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# The Explorer Compass

Parents, teachers and the community working together to promote educational excellence for our children.

## Co-Presidents' Corner

by Diane Henderson & Kristi Mitchell,  
Co-Presidents

**W**elcome back! It's hard to believe we're already two weeks into the school year, especially since we are having such summer-like weather. It does make it a little harder to get into the swing of things, but hopefully we're all getting there.

Kristi and I are starting to feel like we're getting into the swing of PTA things. There is so much to organize at the beginning of the year and we are very fortunate to have an amazing board of volunteers working with us.

We are continuing with most of the wonderful programs we had last year. Dates for upcoming events are included in this newsletter so be sure to mark them on your calendar. We will continue with

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## Pizza Party Membership Drive

by Jeannine Wargo, Membership Chair

The Chloe Clark PTA membership drive is in full swing! Don't forget to send in your membership form and help your student's class win a classroom pizza party. The classroom with the most PTA memberships by October 14 wins a pizza party. Your name will also be entered in a raffle to win a Farrell's gift certificate. Join today!



## Family Movie Night is Back!

Come and join us for some family fun as we watch **Gnomeo and Juliet**, eat some popcorn and hang out with family, friends and neighbors

in the Community Room on **Friday September 30, 2011 at 7:00pm**. Suggested donation is \$3/family. See you there!

## Co-President's Corner

by Diane Henderson & Kristi Mitchell,  
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our academic programs like Ready-Set-Read, Math Night, and Science Club. We will also continue with our enrichment programs which include the Chloe Fitness Club and Chloe Creations/Reflections. And we will continue with our social events such as Family Game and Craft Night, Movie Night and the Spring Fitness Carnival. These are just to name a few.

You will see that our focus hasn't changed much. We will once again try to offer programs to our students that focus on the arts, science, and physical well-being. But this year we will additionally be focusing on you. Our goal is to bring you more information about what's happening in the PTA, at school, at the school district, and at our states capital. To this end we have changed our Legislative Chair position to a Legislative/School Board Chair. Through this and other board positions we will do our best to keep you informed about decisions that affect our school.

In addition to bringing more information to you, our goal is to bring more of you into the school. Statistics are incredibly clear on the benefits to our students of having parent volunteers at the school. Even a small commitment can have an incredibly large impact. And there are so many easy ways to get involved - volunteering in class, helping with an event, recording pedometer steps, stuffing Wednesday envelopes, going on field trips, popping popcorn, bringing lunch to staff appreciation, and much more. Not sure where you can help? Let us know and we'll help you figure it out. Even one hour of volunteering a month can speak volumes to our kids.

And, of course, we encourage you to join the PTA. It's a great way to support your school (and maybe earn a pizza party for your student's class). We know we are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing school community and we thank you for that.

## General Membership Coffee

Enjoy coffee and muffins at the PTA's first general membership meeting of the year on **Tuesday, September 20th, 9:45-10:30 am.** Meet other parents, hear from the PTA executive board and interact with the PTA committee chairs to find what best meets your interest. Remember you put the Parent in PTA, this is a great way to be more involved in your child's education and to enrich their experience at Chloe Clark!



## Vision & Hearing Screening

Vision and hearing testing will be conducted at Chloe Clark from 3 to 7 October. The Chloe Clark PTA, Lion's Club, Dr. Steven Shaffer with the Dupont Family Vision Clinic and Chloe Clark's school nurse, Ms. Betty Nevers are working together to ensure that all children at Chloe Clark have these important screening tests performed at no cost to you. Volunteers are needed to assist during that week. If you are looking for a worthwhile and short-term volunteer opportunity, this one has your name on it. If interested sign up through the Chloe Clark PTA website, [www.chloelarkpta.com](http://www.chloelarkpta.com).



# Your Opinion Matters—Take The State PTA Legislative Issues Survey



by Melissa McGann, Legislative Chair

One easy way to get involved in your PTA is to help shape our legislative priorities over the next year. Washington State PTA lobbies on behalf of all members for the well-being and education of Washington youth. Delegates will be meeting this October to adjust our 2-year platform and your feedback will be important to them.

Please visit [this survey link](#) and give us your perspective on the issues that representatives from all over the state of Washington will be considering. The results will be shared with the delegates to help guide their voting at Legislative Assembly.

**Hurry, survey closes on September 18th!**

## We Need You! Become a 2011-2012 PTA Board Member!

Help us keep all the great PTA programs our students enjoy going strong; consider chairing an open position in 2011-2012. We still have a few very important positions open:

*Board Members*  
**Newsletter Chair**

*Committee Coordinators*  
**Tacoma Rainiers Coordinator**  
**Vision and Hearing Screening Coordinator**  
**Nominating Committee Coordinator**

For additional information and to register for any of these positions, please visit [www.chloeclarkpta.com](http://www.chloeclarkpta.com) or email [president@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:president@chloeclarkpta.com).

## On Your Mark, Get Set...Step! Chloe Fitness Club is Coming

by Janeen Lewis, Chloe Fitness Club

**T**he pedometers are back! The PTA is excited to announce another fun and motivational year where your kids are learning how to be healthy through fitness & nutrition programs at Chloe Clark. With special thanks to the DKF program, and our own PE teacher, Mr. Schmidt, for his support, collaboration efforts, and comprehensive fitness and nutrition education for the students! Starting next week your child will clip on the pedometers in class and wear them during the school day. Look at your child's step progress through the year as we post updates on the PE board each month! Please return \$3 usage fee payable to Chloe Clark PTA in an envelope with your child's and teacher's name on the check, or on the envelope. For more information or to volunteer, contact Janeen Lewis, Chloe Clark Fitness Club, [chloefitnessclub@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:chloefitnessclub@chloeclarkpta.com).

## Have you seen our new PTA Website?

Visit [www.chloeclarkpta.com](http://www.chloeclarkpta.com) to see our brand new look. The new site is easy to navigate and full of great information about our school. Register on the site to stay up-to-date on all PTA events.



# Mark Your Calendars

~ September & October ~

**General Membership Coffee**  
Tuesday, September 20th :: 9:45am

**Family Movie Night**  
Friday, September 30th :: 7:00pm

**Vision & Hearing Testing**  
October 3-5th & 7th

**PTA Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 4th :: 6:30pm

**Picture Day**  
October 6th

**Math Night**  
October 28th :: 7:00pm



**Box Tops Store & Popcorn Wednesdays are coming in October!**



Watch for updates on the PTA website and in Wednesday Envelopes

## 2011-2012 Chloe Clark PTA

*Theme:* "Exploring Our School"

- Goals:*
1. Develop ways to partner with teachers to further enhance our children's education.
  2. Promote an environment that encourages parental involvement in both home and school.
  3. Facilitate communication between district, school, PTA & home.
  4. Inspire children to grow in the arts, sciences, and physical well-being.

## Smith Bros. Farms Offers Incentive Program for PTAs

September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, Smith Brothers Farms is offering a \$20 discount for new customers who mention Chloe Clark PTA when they sign up for delivery of milk and other grocery items. For every 5 new customers signed up, Smith Brothers will donate \$250 to the Chloe Clark PTA.

1. Visit [www.smithbrothersfarms.com](http://www.smithbrothersfarms.com) and click on "Home Delivery."
2. Click on "sign up for service" and enter "PTA" for the Promo Code.
3. A customer service representative will follow up with you to confirm Chloe Clark as your school.

## Treasurer's Report

by Bonnie Landes, Treasurer

	JULY	AUGUST
Income	\$29.75	\$24.49
Expenses	\$218.10	\$12,262.15*
Beg. Balance	\$28,371.75	\$27,433.40
End Balance	\$27,433.40	\$15,234.49

\* Payment for \$9,399.80 paid for paving of running track (completed in June ~ last year's budget).

