

# BOBCAT NEWS

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## Reflections 2009

*By Julie Tribolet, co-Chair*

The Lake Washington PTSA Council conducted its Reflections judging last month. Entries were submitted by all PTSA units in LWSD, and three of our Twain students received an award! Austin Bartoletti received an Award of Merit for his visual arts entry "The Mystery Flower". Fiona Soetrisno received an Award of Merit for her musical composition entry "Beauty is Like My Music Variation".

And congratulations to Outstanding Interpretation Award recipient Fergus Mo! Although Fergus no longer attends Twain, he entered his musical composition entry "The Beauty of Nature" before moving. He performed his violin composition at the PTSA Council Founder's Day Luncheon and his entry has been forwarded to the Washington State PTA for further judging.

The Reflections theme for 2010-11 will be "Together We Can". We will again accept entries in Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition and Literature. Watch for more information in the fall!

## Science Fair 2010

*By Carol Lewis*

Way too much fun was had at the Twain Science Fair held on February 4<sup>th</sup>! Seventy-seven students presented projects ranging from Earthquakes to Strawberry DNA, and many hands-on activities kept all of the scientists busy. Ally M. in Ms. Kelley's class won the Pacific Science Center family membership door prize. Many thanks to our great volunteers: Staci Pendergrass, Bob Miller, Sharon Whitson, Alper Selcuk, Ellen Liang, Doris Reeves, Melanie Miller, Gary Runstadler, Anthony Krichevskiy, Melissa Boyer, LWHS honor society volunteers, Redmond High School chemistry students, and Rose Hill Junior High student volunteers. Science Fair Committee: Carol Lewis, Susan Glynn, Amy Maher, and Laura Bartoletti.

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## Staff Birthdays

### February

Adrienne Schenkar.....8  
 Cindy Benjamin ..... 10  
 Steve Swain ..... 16  
 Margaret Snowdon.....24

### March

Kelly Luiten.....3  
 Julie Thomas ..... 8  
 Morn Bin ..... 8  
 Maureen Armstrong..... 11  
 Denise Lemieux..... 11  
 Amy Zimbelman ..... 25  
 Kristin Abbott.....28



## What Parents Need to Know about Bullying

Friday, March 12th 6:30-8:00 pm  
 Twain Library

**Mark the calendar and make it a "Parents Night Out"!**

**Childcare will be provided**

### Questions?

Melanie Miller [nwmillers@verizon.net](mailto:nwmillers@verizon.net)  
 Beth Turtle [beth.turtle@hotmail.com](mailto:beth.turtle@hotmail.com)

Look for more information coming in Parent Organizer

## Staff Appreciation – Hearts and Tigers and Caffeine, Oh my!

*By Coco Fulton & Amy Maher, Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs*

2010, the year of the Tiger roared into Mark Twain Staff Lounge. From the ceiling hung red paper lanterns signifying joy, prosperity and celebration. Walls were lined with fortunes and the table overflowed with small paper take-out containers full of fortune cookies. The staff received a light Chinese lunch including noodles and, of course, Mandarin Oranges. *Gan Bei* to New Year – and a new semester - filled with fresh starts!

The following week came Valentine’s Day and staff received darling gift bags of Hershey’s Kisses with a “sweet” poem. It was a great prelude to Latte Delivery Day. All Staff were asked their favorite Starbuck’s drinks and on Feb. 17 a group of 7 from Staff Appreciation picked up and delivered latte’s, mocha’s, cocoa’s and biscotti’s all across campus from the Rose Hill Starbucks which so generously offered us a nice discount on our large order. The enthusiasm for this event was beyond measure – a hot latte on a rainy February morning? What could be better?!

Spring will bring forth more fun celebrations but the one **we could use YOUR help with is Staff Appreciation Week in May**. We’d love it if you had any items you’d be willing to donate for our massive give-away. Contact Coco Fulton at [cocofulton@verizon.net](mailto:cocofulton@verizon.net) with items or questions. Here are a few ideas:

- Gift certificates to restaurants or movies
- Tickets to a play or sporting event or concert
- A day on the lake – have a boat to offer a ride or lunch?
- A gift basket of your creation
- A weekend or week away at a cabin

Finally, to sum up the words we receive in numerous heartfelt thank you cards from staff: thank you so much to the wonderful Staff Appreciation Committee – your generosity is appreciated beyond words!

**Mark Twain Elementary PTSA and  
Studio East Present ...**

# *The Emperor's New Clothes*



**Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.  
Rose Hill Junior High School Auditorium**

To pre-order your tickets please complete the order form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child's teacher. Tickets will be sent to you via "kidmail", so please look for them in your child's backpack. If ordered after 3/15 tickets will be held at will call. Tickets will also be sold at the door one half hour prior to each show.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, March 19th at 7pm \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$6.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, March 20th at 7pm \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$6.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number of tickets** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grand Total =** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a check payable to: Mark Twain PTSA and return this form to your child's teacher by 3/15/10. \*A \$20 fee will be assessed to any NSF checks.**



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## School Dance

### Friday, May 14, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Open to all Twain students and younger siblings. Admission is \$2 per student/sibling. The dance will be held at the school's cafeteria; parents are required to stay at the event.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up, work during the dance and clean up when it's over. If you can help, please contact Tamar at [tamar.hefets@gmail.com](mailto:tamar.hefets@gmail.com).



## Box Tops for Education

Thanks to all of you who have continued to bring in your Box Tops and Campbell soup labels! The winner for the first round was Jamie Camelich and her 4<sup>th</sup> grade super stars! The kids had a lot of fun with their ice cream party! I will have the standing posted for this round so far by Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> so be sure to check out how you're doing. This round is going well and there are several classrooms that are very close! The next deadline will be March 25<sup>th</sup> so don't forget to send in those labels!

Together we can make a difference for our school!

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## 2010 PTSA After School Programs

### After School Foreign Language Program

Mark Twain is accepting new registrations for the spring session for Spanish and French languages classes. Classes begin March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration forms are available on the Mark Twain website and in the main office. For questions, please email Florence @ [florence\\_canel@hotmail.com](mailto:florence_canel@hotmail.com).

### After School Art Class

The after school art class taught by local artist, Rachel Muller, will start on Mondays, 4/12 – 6/14. Her theme is Pacific Northwest Nature. Stay tuned for more information about registration beginning in early spring. Registration forms are available on the Mark Twain website and in the main office. For questions, please email Amy at [amy.maher@gte.net](mailto:amy.maher@gte.net).

## Art of Discovery at Mark Twain: March 1-4<sup>th</sup>

Our PTSA Art Docent program, Explore Art! is working with the Bellevue Art Museum and the Junior League of Seattle to bring original works of art to school. All our students will have the opportunity to view and discuss 9 original works of art from the Junior League of Seattle's stunning Northwest Art collection.

Ms. Vold has graciously emptied the music room to make room for the artwork. The students will have a lesson on the artworks during their first music session the week of March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will use a visual thinking strategy to help the students express what they see in the art and share it with others. The strategy really invokes some interesting conversation about the art and because it's a whole group discussion they see things in a unique way. Be sure to ask your child about the artwork they saw in the music room!

## Chess Club News

Once again our advanced players are prepping for April 24 WA State Elementary Chess tournament. A big applause and high-fives to these 8 challengers: Brett Kruse (1<sup>st</sup>), Shabhu Purohit (3<sup>rd</sup>), Saba Taba (3<sup>rd</sup>), Sean Miller (4<sup>th</sup>), Mert Secluk (4<sup>th</sup>), Saffa Hiyeri (4<sup>th</sup>), Wynn Wee (4<sup>th</sup>) and Aria Taba (5<sup>th</sup>). We hope they score well and make a leap for the National tournament this summer ☐

**Spring Registration available online. Class** begins April 9 thru June 4. Please submit form **by March 26**. Questions – contact Doris @ [dlimeng@hotmail.com](mailto:dlimeng@hotmail.com)

## Save the Date!

PTSA Family Fun Nights presents:  
**BINGO NIGHT!**  
 Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Watch for more details on the Twain website calendar and Twain Times!

## PTSA Committee Chairs

After School Programs .....	Amy Maher
Book Fair .....	Pirkko Terao, Julie Tribolet, Dana Neilson
Box Tops .....	Tobi Smith
Chess Club .....	Doris Lim, Bhanu Purohit
Craft Fair .....	Holly Hawkins, Alicia Ferguson
Emergency Prep .....	Shawn Palmer
Engineering .....	Michael Fox
Explore Art! .....	Laura Bartoletti, Tracy Johnsen, Cindy Neils, & Cindy Uthus
Family Fun Nights .....	Tamar Hefets, Tammy Silva
Historian/Photo Journalist .....	Gary Runstadler
Hospitality .....	Karen Brown
Mathnificent .....	sched for 2010
Membership .....	Sandi Kaiser
Parent Education .....	Melanie Miller
Reflections .....	Julie Tribolet, Vanessa Banks
School Assemblies .....	Lynn Peterson
School Pictures .....	Tammy Guisness
Science Fair .....	Susan Glynn, Carol Lewis
Sixth Grade Celebration .....	Lisa Jahnke, Jodi Scheffler, & Happy Tsantilas
Skate Party .....	Amanda MacPherson
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Student Directory .....	Kim Bourassa, Jill Coon & Valerie Whelan
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Talent Show .....	JonErik Johnson
Teacher Wish List .....	Vlasta Hillger
Twain Apparel .....	Pirkko Terao, Jill Miller
Vision/Health Screen .....	Roxanne Raubacher
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### Twain Website:

[www.lwsd.org/school/twain](http://www.lwsd.org/school/twain)

Click the "PTSA" link to access  
PTSA information.

Click the "Calendar" link to view  
events posted on Tandem Calendar.

### State PTSA Website:

[www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org)

**Did you know that...** the two LWSD levies are passing, but the bond is not? The bond is currently receiving less than the 60% supermajority required to pass. To view current voting information, click on the link below to the LWSD website:

<http://www.lwsd.org/News/Levy-and-Bond-Information/Pages/default.aspx>

### March 2010

S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

3/12: Parent Ed: Bullying ..... 6:30pm  
3/15 & 16: Half Day—Conferences ..... 11:30am  
3/19: LEAP DAY—No School ..... all day  
3/19-20: Studio East ..... 7pm  
3/29-31: Spring Break ..... all day

### April 2010

S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

4/1-2: Spring Break ..... all day  
4/9: Bingo Night ..... 7pm  
4/30: possible date for Walk-A-Thon / TBD

■ NO SCHOOL      ○ HALF DAY      □ EVENT – check calendar

## 2009-10 MARK TWAIN PTSA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual membership fees are \$10.00 per individual or \$17.00 per couple. Make checks payable to **Mark Twain PTSA**.\* Please submit this form with payment to your child's teacher. Your membership includes a student directory. Thank you!

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my directory home with:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a returning Mark Twain PTSA member.

\*Checks returned for NSF subject to a \$20.00 fee.