

SEAGULL CIRCULAR



Lakeview Parent Teacher Student Organization Newsletter
<http://lakeview.lps.org/parents/index.html>

Happy New Year – 2009!

The Lakeview PTO Executive Committee would like to wish all of our Lakeview families a happy and healthy 2009! The PTO had a very busy and productive first half of the school year.

Many of our families don't realize all of the activities that the PTO is involved in. We would like to take a minute to acknowledge this work. The following is a list of PTO activities during the 2008 fall/winter school year.

- Food for staff during their first week back to school.
- Kindergarten Parent Breakfast
- Family Fun Night
- Assistance with Picture Day
- Pie/Candle/Cookie Dough Sales & Student Prizes
- Student Directory development
- Food for Staff for Fall Parent/Teacher Conference
- Fall Book Fair
- Box Tops Collection
- Development of Seagull Circular Newsletters
- T-shirt & POGO Card Sales
- Classroom Coordinators for each class, including coordinating monthly birthday treats
- Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe
- Monthly Meetings – including two with guest speakers

All of these activities would not be possible if it weren't for the time and hard work from Lakeview families. If you have helped with any of these PTO

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activities, please know that your time and work have been greatly appreciated!

It is not too late to get involved with the PTO. If you are interested in donating your time, please contact a member of the LPTO Executive Committee. Also watch for future issues of the Seagull Circular. We will be recruiting leadership and committee volunteers for the 2009–2010 school year within the next couple of months.

Jamie Hahn, President

Pam Schmeling, President Elect

Jennifer Spicer, Secretary

Michelle Ehlers & Michelle Lemke-Mohling, Treasurers

2008–2009 LPTO Meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month

5:30 – 6:45 pm

Lakeview Media Center

Free Childcare and Dinner for Kids Provided!

LPTO Meeting Dates & Topics	
Feb. 10, '09	Business Meeting
March 3, '09	Growth and Development
April 7, '09	Business Meeting
May 5, '09	Presentation To Be Determined

PTO Prizes for Volunteers – And the Winners Are...

The Lakeview PTO is offering incentives for parents/guardians to be involved and volunteer during this school year. Once each semester there will be a drawing for one of four prizes. Each time a person attends a PTO meeting, volunteers, or participates in a LPTO sponsored event they will earn an entry for the drawings. Some events will be worth more than one entry.

We held our first drawing in November. Our lucky winners were Jen Wolf, Jessica Alder, Stephanie Kinnaman, and Lisa Ashenbach. The gift cards were worth \$75 each – two to Wal-Mart, one to

Russ's, and one to a gas station.

Our next drawing will be in May. Volunteer now for a chance to win!

- ~2 – \$75 Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- ~1 – \$75 Gas Card
- ~1 – \$75 Home Improvement Gift Card



Lakeview PTO Financial Update

The current state of our economy is of great concern to all of us personally but it will also have an impact on our community and schools. The Lakeview PTO will continue to monitor our finances and funding requests with these economic challenges in mind.



The Lakeview PTO has sponsored three income generating activities to date. Preliminary figures indicate that we profited the following:

- Family Fun Night: \$1,178.92
- Pie/Candle/Cookie Dough Sales: \$10,745.41
- Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe: \$161.58

As of December 31, 2008, the LPTO had a balance

or \$44,555.98 in our checking account. The PTO also has four CDs. Their balances are:

- #1 – \$6,051.96 (as of 7/25/08)
- #2 – \$14,234.15 (as of 11/18/08)
- #3 – \$5,627.15 (as of 7/18/08)
- #4 – \$3,046.44 (as of 12/5/08)

The PTO does operate from an annual budget that is voted on and accepted by PTO members in September of each year. Additional requests that are brought to the PTO after this time are discussed and voted on at our monthly meetings.

If you would like a copy of the 2008–2009 Lakeview PTO Budget, please contact Michelle Ehlers or Michelle Lemke-Mohling.

Lakeview PTO Executive Committee

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions about the PTO or any ideas you have for PTO sponsored events.

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Support Your Lakeview PTO

LAST CHANCE!!! – Lakeview T-Shirts – T-shirts order must be placed by **March 31st**. You may pick up an order form from the office or download the form from the website (<http://lakeview.lps.org/parents/index.html>) and return it to the office. Payment is required when you place the order. You can contact Sarah Virus (402-560-0735 or svirus@lps.org) with any questions.

Box Tops for Education – It's so easy! When you purchase select products with the Box Tops coupon on the packaging clip the coupon, save them, and then bring them to the Lakeview Office. The PTO will submit the coupons on behalf of Lakeview and the school will receive a check for our efforts.

POGO Cards– Pogo cards are available for \$20.00. Cards may be purchased in the Lakeview Office or at any LPTO or school sponsored event.

Now with 92 items on the Front of the Card to choose from alone... Pick a location, present the card, and receive your discount.

The Back of the Card allows you extra saving opportunities, the "Pogo Casual Dining" section you are given extra food dining privileges, allowing you to dine out in Lincoln for a fraction of the regular price. The Pogo Golf Section and Extra Advantages areas provide even more opportunities for you to save.

For a list of participating businesses, visit <http://www.pogocard.com>.



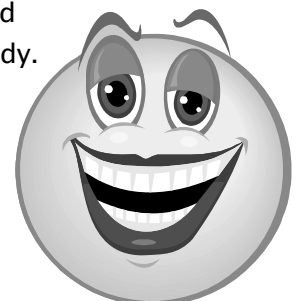
Nutrition and Health – *By Deb Meyerhoff, RDH, BS Dental Hygienist Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department*

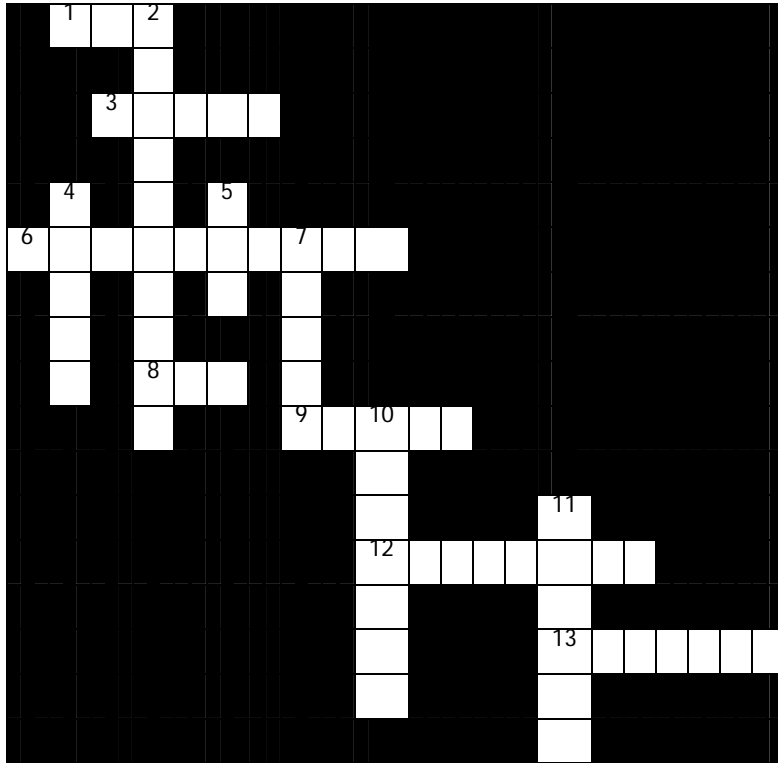
Keeping your teeth and gums healthy and strong is about more than just brushing and flossing. Good nutrition and avoiding a lot of sweets plays a large role in dental health. A balanced diet will help boost your body's immune system and you will be less vulnerable to oral disease. A healthy diet provides the nutrients your body needs for strong teeth and healthy gums.

Research has found that dental health isn't just affected by what you eat. It's also affected by how often you eat. When you eat starchy foods, like bread, cookies, or candy, the bacteria in your mouth feed on it. This sugar and bacterial plaque can produce acids which can destroy your teeth. The more frequent you eat, the more time the acids

have to attack your tooth enamel and may eventually cause a cavity.

You can help prevent tooth decay by starting your child's dental visits at an early age. During the first visit, the dentist or hygienist can show you how to properly brush your child's teeth and check for any problems. Preventive dental care can save time, money, and teeth. Healthy teeth and gums are essential for a healthy body. You can help your children enjoy a lifetime of good oral health with proper care at home, a balanced diet, and regular dental check-ups.





**Answers can be found on the LPTO website.
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February Holidays

In February we celebrate Black History Month, Valentine's Day, & President's Day.

Across

1. In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her ____ seat.
3. Cupid's arrow target.
6. President's Day honors, Presidents ____ and Lincoln.
8. Color associated with Valentine's Day.
9. In August 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a ____" speech.
12. Harriet Tubman led hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground ____.
13. President Lincoln's first name.

Down

2. Meaning of Valentine.
4. Sugary treat.
5. Picture of President Washington on this dollar bill.
7. President's Day is celebrated the ____ Monday in February.
10. Tiger Wood's real first name.
11. Fruit known as "Love Apple".

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