



Friday, March 5

### Upcoming Events:

#### March is Kids in Bloom Month – Support PTO Enrichment Programs

March 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade visit from Civil War Re-enactors

March 8-10 – Wizards of Words

Thursday, March 11 – Buddies & Books Café, 6:30-7:30 pm, LCS cafeteria

Friday, March 12 – Last Day to Donate for Books for Our Buddies

Tuesday, March 23 – Friday, March 26 – 1 pm Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

PTO Book Fair, LCS gym

Trial of the Big Bad Wolf meetings, 1-3 pm, LCS (details below)

Wednesday-Thursday, March 24-25 – Battle of the Books meetings, 1-3 pm, LCS

Friday, March 26 – Spring Social for adults only, 7:30-10:30 pm, at Dolce (details below)

Saturday, March 27 – Mother/Son Bowling, 2:30-4:30 pm, Plaza Lanes, Madison (rescheduled due to snow)



#### Please Support Kids in Bloom

**Q:** What do these things have in common: Wizards of Words, Writers in the School, Dancin' With Honeybees, Foodplay, Civil War Re-enactment, Star Lab, Thomas Edison impersonator, Abe Lincoln impersonator, Native American programs, Insect and Reptile presentations, Science presentations?

**A:** They're all paid for with PTO dollars. That's right – without PTO funding, none of these wonderful programs would exist at LCS. We know you want your children to continue receiving these and other exciting and fun learning experiences – experiences that fire their imaginations and foster excitement about reading, math, history, science, music, art and physical fitness.

However, that can only happen with your financial support. By now you should have received your **Kids in Bloom** brochure and gift in the mail. You won't want to miss the surprise inside! Please give generously. Thank you.

#### Is Your Child Interested in Participating in Battle of the Books or the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf?

If so, we must have a permission slip by today, Friday, March 12. You should have received one in your child's backpack earlier this week. There is also one in the Friday Folder and at [www.libertycornerpto.org](http://www.libertycornerpto.org).

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders -- Battle of the Books** is a program in which students form teams, read a selection of books and then compete to answer questions about the books they have read. This program helps even the most reluctant readers to become excited about reading. **To participate, students must attend one launch session, either Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Liberty Corner School. Please note that these are early dismissal days for Parent Conferences so you will need to provide transportation at 3:00 p.m. for your children.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Graders -- The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf** is a program in which the participants stage a mock trial putting the Big Bad Wolf on trial for his crimes. Students play the parts of witnesses, jury members and lawyers. The trial is a fun event and presents a great opportunity to learn about our legal system. **The orientation meetings will take place Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Liberty Corner School. Please note that these are early dismissal days for Parent Conferences so you will need to provide transportation at 3:00 p.m. for your children.**

After these initials meetings, students will meet with parent volunteers and teachers during some lunch and recess periods to work, and will do reading and preparation at home. Students who are not participating will have their regular lunch and recess periods.

As you may know, elementary enrichment programs were one casualty of last year's budget cuts. Among all the wonderful activities that our enrichment program offered were the Battle of the Books (for 4th and 5th grade) and the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf (for 3rd grade). These two programs have been student favorites for many years, and their elimination from the curriculum has been very disappointing for our students. Rather than accept this loss, the PTO approached Dr. Pecoraro and the faculty to ask whether we could stage both programs ourselves, and they generously agreed to help us. While we know we cannot duplicate what has been done in the past, with the help of parent volunteers we are going to do our best to provide some version of these programs.

### **Come to the PTO Book Fair During Parent-Teacher Conferences – You'll Find Great Books and the Proceeds Support PTO Programs for Our Kids**

The hours will be as follows:

Monday, March 21, 9 am – 3 pm -- Class Preview & Sale

Tuesday, March 22, 9 am – 4 pm

Wednesday, March 23, 9 am – 4 pm

Thursday, March 24, 9 am – 1 pm and 6-8 pm

### **Join the LCS PTO Executive Board!**

Would you like to get more involved at Liberty Corner School, to help come up with ideas about what the PTO does, to work with a great bunch of LCS parents and teachers? Submit your name to the Nominating Committee by contacting Elda Feldman at [eldab@optimum.net](mailto:eldab@optimum.net). Along with your contact information, please explain your interest on being on the board, your relevant experience including any PTO Committee work or school-related volunteering, and the position(s) you would like to pursue. Parents who work during the day are welcome to apply, as long as your schedule is somewhat flexible. Each Board creates its own meeting schedule, alternating daytime and evening to best fit everyone's needs.

### **PTO Books for Our Buddies Collection Has Been Extended to Next Friday, March 12**

Donate your gently used books for children in need. Collection boxes are in the front office. Thank you!

### **PTO Mother/Son Bowling Rescheduled to March 27, 2:30-4:30 pm, Plaza Lanes, Madison**

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you are unable to make this date, please email [susan@kevelson.com](mailto:susan@kevelson.com) and your money will be refunded.

The PTO News goes out every week through the Board of Ed's Friday Folder. To submit items to the PTO News, please send them to [AmyJones@optonline.net](mailto:AmyJones@optonline.net). Items must be received by Friday for the following week's PTO News.

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