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Home of the Wolverines

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Our fundamental purpose is to create a student-centered learning community that welcomes everyone as we educate students to live in a democracy.

Julie Lapham, Admin Assistant
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December 6, 2018

Newsletter

Greetings Little Cedars Families!

As 2018 comes to a close, I have been reflecting on the highlights, and challenges, we have experienced in our country, region, and community over the last twelve months. My attention is frequently drawn to the most extraordinary of events. The events that damage relationships between people are the most disappointing for me. They are perplexing. However, I recognize that these are the moments in which our actions and leadership can be so very meaningful. Perhaps the answer is to pursue deeper learning about one another, and to seek an understanding of how we can grow together as a community through understanding our differences and still choose to stand together. Together we can work to reduce the impact of hurtful behavior that is based in ignorance, or hatred. Overall, our reaction to acts of hatred must be united and powerful.

For better, or worse, I am an eternal optimist. As a child, I would declare that each day was "My happy, lucky, day!" My mother would shake her head in an amazed manner, and smile. In fact, I had that same thought this morning... So, no matter if you are a "glass half-full" or "glass half-empty" kind of person, remember that we always have the ability to refill our glass, and the glasses of others, through our actions.

Consider the following quote from Mahatma Gandhi: (I have shared this before, but it never gets old...)

"Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits,
Your habits become your values,
And your values become your destiny. " Mahatma Gandhi

All the best, to you and your families as you gather together, in the days and weeks to come.

Mr. D and Mr. Hanson

*** Please remember that our Toy Drive (New and Unwrapped toys for charity) continues through next week! Thanks to our Associated Student Body for organizing this generous activity for our school!

Upcoming Events!

December

- 3 LCE Book Club
- 6 6:30 3rd Grade Concert
7:30 4th Grade Concert
- 14 11:20 Early Dismiss

Dec. 15—Jan. 1 Winter break

January

- 17 6:30pm Choir Concert
- 18 8:30am MLK Assembly
- 21 MLK—No School
- 28 Non-Student Day



LCE School NEWS

The LCE Choir is going to be singing the national anthem at the Everett Silvertips game!

When: Sunday, December 9th

Time: 4:05 p.m.

The Silvertips have reserved a big section for the school and are offering discounted tickets to all LCE staff, students and families. If interested, click the link for tickets below:

http://everettsilvertips.3dcartstores.com/Little-Cedars-School-Discount-Night-129-vs-Spokane_p_775.html



LCE School NEWS

**Come check out the Lost and Found today
(located in lobby near multipurpose room)**



Unclaimed items will be donated over Winter Break



LCE PTA NEWS

LITTLE CEDARS PTA Corner

Website:

<http://littlecedarspta.org/Home>

December 7

Gingerbread Decorating Party 6:30-8:00 pm in the multi-purpose room

See website to order your kit by November 25th.

Spring Event Chairs Needed

We need a couple great volunteers to chair some fun events in the Spring!

Would you consider helping with one of these events? Grab a friend and chair together!

Contact Events@littlecedarspta.org

* Talent Show March 1, 2019

* Spring Carnival May 17, 2019



Together we can make the 2018-2019 School Year an amazing year!
We have many key positions we need to fill. Please consider filling one of the important roles list below

Volunteer Position	Contact Email	Date of Program/Event
Newsletter Editor	VP Communications	Year Round
Advocacy Chairperson (Board position)	PTA President	Year Round
Reflections Program Chairperson	VP Programs	Winter (Nov-Jan)

December 2018 Safety Corner – School and building visitors

We encourage parents and community members to visit our schools during regular school hours. Many volunteers that spend countless hours helping in classrooms and in other ways throughout our schools and facilities. If you visit a school or building, please be aware of the following:

- All visitors must sign in at the front office and wear a volunteer badge. Please sign out and return the badge when you leave. The purpose of signing in and out of the school is so that we can account for all visitors in the building should an emergency occur.
- Unfamiliar persons and/or persons not wearing a visitor badge will be directed to the main administrative office. Visitors, volunteers and chaperones may also be asked for identification.
- We want to protect the privacy of our students. Please refrain from taking pictures of students except of your own child. Never post pictures of other students to social media.
- Visitors should not try to open outside doors during school or after hours unless you are authorized to do so. Student and staff safety is a top priority.
- Staff has been trained to call the front office if inappropriate activity is taking place and 911 may also be notified.

Every month throughout the school year we will share information with you through a brief Safety Corner article about ways we are working to improve safety in our schools and buildings. To learn more about the school dis-

4/5/6 Elementary Highly Capable Program Information

Interested Snohomish School District students who will be in the 4th through 6th grade next year are encouraged to apply and learn more about the district's 4/5/6 Elementary Highly Capable Program. If interested, the below dates and information are important. Students currently enrolled in the 4/5/6 Elementary Highly Capable Program do not need to complete the referral process.

- **Friday, December 7** - Referral packets for the 4/5/6 Elementary Highly Capable Program will be available at all elementary schools, online and at the Snohomish School District Resource and Service Center (1601 Avenue D in Snohomish). Referral packets can be downloaded from the district website at sno.wednet.edu/highlycapablehonors.
- **Thursday, January 10** – An information night will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Snohomish School District Resource and Service Center (1601 Avenue D in Snohomish) for parents/guardians of students who are interested in the 4/5/6 Elementary Highly Capable Program.
- **Friday, January 25** - Completed referral packet deadline. Completed packets can be turned in at student home schools or the Snohomish School District Resource and Service Center (1601 Avenue D in Snohomish).

Questions can be directed to Linda Varner at (360) 563-7296 or linda.varner@sno.wednet.edu and Julie Francois at (360) 563-7258 or julie.francois@sno.wednet.edu.