

Member Organization Reports November 6, 2014

CFA Notes

Homecoming on October 18th was a huge success and the football team won their game.

Upcoming events:

Veterans will come to visit the school and select history classes on Thursday and Friday of this week thanks to the Cultural Arts Committee.

The Arts Booster Club and the wonderful Mr. Miller will host the fall Coffee House Jam on Friday, Nov. 14th at 7pm in the high school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for students to perform musical numbers from singing to rock bands, poetry, and more that they do not necessarily get to do during the formal music instruction. Mr. Miller's improv troupe will also take to the stage. It is a informal fun evening for all. Please come and see the kids show their talents and support each other.

CFA next meeting on Tues. Nov. 18th at 12:00 in the Junior High Library will be a farewell party and luncheon for Mrs. Cambria, the Head of Guidance. She has been a source of much needed information and a calming presence for many years. She will be missed. Please join us to say good-bye.

The High School Drama, Our Town, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21st and 22nd at 7pm in the PAC and also on Sunday, November 23rd at 2pm.

December will be filled with:

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd - Sr High Winter Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 10th - Jr/Sr High Cookie Bake

WSS Notes

October was a very busy month at West Side. Our West Side Win Fundraiser and Cocktail Party was a huge success. Raffle tickets were completely sold out with close to 80% of the West Side Families participating in this fundraiser. Ticket holders enjoyed a wonderful party held at the Vardy/Stearn Residence that was attended by approximately 175 community members. We are so grateful to Iris Vardy for hosting and chairing this event and all of the members of the West Side Win Committee whose time and generous donations made this event possible. We also held our annual Scholastic Book Fair on October 23 and 24th. This event was once again a big hit with the children and we had the support of so many parents who took the time to come and shop with their children. We held our Annual Halloween Dance on October 24th. It was a very festive night filled with costumes, prize giveaways, a DJ, pizza and tons of terrific baked goods. The kids once again enjoyed this annual night with their peers. Finally, our West Side Kids Care

organized its annual coat drive and post Halloween Candy Drive for the Helping Hands Rescue Mission.

This year, we once again rented the National Geographic Big Traveling Map to support our student's studies of world geography. This year our students will study a map of the continent of Asia. This huge map is currently on display in our community room for to next 3 weeks. Classes can sign up and come and study the continent and complete grade level packets and exercises with their class. This geography study tool will lead us into our annual participation in the National Geographic Geography Bee.

Rehearsals continue for the West Side School Theater Association's production of Suessical. Tech week will commence during the week of December 1st. The performances will be on Saturday, December 6th at 7pm and Sunday, December 7th at 2pm at the PAC. Photo retake day will take place on Thursday, November 13th and our annual Holiday Boutique will take place on December 3 and 4th. Finally, our next PTG meeting will be held on November 18th at 9:30am. We are featuring Jane Golub, an educator and provider of parent workshops. She will be hosting a workshop entitled "Dialing down the stress and dialing up the joy in family life using positive and effective communication strategies". All parents are welcome to attend this informative presentation focusing on developing positive communication skills with your child and within your family.

LH Notes

The month of October is usually the busiest for the LHSPTG and this one was no exception. We started it off with a 2nd grade bulb-planting project. We had the entire 2nd grade class write on biodegradable paper their wish for their future that they planted with a daffodil bulb. We explained to them that in the spring they could watch their flowers grow just as they have over their first year at Lloyd Harbor.

On the 24th the 6th graders had their first dance! It was held at the George Weir Barn and had approximately 73 kids in attendance. Also on the 29th a visit from Theatre 3 presented "the Bullying Project." This program was funded by the PTG and coordinated thru the Cultural Arts Committee to aid awareness during October's National Bully Prevention month.

On Sunday October 26th we had our 21st Annual Little Apple Fun Run with over 340 racers. We were lucky to have a picture perfect day for this great community event. This event really takes a lot of work and our chairs and their volunteers did a great job. We had one snafu that occurred due to using a new race company. We learned the hard way that they did not set up course markers like the old company did which resulted in some chaos. Nevertheless, it was still a Fun Run.

On Friday October 31st we had our annual Harvest Halloween Festival. All the children dressed in their costumes participate in various activities such as mini-golf, festival games, butter churning and dancing along to a DJ. The parents are always welcome at this event and enjoy watching their children having fun as they go from station to station. This is also a very involved event that takes a lot of effort by our parent volunteers who once again pulled off a big hit!

This month we also debuted our flash online store, The Lions Pride. We decided that an online store would simplify our storage issues as well as be able to offer more sizes and product. This online store will open again for sales in January with shipping in February. Coming up in November we have our big fundraiser, Lloyd Harbor Unites. This is a raffle with the drawing taking place at the Huntington Country Club on November 14th. The raffle is for 3 different cash prizes but we will also be giving away some surprise gifts.

We have moved the date of our Holiday Boutique from November 18th-20th to December 2nd-4th. Our next PTG meeting will be on November 13th where we will have Mrs. Massimo speaking on homework challenges and what parents should or should not do to help.