh, Room 108
(206) 252-2151
tlmcdonagh@seattleschools.org

It's time...



2nd Session Sign Ups for After School PE Enrichment



The 2nd session sign ups for after school PE enrichment will be starting in February and if you haven't had a chance to sign up for one of them yet, this is your last chance for the year. Remember, enrichment classes fill up quickly so get your forms in early! Please read the information carefully and closely as there are some changes and other important information.

Tuesday: Beginning Unicycle - only 6 spots available - starts March 2nd (14 weeks)

As students have learned to ride, we have about 6 spots open to grades K-5. If your kindergarten child is interested, turn in the paperwork and we can measure to see if he/she is tall enough to fit the unicycles.



Tuesday: Hip Hop Dance - only 5 spots available starts February 23rd (15 weeks)

This lifetime activity is taught by Mrs. Schumer and she teaches you the basics of Hip Hop dance while allowing your creativity to guide you in your performance. The class is offered only to 3rd - 5th graders. Students who are in Hip Hop for the 1st session have priority in registration spots. ***Minimum of 10 students needed for the club to run.***

Wednesday: Intermediate Tumbling - starts March 17th (13 weeks)

This is a great activity for all children and can help when playing other sports. Mrs. T will continue to teach this class as it has been a huge success. Students have learned a great deal in a short amount of time. The Wednesday class will be for intermediate and advanced level students. If your child is in the class now, Mrs. T will determine if they would be in the intermediate class or if they should remain in the beginning class.

Thursday: Beginning Tumbling - starts March 4th (15 weeks)

Since the tumbling class from session 1 was so successful and we had a higher interest, we will be offering this 2nd day for beginning tumblers. Students should be able to bear their own body weight as a minimum requirement. They will be learning many new skills through practice and repetition. This is a great activity for all children and can help when playing other sports. Mrs. T will also be teaching this class. ***Minimum of 15 students needed for the club to run.***

For the best chance of getting into any of the enrichment classes, you will want to turn in your registration form directly to either Ms. Parks or Miss DeJong in the gym.

For a registration form, please download one at www.orgsites.com/wa/lawtonpe/_pgg1.php3 or pick one up in the gym

Registration deadline: when classes are full

Return to the gym as soon as possible.

Session Dates for After School Enrichment

| Tuesday - Beg. Unicycle 3:15 - 4:30 | Tuesday - Hip Hop 3:15 - 4:15 | Wednesday - Intermediate Tumbling 3:15 - 4:30 | Thursday - Beginning Tumbling 3:15 - 4:15 |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session 2</u> Fee Due: Feb. 2nd</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March 2nd 2. March 9th 3. March 16th 4. March 23rd 5. April 6th 6. April 13th 7. April 20th 8. April 27th 9. May 4th 10. May 11th 11. May 18th 12. May 25th 13. June 1st 14. June 8th (last day) <p><i>No Club on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 30th - Spring Break</i> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session 2</u> Fee Due: Feb. 2nd</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feb. 23rd 2. March 2nd 3. March 9th 4. March 16th 5. March 23rd 6. April 6th 7. April 13th 8. April 20th 9. April 27th 10. May 4th 11. May 11th 12. May 18th 13. May 25th 14. June 1st 15. June 8th (last day) <p><i>No Club on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 30th - Spring Break</i> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session 2</u> Fee Due: Feb. 2nd</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March 17th 2. March 24th 3. April 7th 4. April 14th 5. April 21st 6. April 28th 7. May 5th 8. May 12th 9. May 19th* 10. May 26th 11. June 2nd 12. June 9th 13. June 16th (last day) <p><i>No Club on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 31st - Spring Break</i> <p><i>*Special time on May 19th due to early release day: 1:15 - 2:30</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session 2</u> Fee Due: Feb. 2nd</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March 4th 2. March 11th 3. March 18th 4. March 25th 5. April 8th 6. April 15th 7. April 22nd 8. April 29th 9. May 6th 10. May 13th 11. May 20th 12. May 27th 13. June 3rd 14. June 10th 15. June 17th (last day) <p><i>No Club on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 30th - Spring Break</i> |

Payment for all classes is due at the time of registration.

- ★ **Beginning Unicycle Fees** - \$110.00 for 2nd session - Please make checks payable to "Cheryl Parks" - 14 week session - Fee includes snacks
- ★ **Hip Hop Fees** - \$110.00 for 2nd session - Please make checks payable to "Amie Schumer" - 15 week session - Fee includes snacks
- ★ **Intermediate Tumbling Fees** - \$110.00 for 2nd session - Please make checks payable to "Susan Turner" - 13 week session - Fee includes snacks
- ★ **Beginning Tumbling Fees** - \$125.00 for 2nd session - Please make checks payable to "Susan Turner" - 15 week session - Fees include snacks

Return to the gym as soon as possible.