

Lakeway PTO

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Welcome to this week's issue of the Lakeway PTO Weekly News, a weekly e-letter that provides the PTO members with regular updates about programs, events, and activities. Encourage your friends and neighbors to subscribe on the home page of the Lakeway PTO Website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 22/23 - School Play "Television Dreamland" 2 shows Friday: 5:00 and 8:00 and 2 shows Saturday: 3:00 and 7:00 **ALL SHOWS ARE SOLD OUT**

February 23 - Marathon Kids Final Mile 11 AM Burger Center

February 25 - Teacher Inservice day

February 26~29 - Nutrition Cafe

February 28 - Deadline to notify Nominations Committee of interest in PTO Board positions for 2008-2009 school year

March 4 (Tuesday) - Slate of nominees will be publicly announced

March 10~14 - Spring Break

March 18 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting and acceptance of PTO Board nominations from the floor during this meeting

March 19 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

March 21 - Bad Weather Day

April 8 (Tuesday) - PTO Meeting and formal election of board members

SECURITY/SAFETY CONCERNS FOR LWE STUDENTS

Henrietta Garcia is going to take suggestions and lead a committee that will address any concerns parents have about safety and security at our school. Please email Henrietta at haymz160@aol.com with any suggestions you might have and she will compile them and form a committee of interested parents to implement any changes deemed necessary. Thank you Henrietta for keeping the safety of our children as a top priority and for taking a proactive approach toward security at LWE.

Kardivas "Hearts of Hope"

Recently the Lakeway Elementary 5th Kardivas sold "Hearts of Hope" in honor of LWE counselor Debye Judge who was diagnosed with breast cancer earlier this school year.

You might be asking who are the Kardivas...Kardivas is a girls club that exists to teach and encourage young girls that they are uniquely created with a purpose, that they have integrity and worth and that they have something valuable to contribute. Kardivas comes from the Greek word "kardia" which means heart, or seat of emotions. "Divas" stands for

Devoted, Inspired, Virtuous, Authentic, Sisterhood. The LWE Kardivas group is open to every 5th grade girl and this year is led by 5th grade moms Marla Hiller and Cathy Cable and mentored by youth minister Missy Allen. Kardivas learn about and discuss topics such as gossip, friendship, siblings, truthfulness, thankfulness, contentment, boundaries, etc. They also participate in school and community service projects.

The LWE 5th grade girls Kardivas sold the "Hearts of Hope" for twenty-five cents, five red hearts for a dollar and purple hearts for five dollars in the mornings before school on February 13, 14 and 15. **They were able to raise \$771.75!** All proceeds from the sales will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in honor of LWE counselor Debye Judge.

The hallways are plastered with hearts with our students' names on them. It was wonderful to see Kardivas working together for such a good cause and our very generous students and their parents bringing their money to support Ms. Judge and the Komen Foundation.

We are proud of our Kardivas and our bighearted LWE students, faculty/staff, parents and Lakeway community!

PTO MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH

Please make note the PTO meeting has been moved to the 3rd Tuesday in March due to Spring Break.

SPANISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to

fill the need for Wynn, Whites, McDonald, Johnson, Hundley, and Gonzales. However, we still need a few more Spanish Volunteers!!!!

Volunteers needed to devote 30 minutes to 1 hour per week to implement district purchased Spanish program in LWE kinder-third grade classes. Working knowledge and good pronunciation of Spanish needed. The following classes currently do NOT have any Spanish lessons

Kindergarten- Gregory

Third Grade- Porter and Beeson

We introduced this volunteer Spanish program 2 years ago under the direction of the district. This is a great opportunity for our children to be exposed at a young age to another language which will help them be prepared as they go into their middle school and high school years. It is our intent to continue growing this program but we need your help to do it - please consider volunteering your time.

Please contact Karen Brennan-Wodchis at keb@austin.rr.com if you would like to volunteer. Volunteers are encouraged to work with individual teachers to schedule a time convenient for both the volunteer and the teacher.LWE.

Sincerely,

Lakeway PTO