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# The Explorer Compass

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

## President's Corner

By Melissa McGann, President

February is here—which means our school year is already half over! This is a good time to reflect on what we have accomplished so far and what we have planned for the coming months. At the beginning of the school year, the PTA Membership adopted three goals to help guide us in our efforts to fulfill our mission of *parents, teachers, and the community working together to promote educational excellence for our children*:

- Inspire children to grow in the arts, sciences, and physical well-being.
- Facilitate communication between district, school, PTA, and home.
- Provide an environment that encourages parental involvement in both home and school.

Using these goals as our guideposts, we have developed and implemented new programs this year, like the Explorer Science Club, Chloe Step Club, and Family Game & Craft Night, and brought back annual favorites, including

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## Yearbooks! Yearbooks! Get Your Yearbooks!

By Holly Wickenhagen, Yearbook Chair

Yearbook order forms will be going out in the Wednesday envelopes. The early bird catches the worm, so please pre-order the yearbooks and you will receive a discount. The first book will go for \$18 and \$16 for each additional book purchased. Beginning April 1, the books will go up in price to \$21 dollars. We appreciate pre-orders as it cuts down on the leftover books.

We are still looking for pictures from field trips, class parties, class events or any school event that features our amazing Chloe Clark students, staff and teachers. Please email me with any upcoming events and either myself or someone else can be there to take pictures.

The best way to submit the pictures is to put them on a disc labeled "Yearbook" with the date and event, and drop them in the PTA box in the front office. You can also email them to [yearbook@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:yearbook@chloeclarkpta.com), however the resolution may not be as clear. Thank you to everyone for your photo submissions so far this school year.

## SHSD Board Appreciation

By Melissa McGann, PTA President

On January 26th, schools and PTAs in the Steilacoom Historical School District had an opportunity to show their appreciation to the five individuals currently serving on the Board. The Chloe Clark PTA presented each of the School Board members with a homemade card signed by Chloe Clark students as a token of our gratitude. The SHSD community is very fortunate to be served by the conscientious and hard-working volunteer members of our School Board. We all owe them our appreciation!

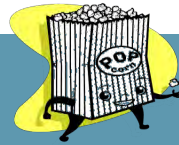


# January Volunteer of the Month

By Diane Henderson, Volunteer Coordinator

## Congratulations Cassie Reiss

For the last few years, Cassie has volunteered for nearly every school trip, class project and party, as well as any other major event at the school. She is also a faithful Popcorn Popper on Fridays, and is involved with other community volunteer projects as well. Her positive, can-do attitude exemplifies what it means to be a Chloe Clark volunteer. Thanks for your dedication Cassie, we truly appreciate it!



**Popcorn Sales every Friday**  
**.25 cents per bag (limit 4 per student)**

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the Incoming Kindergarten Play date, Ready-Set-Read, Family Bingo Night, Box Tops Store and Popcorn Fridays. As full as our year has been so far, there are many more fun, educational, and inspiring programs planned for the remaining months of the 2010–2011 school year. Page 5 of this newsletter is an updated list of upcoming PTA events; continue to look in your weekly paper and email fliers for more information. Remember, you can always find an up-to-date listing of PTA events on our online calendar: <http://www.chloeclarkpta.com/Calendar.html>.

**With all of these events come MANY volunteering opportunities.** If you want to get involved but aren't sure how, please email me at [president@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:president@chloeclarkpta.com) and we can discuss your options. We also have updated volunteer and event information on our web site at [www.chloeclarkpta.com](http://www.chloeclarkpta.com).

## Chloe Creations

By Nicole Jacobsen and Amy Senfleben, Reflections/Chloe Creations Co-Chairs

Art can be many things, but the one thing it always does is connect us with something creative inside. Our children experience the pride and satisfaction of creation every time they pick up a crayon or paintbrush, and we'd like to take that achievement a step further in the coming weeks. This year, Chloe Clark PTA will be sponsoring Chloe Creations, a school-wide art project that will culminate with an Art Walk on April 19, 2011.

Between February 28 and March 4, Chloe Clark volunteers will be working with your child's class during their music period, combining music and visual arts into a symbiotic experience. Children will be creating tile art pieces and will see their individual projects come together as a whole when the art is permanently mounted for display at Chloe Clark! Volunteers are still needed for this tremendous undertaking - if you can spare an hour or two during instruction week, or during the weeks following as we fire tiles for the entire school, please contact Nicole or Amy at [reflections@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:reflections@chloeclarkpta.com).

Once the firing is complete and the tiles are mounted, the unveiling will occur during Art Walk on April 19, 2011. Students and their families are invited to come to school for the big event and see how the pieces work together to create a wonderful mosaic. It's a fun evening, and the kids love showing off their work!

Chloe Clark PTA thanks all of its parents for their constant support as we strive to give our children the very best that we can. We look forward to seeing your children during their music classes, and all of you at Art Walk!

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## February EVENTS

**Box Tops Store**  
Wednesday, February 2nd

**PTA Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 2nd :: 6:30pm

**Family Bingo Night**  
Friday, February 4th :: 7:00pm

**HALF DAYS ~ Teacher Conferences**  
Wednesday, Feb. 9th to Friday, Feb. 11th

**Math Night**  
Thursday, February 24th :: 6:30pm

# 2011 Legislative Focus Day

By Katherine O'Connell, Legislative Focus Day Chair

Start off the New Year with Advocacy for Our Kids by joining other PTA activists from across the state in Olympia for the Annual Legislative Focus Day. This year we are meeting on February 21, 2011, Presidents Day, a school Holiday, so we are planning to celebrate this as a Family Event to make our voices heard.

Time	Activity	Location
8:30 am	Welcome Table Opens—Pick up Packets Meet & Greet for Adults Children's Activities Begin (button making, face painting, creating signs & noise makers, write a note to your Legislator, color-	Urban Onion Mezzanine & Ballroom
9:30 am	Opening Session – welcome and legislative update	Urban Onion Ballroom
10:45 am	March details and safety information	Urban Onion Ballroom
11:00 am	Pick up bagged lunches	Urban Onion Mezzanine
11:20 am	Gather for march to the Capitol	Sylvester Park
11:35 am	March begins up Capitol Way	Sylvester Park
12:00 pm	Rally on the Steps	Capital Steps
1:00 pm	Meet with your legislators on your own	
1:30–2:30 pm	Turn in Scavenger Hunts for Prize	Outside the Columbia Room

The CHLOE CLARK Contingency will meet at the Urban Onion Ballroom. Bring your kids and have a great family day while making a difference! Contact Katherine O'Connell at [legislative@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:legislative@chloeclarkpta.com) if you plan on attending, so I may register you and reserve your bagged lunch!

**Cost: Bagged Lunch Adults - \$13.95 Bagged Lunch Child - \$6.95**

If your time is limited, follow this link and join in where you can!

<http://focusday2011.eventbrite.com/>



## The Chloe Clark PTA Needs You!

By Melissa McGann, PTA President

In this era of school budget cuts, it is more important than ever for parents and teachers to join together to do everything we can to deliver high-quality educational opportunities to our kids. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a great choice for all of us to get connected and get involved in our kids' education. It has been such an honor to serve as PTA President these last two years, and during my tenure I have met so many amazing people with one common purpose—to enrich and enhance Chloe Clark Elementary School. The amazing and dedicated school staff and community volunteers all strive to make Chloe Clark the best it can be.

If you have ideas to make the PTA even better, and the energy to follow through on them,  
WE...NEED...YOU!

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The Nominating Committee is currently on the hunt for a few good people to fill the positions of next year's Executive Board. Are you able to see the big picture on projects and are able to work well with different personalities? Are you organized and able to file organizational documents? Or are you good with numbers and accounting? Let the Nominating Committee know by emailing the Committee Chair, Jennifer Morgan ([membership@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:membership@chloeclarkpta.com)). If you have specific questions about particular positions, please feel free to email the current office holder.

### **2010–2011 Executive Board**

**President:** Melissa McGann ([president@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:president@chloeclarkpta.com))

**Vice President:** Christy Johnson ([vicepresident@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:vicepresident@chloeclarkpta.com))

**Treasurer:** Bonnie Landes ([treasurer@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:treasurer@chloeclarkpta.com))

**Secretary:** Suzanne McCrum ([secretary@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:secretary@chloeclarkpta.com))

### **Executive Board Position Descriptions**

- **President:** Oversee all PTA business and act as a liaison between Chloe Clark administration and the PTA membership.
- **Vice President:** Assist the PTA President as needed, including coordinating the PTA events calendar, reader board schedule, and PTA Monday events.
- **Treasurer:** Propose annual PTA Budget, maintain bookkeeping records for PTA, record all expenses and reimbursements, and issue checks to Committees and membership as needed.
- **Secretary:** Keep records of PTA proceedings, including taking minutes at PTA Board meetings and PTA General Membership

## **Annual Recognition for Exceptional Volunteers & Leaders**

By Melissa McGann, PTA President

It's time once again to recognize those individuals in our Chloe Clark community who have exceeded expectations in serving our students. The Chloe Clark PTA is proud to sponsor these recognition awards—though choosing the recipients from the many outstanding nominees is always a tough job! Parents, teachers, and staff members are encouraged to fill out the Nomination Form at the end of this newsletter—we have so many wonderful volunteers in our school, now is the time to brag about them! The Chloe Clark PTA will donate \$65 in the name of each recipient to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.

The **Golden Acorn Award** recognizes a volunteer who has given outstanding service to all children in the school community...not just an individual who has donated time to help in his/her child's class or a staff member who is doing a good job. It is to recognize volunteer service "above and beyond" a particular job description.

The **Outstanding Educator Award** recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding educational opportunities for children and youth who go beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging.

The **Outstanding Advocate Award** recognizes individuals for continued and dedicated service to ALL children and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth.



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# CHLOE CLARK PTA

## IMPORTANT DATES-SPRING 2011

### FEBRUARY

- Wed. 2/2 @ lunchtime • Box Tops Store
- Wed. 2/2 @ 6:30pm • PTA Board of Directors Meeting
- Fri. 2/4 @ 7pm • Pajama Party Bingo Night
- Mon. 2/21 • WSPTA Focus Day Rally (Olympia)
- Thurs. 2/24 @ 7pm • Math Night



### MARCH

- Wed. 3/2 @ 6:30pm • PTA Board of Directors Meeting
- Fri. 3/4 • CCPTA Golden Acorn, etc. Nominations Due
- Wed. 3/16 @ 6:30pm • Explorer Science Club
- Wed. 3/23 • Entire School OJP Field Trip to Olympia
- Wed. 3/30 @ 6:30pm • PTA Board of Directors Meeting
- Thurs. 3/31 @ 6:30pm • PTA General Membership Meeting & Ice Cream Social

### APRIL

- Wed. 4/13 @ lunchtime • Box Tops Store
- Tues. 4/19 @ 7pm • Art Walk (during No Screen Week)
- TBA • Science Night (during No Screen Week)
- Fri. 4/29 – Mon. 5/1 • WSPTA Convention (SeaTac)



### MAY

- Mon. 5/2 – Fri. 5/6 • Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week
- Wed. 5/4 @ 6:30pm • PTA Board of Directors Meeting
- Wed. 5/18 @ 6:30pm • Explorer Science Club
- Sat. 5/21 @ 8am • Explorers' Run 4 Fun 5K Run/Walk & ½-Mile Kids' Dash

### JUNE

- Wed. 6/1 @ lunchtime • Box Tops Store
- Wed. 6/1 @ 6:30pm • PTA Board of Directors Meeting
- Thurs. 6/2 @ 7pm • Chloe Clark Night at the Rainiers
- TBA • PTA General Membership Meeting
- Fri. 6/10 @ 6:30pm • Spring Fitness Carnival
- Thurs. 6/16 • Last Day of School

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**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**GOLDEN  
ACORN  
AWARD**



**OUTSTANDING  
EDUCATOR  
AWARD**



**OUTSTANDING  
ADVOCATE  
AWARD**



The **Golden Acorn Award** recognizes an individual who has given outstanding volunteer service to children and youth. The Golden Acorn is a very special award and is given for continued and dedicated service to all children and a demonstrated commitment to helping them achieve their potential.

The **Outstanding Educator Award** recognizes an individual who goes beyond the normal expectations of their job to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging. An educator may be defined as a teacher, assistant, custodian, bus driver, administrator or member.

The **Outstanding Advocate Award** recognizes an individual for their dedicated service to children and commitment to creating strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth.

We invite you to participate in the selection of our award recipients. The Chloe Clark PTA Awards Committee will make the final selections. Recipients of these awards receive a commemorative pin and a special certificate. The Chloe Clark PTA will also contribute \$65 in the person's name to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Program. **THANK YOU!!**

Please fill in this form and return it by **Friday, March 4, 2011**  
**Diane Henderson, Volunteer Coordinator**  
**Chloe Clark PTA**  
**1700 Palisades Boulevard**  
**DuPont, Washington 98327**



(FILL OUT AS THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE—ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

I recommend that \_\_\_\_\_ be considered for a  
**Golden Acorn Award.**

**What are some examples of this person's PTA service this year?**

**How has this person shown service to our school community?**

**What are some examples of this person's community-wide service?**

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## RECOMMENDATION FORM (CONT.)



I recommend that \_\_\_\_\_ be considered for an **Outstanding Educator Award**.

(attach a separate sheet if necessary)

**Describe why you feel this person is an outstanding educator:**

**List the programs and/or activities that enhanced the “normal” education for students:**

**If you were to write an article for a newsletter proclaiming this person as an outstanding educator, what might it look like?**

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I recommend that \_\_\_\_\_ be considered for an **Outstanding Advocate Award**.

(attach a separate sheet if necessary)

**Advocacy means to speak up; to plead a cause; to make a case for another. Describe why you feel this person is an outstanding advocate:**

**How has this person shown a commitment to creating strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth?**

**If you were to write an article for a newsletter proclaiming this person as an outstanding advocate, what might it look like?**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_