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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

As I wrap up my second term as President of the Chloe Clark PTA, I have often been asked if I'm OK handing the reins to our incoming Co-Presidents Diane Henderson and Kristi Mitchell. While it's true that a part of me will miss that intimate knowledge of all the behind-the-scenes happenings of the PTA, I am very satisfied with what we have been able to accomplish in the last two years—and I know Diane and Kristi will be able to take the PTA to even greater heights!

We have much to be proud of this year, and it didn't just happen with the 25 members on the Chloe Clark PTA Board of Directors. It happened because of the **thousands** of volunteer hours generously donated this year by you—

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## Spring Fitness Carnival and Bike Rodeo

For the over 300 people who attended the **First Annual Spring Fitness Carnival and Bike Rodeo**, the general consensus was that it was an evening filled with movement, laughter, and celebration!



The event's festivities included a bounce house and slide from [Jumping Jacks \(newjumpingjacks.com\)](http://newjumpingjacks.com), balloon creations by artist Sandi the Balloon Girl (253-282-6798 or [sandradonckers88@hotmail.com](mailto:sandradonckers88@hotmail.com)), face painting by artist Karen Lee from Silly Faces Face Painting (256-328-4434 or [masonasbar@aol.com](mailto:masonasbar@aol.com)), bicycle safety checks by Bike Tech ([biketechonline.com](http://biketechonline.com)), the

sale of bicycle helmets by the DuPont Fire Department, music and games by Northwest Sound ([northwestsound.com](http://northwestsound.com)), a fitness treasure hunt and bike rodeo obstacle course by our own Mr. Schmidt ([dupontkidsfitness.org](http://dupontkidsfitness.org)), free milk samples by Smith Brothers Farms ([smithbrothersfarms.com](http://smithbrothersfarms.com)), information from the DuPont Department of Parks & Rec ([ci.dupont.wa.us](http://ci.dupont.wa.us)), an instant photo booth, cotton candy, sno-cones, popcorn, and more!

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who helped to make this evening possible—it was a wonderful end-of-the-year celebration for our Chloe students and families!

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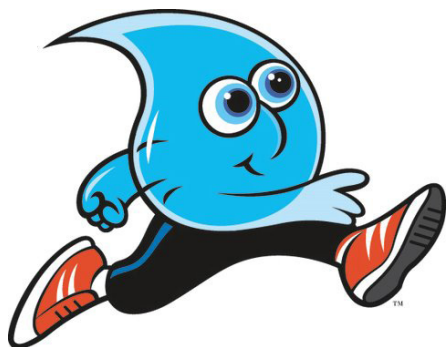
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the parents, grandparents, and community members who care about our Chloe students. From volunteering in classrooms and on field trips, to assisting with specific PTA events like Math Night, Family Game & Craft Night, the monthly Science Clubs, the all-school OJP field trip to Olympia, Teacher / Staff Appreciation lunches, and most recently the Spring Fitness Carnival—none of these programs and events would have been possible without you.

So now as we head into summer vacation, we have an opportunity to wind down, devote some time to quality family activities, and recharge our batteries ... so we can start up again in the fall. As wonderful as Chloe Clark and the PTA have been this year, you can be sure that next year will be even better. Your continued support at the level that best suits your needs—membership, financial support, volunteer commitment, overall goodwill—supports not only your child, but all Chloe children.

I wish you all a fulfilling, safe, and memorable summer break — see you in the hallways in September!

*Remember, you can always find an up-to-date listing of PTA events on our online calendar: [chloeclarkpta.com/Calendar.html](http://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 [president@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:president@chloeclarkpta.com) and we can discuss your options.*



## Congratulations Teresa Ridgeway May Volunteer of the Month!

by Diane Henderson, Volunteer Chair

Teresa was nominated for Volunteer of the Month by the half day kindergarten teachers and here is why:

*“Teresa saw a need for help with the half day kindie bulletin boards and immediately volunteered to share her artistic talents with all three teachers. We shared our art themes for the year and each month she surprised us with something amazing for our two HUGE boards. If you were outside Ms. Sabado’s room in December, you saw her version of the Polar Express and how it complimented our Chris Van Allsburg’s study of light and dark.*

*Each month Teresa has followed our theme and made certain that over 100 kindergarten students had amazing bulletin boards to look at and display their art work on. If you were hanging around Chloe after school, you would often find Teresa busy working on the boards while her own children were riding the bus home.*

*Volunteers like Teresa make a world of difference. There is no way we could have ever created those beautiful bulletin boards or found the time to take care of them like she did.”*

Thanks so much Teresa for all your hard work.  
You are truly appreciated!!

## A Great Explorers’ Run 4 Fun

by Alli Fallot, Run 4 Fun Chair

**I**t was a little rainy, a little cool but still a lot of fun! The third annual Explorers’ Run 4 Fun (and the raffle) was held on Saturday, May 21 and we had a fun race, despite the weather. All the kids running the 1/2 mile ran a good race and proudly got to show off their medals at the end - as well as their t-shirts. We even had 16 kids who braved the weather and ran the 5K! They all got their hard earned t-shirts and medals, too, with special medals for each age group winner. Mr. Schmidt was on hand to help encourage our runners and we very much appreciate his help. Mr. Bradshaw and his daughters came for the 5K as well as Mrs. Jeffries and her husband - congrats to all for finishing the race. Thanks to all who helped with set-up, registration and working on the race course - and special thanks to Anytime Fitness and Sue Larsen at DuPont Realty for their sponsorships.

# June 10th General Membership Meeting Recap

On June 10, 2011, the Chloe Clark PTA held its third and final General Membership Meeting of the 2010-2011 school year. The purpose of this meeting was to approve the 2011-2012 Standing Rules and Budget. These two items are the guiding documents for the PTA as it prepares and plans for the next school year's events and programs. Thank you to our members who attended this meeting and approved these items.

## Incoming PTA Co-Presidents Look Forward to 2011-2012

*by Kristi Martin Mitchell & Diane Henderson*

As we quickly approach the summer, we wanted to let you know that your new PTA co-presidents are already busy planning for next year. First, we would like to thank Melissa for all her fantastic work as this year's president and to all the executive board members, committee chairs and volunteers. The PTA is an all volunteer organization and its success depends entirely on these dedicated parents.

We will, of course, be continuing most of the amazing PTA programs you've come to expect. First on the list is our summer kindergartner play dates, so be sure and spread the news to any families you know with incoming kindergartners. We will also continue with our no-sale Fall Fundraiser, Math Night, Friday Popcorn, the Fun Run and many other great events. We are currently looking for volunteers for next year's board. So whether you are interested in organizing one of the events listed above, or chairing a committee such as Yearbook, Newsletter, or Membership, please consider joining this dynamic group of parents. (Please see the complete list of open positions in the blue box next to this article). You can contact either one of us to answer questions you may have as you consider this opportunity: [president@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:president@chloeclarkpta.com)

We look forward to getting to know more of you and working with you as we continue to help Chloe Clark shine as an outstanding elementary school and learning environment for all of our children.

The Chloe Clark PTA Board puts a lot of thought into the creation of these documents to make sure we are good stewards of our Membership's faith, intentions, and finances.

Both the 2011-12 Standing Rules and Budget can be found at the end of this newsletter and also on our web site at [www.chloeclarkpta.com](http://www.chloeclarkpta.com).

## 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 board position in 2011-2012:

### **Board Members**

Fall Fundraiser Chair  
Leaf Your Mark Chair  
Membership Chair  
Newsletter Chair  
Publicity/Public Relations Chair  
Reflections/Chloe Creations Chair  
Run for Fun/Spring Fundraiser Chair  
Yearbook Chair

### **Committee Coordinators**

Assemblies  
Box Tops  
Bulletin Board  
Chloe Step Club  
Family Bingo Night  
Family Game & Craft Night  
Math Night  
Olympia Junior Programs (OJP)  
Popcorn  
Reader Board  
Spring Fitness

For additional information on any of these positions, email [president@chloeclarkpta.com](mailto:president@chloeclarkpta.com).



## Chloe Clark PTA 10.8.8 ★ DuPont, Washington

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### Chloe Clark PTA 10.8.8 2011-2012 Standing Rules

Adopted June 10, 2011

1. The name of this PTA local unit is Chloe Clark PTA 10.8.8. It was chartered by the Washington State PTA on March 12, 1998, as the Fort Nisqually PTSA. The name was officially changed to Chloe Clark PTA on June 25, 2002.
2. This PTA serves the children enrolled in Chloe Clark Elementary School in DuPont, Washington.
3. This PTA is properly registered with the Secretary of State under the Charitable Solicitations Act. The PTA's registration number is 7148. The Treasurer is responsible for filing the annual registration (must be filed by May 31st to avoid penalties).
4. This PTA was incorporated in the State of Washington on April 3, 1998. The corporate account number is 2-579982-6. It was assigned UBI number 601 867 667. The Treasurer is responsible for filing the Annual Corporation Report. The registered agent for this corporation is the Washington State PTA.
5. The mission of this PTA is, "Parents, teachers, and the community working together to promote educational excellence for our children."
6. This PTA was granted tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) on February 9, 2000.
7. The current Treasurer, with assistance from the outgoing Treasurer, is responsible for filing IRS Form 990, 990EZ, or Form 990N prior to November 15th each year.
8. Effective with the 2011–2012 membership year, membership service fees shall be as follows:  
Adult: \$10.00 — Family: \$18.00 — Business: \$25
9. The elected officers of this PTA shall be President (or co-Presidents), Vice President (or co-Vice Presidents), Secretary (or co-Secretaries), and Treasurer (or co-Treasurers).
10. Each co-position is entitled to one (1) vote at a Board of Directors' meeting, with the co-position holders rotating voting privileges (every other meeting).
11. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and the chairs of the following committees: Fall Fundraiser, Grants, Leaf Your Mark, Legislative, Membership, Newsletter, Publicity/Public Relations, Reflections/Chloe Creations, Spring Fundraiser, Volunteer, Website, and Yearbook.
12. This PTA's Board of Directors will meet monthly, at a day and time to be determined by the Board.
13. Adoption of the annual Budget, approval of the Standing Rules, election of the Nominating Committee, and the election of officers shall be done at General Membership Meetings. All meetings shall be held at the direction of the Board of Directors.



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14. The PTA shall approve its annual operating budget prior to July 1st of each year. The Board has permission to reallocate funds up to \$500 per line item.
15. The Secretary shall keep the original copy of any legal documents in the Legal Documents Box. The PTA shall keep a copy of each of its legal documents with the President, Vice President and Treasurer. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining and updating the Legal Documents Box. Only elected officers shall have access to the contents of the Legal Documents Box.
16. The PTA shall conduct an audit of its books and records in January of each year in addition to the required audit at the close of the fiscal year (June 30, YYYY). The audit shall be performed by an Audit Committee drawn from the general membership until such time as the Board of Directors determines that an outside party should conduct the audit. The Secretary (as a non-check signer) shall be the Audit Committee Chair.
17. The signatures of the President(s), Vice-President(s), and Treasurer(s) shall be on the authorized signature card for this PTA's bank account.
18. One or more Golden Acorn awards may be presented annually to an outstanding volunteer; one or more Outstanding Advocate awards may be presented annually to recognize advocacy work on behalf of children and youth; and one or more Outstanding Educator awards may be presented annually to an outstanding teacher or educator. The President shall appoint a committee to select the recipients. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of recipients. Each award may be awarded to the same recipient more than once, but may not be awarded to the same person in consecutive years.
19. The vote of this PTA for the position of Washington State PTA Region Director shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
20. The voting delegates to the annual State PTA convention shall be determined in the following order: Incoming President, Incoming Vice President, Incoming Secretary, Incoming Treasurer, Outgoing President, Outgoing Vice President, Outgoing Secretary, and Outgoing Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall determine who shall represent the PTA as visiting delegates.
21. The voting delegate(s) to the WSPTA Legislative Assembly shall be determined in the following order: Legislative Chair, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of delegates to be funded by the PTA.

**CHLOE CLARK PTA 10.8.8 — BUDGET 2011-2012**

Adopted June 10, 2011

<b>ESTIMATED BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD July 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$12,552.83</b>
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**INCOME (ESTIMATED)****Committee Income**

Night at Tacoma Rainiers	\$250.00
OJP Field Trip	\$3,500.00
Yearbook	\$5,000.00
Other Committee Income	\$0.00

<b>Total Estimated Committee Income</b>	<b>\$8,750.00</b>
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**Events Income**

Bingo Night	\$500.00
Chloe Fitness Club	\$3,000.00
Family Movie Night	\$300.00
Spring Fitness Carnival	\$600.00
Other Fundraising Income	\$0.00

<b>Total Estimated Events Income</b>	<b>\$4,400.00</b>
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**Fundraising Income**

Box Tops	\$3,500.00
eScrip	\$225.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$7,000.00
Leaf Your Mark	\$750.00
Ornaments	\$3,750.00
Popcorn	\$2,000.00
Spring Fundraiser / Explorers' Run 4 Fun	\$3,000.00
Other Fundraising Income	\$0.00

<b>Total Estimated Fundraising Income</b>	<b>\$20,225.00</b>
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**Membership Dues Income**

Business Members	\$250.00
General Members	\$2,500.00
Other Membership Dues	\$0.00

<b>Total Estimated Membership Income</b>	<b>\$2,750.00</b>
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**Other Income**

Dividends	\$100.00
Donations	\$300.00
Other Income	\$0.00

<b>Total Estimated Other Income</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME</b>	<b>\$36,525.00</b>
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**CHLOE CLARK PTA 10.8.8 — BUDGET 2011-2012**

Adopted June 10, 2011

**EXPENSES (ESTIMATED)****Administrative Expenses**

Administrative Expenses & Supplies	\$400.00
Annual Incorporation	\$10.00
Charitable Solicitation Registration	\$40.00
Child Care	\$500.00
Insurance – Fidelity Bonding	\$115.00
Insurance – General Liability	\$90.00
Insurance – Officers Liability	\$60.00
Insurance – Property	\$110.00
Postage	\$100.00
Website Hosting & Services	\$150.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$0.00
<b>Total Estimated Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,575.00</b>

**Committee Expenses**

Birthday Bulletin Board	\$200.00
Chloe Creations	\$1,750.00
Golden Acorn, etc. Awards	\$210.00
Membership	\$150.00
Night at Tacoma Rainiers	\$250.00
OJP Field Trip	\$3,500.00
Ready-Set-Read	\$250.00
Reflections Program	\$250.00
Staff & SHSD Board Appreciation	\$500.00
Volunteer Coordinator	\$150.00
WSPTA Convention Awards (Honor Unit, etc.)	\$150.00
Yearbook	\$4,500.00
Other Committee Expenses	\$0.00
<b>Total Estimated Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,860.00</b>

**Events Expenses**

Assemblies	\$1,000.00
Bingo Night	\$300.00
Chloe Clark School Birthday Party	\$100.00
Chloe Fitness Club	\$5,000.00
Family Game Night	\$250.00
Family Movie Night	\$150.00
Field Day	\$150.00
Kindergarten Playdate	\$50.00
Math Night	\$250.00
Membership Mtg. / Fall Coffee Social	\$50.00
Membership Mtg. / Ice Cream Social	\$100.00
Science Night / Science Club	\$600.00
Spring Carnival	\$1,500.00
Other Events Expenses	\$0.00
<b>Total Estimated Events Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>

**CHLOE CLARK PTA 10.8.8 — BUDGET 2011-2012**

Adopted June 10, 2011

<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	
Box Tops	\$350.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$600.00
Leaf Your Mark	\$200.00
Popcorn	\$1,500.00
Ornaments	\$2,400.00
Spring Fundraiser / Explorers' Run 4 Fun	\$2,500.00
Other Fundraising Expenses	\$0.00
<b>Total Estimated Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,550.00</b>
<b>Leadership Education Expense</b>	
Legislation Assembly	\$200.00
PTA and the Law	\$70.00
Regional Workshops	\$45.00
State Convention	\$300.00
<b>Total Estimated Leadership Education Expenses</b>	<b>\$615.00</b>
<b>Membership Services Fees</b>	
WSPTA Member Fee (\$8/member in 2011-12 / incl. NPTA fee)	\$2,200.00
WSPTA Required Fee (due once per year)	\$5.00
Other Membership Service Fees	\$0.00
<b>Total Estimated Membership Fees</b>	<b>\$2,205.00</b>
<b>School Benefits Expense</b>	
Field Trip Grants (1 per grade)	\$1,000.00
Grant – (Specialist) Library	\$100.00
Grant – (Specialist) Music	\$100.00
Grant – (Specialist) PE	\$100.00
Grant – Office Staff (1 per)	\$150.00
Grant – Para-Educators (1 per)	\$450.00
Grant – Teachers (1 per)	\$2,000.00
MSP Snacks	\$100.00
School Enhancement Grant	\$3,000.00
Student Scholarship Grant	\$100.00
Other School Benefits Expenses	\$0.00
<b>Total Estimated School Benefits Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$40,405.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$3,880.00)</b>
<b>Estimated Carry Forward 2012-2013</b>	<b>\$8,672.83</b>

**Notes:**

- 1) with permission from the General Membership to reallocate funds
- 2) with permission from the BOD to reallocate funds