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## President's Corner

By Melissa McGann, President

**P**icture a few hundred DuPont community members gathered in one room for a couple of hours. Mayor Tamara Jenkins is there, as well as Police Chief Ron Goodpaster, SHSD Superintendent Bill Fritz, and local business members and community leaders Mark Eakes (DuPont Forza) and John and Denise Dahne (Dahne Orthodontics). Is it a City Council meeting? A School Board meeting? Perhaps a Northwest Landing ROA meeting? Nope—it's the Chloe Clark PTA's annual Pajama Party Family Bingo Night! For two hours on February 4th the Chloe Clark Community Room was the scene of smiles, laughter, and anticipation! We heartily thank our many sponsors and donors for making our fun community event a reality!!

While the PTA is dedicated to supporting Chloe Clark teachers and staff with academic achievement and test score improvement, we are also dedicated to fostering a sense of community not just with the students and parents, but with

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## Yearbooks! Yearbooks! Get Your Yearbooks!

By Holly Wickenhagen, Yearbook Chair

Place your order now for the Chloe Clark Yearbook. Don't delay and miss the early bird prices. Initial orders are due by March 31, 2011.

\$18.00 for first book  
\$16.00 for each additional

Orders placed after March 31, 2011 will go up.

\$21.00—No Additional discount

Please make checks payable to: Chloe Clark PTA



### Explorer Pledge

Today, I will be the best I can be.

I will believe in myself.

I will be responsible.

I will help my friends, my school,  
and my family.

I will be an Explorer!!

I am proud of who I am and  
who I am becoming!

## February Volunteer of the Month

By Diane Henderson, Volunteer Coordinator

### Congratulations Bret Butterfield

Bret has been a staunch volunteer since his daughter started school here, offering time whenever possible. This year he has played an integral part in the success of the Chloe Step Club. He has consistently volunteered for the pedometer count since we started the program in October. He gets to school early and sets up the computers when needed and will stay later and help others finish. His commitment to the Step Club and to Chloe Clark Elementary is greatly appreciated!

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



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our surrounding businesses and neighbors as well. What a wonderful gift to give to our children!

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.

## Chloe Step Club

By Kristi Grund, Chloe Step Club Coordinator

The first group of students will receive a Chloe Step Club t-shirt this month for logging 500,000 steps this year so far! Those students are Madeleine Quitugua, Kimo Brandon, Austin Mills, Destinee Cabel, Andrew Sung and Sebastian Bell! These students along with student artist Mollie Hetlage who created the logo for the shirt will be presented with their shirt during community time on Tuesday, March 15th during community time.

## Explorer Science Club—Save the Dates!

By Christy Johnson, PTA Vice President

We hope everyone enjoyed a month off and is refreshed and excited to learn more about the world around us. The month of March kicks off the spring session of science club, with a look at chemistry in the kitchen. Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm we will be experimenting with some common household items. Experiments include Color Splash, Cauldron Bubbles, Polishing Pennies, and Zoom Glue. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Science Club dates:

March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in conjunction with Science Night

May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm



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

**Golden Acorn, etc. Nominations Due**  
Friday, March 4th

**Inclement Weather Make-up Day**  
Friday, March 11th

**Explorer Science Club**  
Wednesday, March 16th :: 6:30pm

**OJP Field Trip to Olympia**  
Wednesday, March 23rd :: 12:30pm

**Math Night—(Rescheduled from February)**  
Thursday, March 24th :: 7:00 to 8:30pm

**HALF DAY**  
Friday, March 25th

**PTA Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 30th :: 6:30pm

**PTA General Membership Meeting  
& Ice Cream Social**  
Thursday, March 31st :: 6:30pm

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# Chloe Creations School-Wide Art Project Off to a Great Start!

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

The week of February 28th marked the beginning of an ambitious school-wide mural project organized by the PTA for this year's "Chloe Creations." Students spent part of their normally scheduled music class with Ms. Jeffreys painting their own 6" tile and listening to music for clues about the secret subject matter of the mural. Over the course of two weeks, every student in the school will have the opportunity to paint their own section of the pre-designed artwork. The tiles will then be glazed and fired in our school kiln by a team of PTA volunteers throughout the month of March, and assembled into the final mural for all to see at the art walk on April 19th. If you are interested in helping with the glazing and firing, or would like to volunteer during the evening Art Walk, please email Amy Senffleben or Nicole Jacobsen at [reflections@chloelarkpta.com](mailto:reflections@chloelarkpta.com). Staff are also encouraged to paint a tile and a workshop date will be announced soon.

## Save the Date! Annual Explorer's Run 4 Fun

By Alli Fallot, Run 4 Fun Chair

Save the date! The Annual Explorers' Run 4 Fun is coming up! The race will be Saturday May 21, 2011. The 1/2 mile kids run will start at 8:00 followed by the open to anyone 5K at 8:30. And we do mean open to anyone - those walking for fitness or just for fun with their morning coffee and runners of all kinds - fast, slow and everyone in between. We would love to have you join us as a team of 10 - there is a team category just waiting for you to sign up. What better way to advertise your group? If you are interested in participating, write the date on your calendar now. If you are interested in helping with the planning or on the day of the race, please contact Alli Fallot [run4fun@chloelarkpta.com](mailto:run4fun@chloelarkpta.com).



## Treasurer's Report—February

By Bonnie Landes, PTA Treasurer

February Report	
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$3,024.81</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,186.31</b>

We received a huge check from Boxtops for \$2,234.81 and also \$434 from Bingo Night. Way to go!!! Our biggest expense was \$800 towards the Author Visit.

## Math Night—Rescheduled

By Alli Fallot, Spring Fundraiser Chair



Math Night is coming up! The original date fell victim to a snow day, but we have a new date! Math Night will now be held on Thursday March 24th from 7:00 - 8:30. Please think about joining us for an evening of games and fun dedicated to

math. There will be board games, picture books, a selection of computer games and puzzles and even a smart board demonstration! And ... visit all the sections and you can end the evening with a cookie!



# Upcoming OJP Field Trip

By Melissa McGann, PTA President

This year we are once again participating in Olympia Junior Program (OJP), a program that has consistently provided high-quality live theater to elementary students at a minimal cost since 1940. On March 23, 2011, our entire school will be traveling to Olympia's Washington Center for the Performing Arts to see "Let's Go Science Show" a performance that is intended for grades K-3. The performance will begin at 12:30 p.m. For more information on this show, please visit: <http://www.olympiajuniorprograms.com/Current-Plays>.



We are very excited about taking all of our kids to see a live performance in a beautiful theater—but to make it successful, we need your help! This year we will need a minimum of 25 ushers to help unload buses, watch over students during the performance, and then assist in loading them back onto their buses after the performance. If you are interested in helping in this capacity or have any questions, please contact our OJP Coordinator, Kim Forbes, at [ojp@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:ojp@chloeclarkpta.com).

# Ready-Set-Read

By Christy Johnson, PTA Vice President

One of the Chloe Clark PTA's stated goals for the 2010-2011 school year is to "Inspire children through arts, sciences, and physical fitness." We are very excited to continue the "Ready-Set-Read" program this year, which will help us achieve this goal while partnering with our local community members at the same time! Reading is the ultimate gift you can give your child, and with the help of the "Ready-Set-Read" program, our school will be honoring super reading throughout the rest of the school year.

The mission of "Ready-Set-Read" is to encourage more reading inside and outside of the classroom. The program is very easy and can be fun for both students and parents! Your child has the opportunity to earn a Reading Award Certificate each month by meeting the monthly reading goals. Once each child completes the monthly reading goal, he or she will receive a coupon to for a FREE kid's meal at the DuPont Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza!

The Chloe Clark PTA is happy to partner with the DuPont Farrelli's in encouraging our community's children to gain an early appreciation for reading. Unlike other reading incentive programs, this one directly benefits our local community instead of a national restaurant chain.

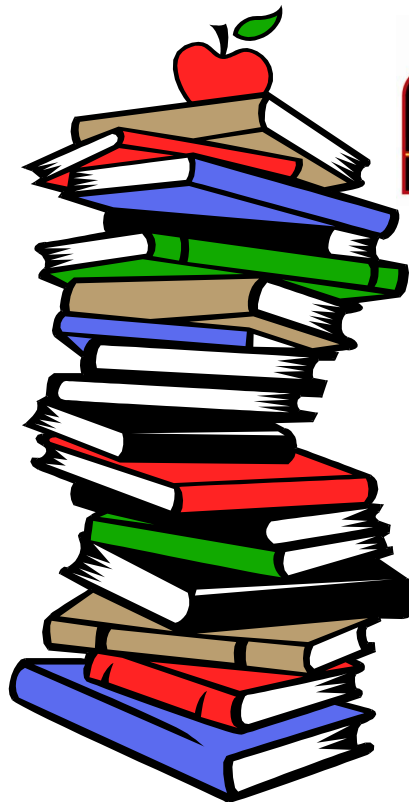
If you have any questions regarding the "Ready-Set-Read" program, please feel free to contact the Chloe Clark PTA. I hope you will join us in our goal to encourage Chloe Clark students to read every day!!!

## Grade Level participation totals for January:

K	11%
1 <sup>st</sup>	14%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	13%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6%

## Grade Level participation totals for February:

K	13%
1 <sup>st</sup>	13%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	16%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13%



# 2011 Legislative Focus Day

By Katherine O'Connell, Legislative Chair

The Washington State PTA once again joined forces with local PTA units from around the state to march through the streets of Olympia and rally on the steps of the State Capitol. During these harsh economic times, it is more important than ever to keep the state legislators "FOCUSED on Education." The State of Washington is in a unique position with a government mandate to make "basic education a paramount duty."

The State of Washington is facing a budget deficit of \$5 billion dollars for the upcoming biennium starting June 2011–May 2013. Draconian cuts will have to be made to ensure the state remains fiscally responsible. Governor Gregoire's budget proposed a \$2.2 billion cut to K-12 education. The following are areas in which she proposes eliminations...

K-4 Class Size Reduction  
Funds for Highly Capable Students

A detailed breakdown of all her proposals for education can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget11/highlights/education.pdf>. The Legislators now have the daunting task of taking into consideration the Governor's proposals and preparing the State Budget by the end of April.

Both your PTA President, Melissa McGann, and Legislative Chair, Katherine O'Connell, met with legislators on February 21st on behalf of all Chloe Clark students to ensure that education remains a top priority and cuts to education are minimalized. In addition, **YOU** can **support** your local **PTA** by learning more and letting your voices be heard. Below are the State PTA's top 6 Initiatives for this legislative session.

- 1. Following up on Education Reform Efforts (HB 2261, HB 2776, and SB 6696):** advance implementation of and/or provide funding for the realization of the basic education reform bills passed in 2009 and 2010, which describe our state's plan for developing and phasing in system improvements to meet the educational needs of students in the 21st century.
- 2. Math and Science Education:** strengthen math and science education to include but not be limited to: improving teacher pre-service training and recruitment, developing an Elementary Mathematics Specialty endorsement, increasing teacher professional development and supporting implementation of math and science standards.
- 3. Literacy Instruction:** support the state-wide adoption of early phonological awareness screening, and the state-wide implementation of research-based, direct, explicit, and systematic literacy instruction in every classroom.
- 4. Teacher Reduction in Force Policies:** expand school district teacher "reduction in force" policies to include factors other than seniority, such as teacher effectiveness and cohesiveness of school teams.
- 5. Fund Education First:** fund education first. In order to implement Article IX of our state constitution which says "it is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders", education funding would be considered first in any budget process undertaken in the state legislature.
- 6. New Model for Teacher Compensation:** lead to a new research-based teacher compensation model that emphasizes rewarding teacher effectiveness in improving student learning.

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