



October, 2009

Volunteering is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

All of us at Lea Hill Elementary school recognize the importance of family involvement in a child's education and will make every effort to create opportunities for you to become involved. During the year please read all our newsletters, the PTA newspaper, special bulletins, and our reader board. Talk with our teachers and staff and find the activity or time that you can volunteer. Make that special difference in a child's education by taking an active role in the educational experience at Lea Hill Elementary.

The three easy steps are:

1. Contact staff to share your interest in volunteering; the amount of time you have available, dates available, areas of interest, etc. *We need volunteers who can come only once or twice a year, as much as we need someone who can come weekly/bi-weekly/monthly.* Do you prefer to do volunteer work from home, or are you interested in working directly with students?
2. Fill out the WSP Volunteer Form for background clearance. (To ensure the safety of all students, all volunteers must fulfill this obligation.)
3. Remember to sign-in at the office each time you come to school and wear a Volunteer badge. (Frequent volunteers are encouraged to get a 'personal' ID volunteer badge from Mrs. Weimer, in the office.)

That's how easy it is! You are ready to become a volunteer at Lea Hill Elementary. You can make a difference in the life of a child!

November Conferences

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming parent conferences in November. We will be scheduling conferences during October for our November 18th, 19th & 20th early release conference dates. Conferences will be scheduled between the hours of 1:00-3:00 p.m. daily, with a few before school times available. Be watching for your preference letter to come home in October. We will schedule all conferences requesting an interpreter on a specific date—we are unable to accommodate parent requests for these conferences. Students will attend school for 1/2 day during the three days of conference week, dismissing after lunch at 12:10. Kindergarten students will not attend school during the three days of conference. Students will go home via their usual mode of transportation; arriving home three hours earlier than their usual arrival time

Federal Forms:

TODAY, Thursday, Oct. 1, federal survey forms are coming home with your child. Please complete the form and return it to school by Monday, Oct 5th, 2009. Financial assistance may be made available to our school district if we have families living or working on federal property, or who are members of the uniformed services.

We appreciate your cooperation in returning a completed questionnaire, so the Auburn School District may apply for this program. 100% school-wide participation is required for us to qualify. Your efforts to provide accurate information and return his form promptly are also appreciated! If you do not wish to participate, please write "refused" across the body of the form and sign and date the bottom.

We must have a form from every student, whether or not you choose to provide the requested information.

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Home of the Mustangs!

Galloping toward success! 

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Cell Phone Etiquette

When visiting the school office, please refrain from using your cell-phone while in the office area. If your phone must be kept on when you are volunteering in our building, please turn it to the **silence mode**. It will be less disruptive to the learning environment. When a call comes in that you must take, **please excuse yourself to a private area or go outside to take the call**. We all appreciate the consideration.

Congratulations ASB Officers

Lea Hill Student Council 2009-10

President: Marty Chandler

Vice President: Kathelynn Nguyen

Secretary: Emily Mallory

Treasurer: Joseph Norris



Parking Lot Congestion Requires Patience

At times the Lea Hill Elementary school parking lot can feel like trying to exit Seattle at rush hour! However, one key difference is every car coming to or leaving Lea Hill carries a VIP. The VIPs in the cars are our children. Let's work together to make the drop off and pick up routine a safe and courteous experience for everyone, especially our children. We ask you to help this situation by:

- ☺ If you are coming into the building, pull into a parking space—absolutely no parking on the curb.
- ☺ Car riders will meet their ride at the flag pole in front of the school for pick up—students will only be released at this spot. (We think of this as *Valet* pick-up for your child!)
- ☺ If you are dropping off a student, please do not stop/release the student until you get to the curb drop off area.
- ☺ When cars are stacking up on the street, please alternate with the other cars by taking turns entering and leaving the parking lots.
- ☺ Allow enough time to make it to your commitments in a safe and timely manner.
- ☺ **NEVER** use the bus loading zone area to drop off your child.

Let's work together to make the transition between home to school, or school to home, as safe and positive as possible.



Lost & Found

Lost & Found is located in a 'parent visible' location to help in reuniting lost items with their owner. Next time you notice your child has lost a personal item at school, be sure to swing through the school foyer and check out the hanging rack located just outside the east doors. We also have a container in the office area with smaller lost and found items; i.e. glasses, jewelry, mittens, etc.

Get to school on time with the three P's

You started out the school year great! Everyone got up and out the door on time—at least most days. But now things have started to slip. The start of your day sets the tone for the entire day. This is the time of the day that important class activities, planning and tests take place.

Remember the three P's to make sure your child still gets to school on time:

- 1.) **PLAN**—The night before, take a few minutes to think about what your child needs for the next day. Help them pack their lunch and put it in the refrigerator. Have them set their backpack by the door.
- 2.) **PRIORITIZE**—Schedule medical appointments after school. Don't plan trips until after the end of the school year or during school breaks.
- 3.) **PRACTICE**—Practice really does make perfect! Each day you get your child up and out the door on time will make it easier the next day.

Plan-Prioritize-Practice



Treats

Please remember, district policy states that home baked goods are not to be brought to school for class parties. All treats must be store bought.

Thank you!



**Last day, October 5th,
to register to vote for
the November 3rd
election!**



Mail-in voter registration forms are available in the school office, or visit the following website for instant on-line registration!

<https://wei.secstate.wa.gov/osos/secure/pages/Onlinevoterregistration.aspx>