

# SES PTSA Newsletter



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The Monthly Newsletter for PTSA

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## Month-At-A-Glance

Cultural Fair
1/31 - PTSA General Meeting
1/31 - Parent Ed - New Date!
2/6 to 2/10 - Book Fair
2/9 - Fifth Grade Spaghetti Feed
2/10 - Muffins for Moms
2/20 to 2/24 - Mid-winter Break
3/23 - Art and Science Night



December's Class of Distinction:  
Mrs. Hodgins's 5th Grade Class



December's Class of Distinction:  
Mrs. Barrie's 2nd Grade Class



# December's Very Important Cougars



## Kindergarten

Alexia Remoir  
Austin Collins  
Annabelle Alpert  
Cassidy Hineman  
Clayton Crooks  
Charlie Smith  
Marshall Smith  
Eve Henry  
Rachel Bova  
Jackson Hull  
Jakob Shackelford

## 1st Grade

Ali Jaffery  
Jaelyn Key  
Madelyn Wolf  
Reese Woolf  
William Feng  
Vivien Conway  
Anthony Hellervick  
Fionna Harrison

## 1st Grade Cont...

Lane Brown  
Ulises Montoya  
Emma Schlau

## 2nd Grade

Abigail VanVleet  
Mason Talbott  
Luke Smith  
Lydia Zuray  
Riley Bates  
Elizabeth Rodriquez  
Camden Pennington  
Jennifer Galvan  
Cameron Tucker  
Maya Assefa

## 3rd Grade

Kevin Hoang  
Isheta Cherukuri  
Caya Crooks  
Audrey Esteban

## 3rd Grade Cont...

Dillon Wakeford  
Luke Harper  
Mason Chandler

## 4th Grade

Mackenzie Barnes  
Nick Copeland  
Erin Reamey  
Lillianne McVey

## 5th Grade

Dillon Young  
Kierra Kindelberger  
River Dale  
Peyton Lane  
Ryan Myrvold  
Carmen Chandler

## Interested in becoming more involved at SES?



We are currently looking to fill a number of board positions and committee chairs. If you are interested, please contact one of the following board members:

Ali Paredes	paredesali@hotmail.com
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Tina Nixon	tnixon0565@comcast.net
Julie Wotton	julie.wotton@comcast.net
Robin Walbeck-Forrest	robin@gigglewax.com

# DECEMBER'S VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH



**Kristi Henry** - "Kristi has gone above and beyond for our Walk-a-thon this year. She volunteered for 3 separate classes even though one of her children was not in that classroom! She made banners, designed t-shirts, and created friendly reminders for students to encourage them to participate fully in the 2011 Walk-a-thon. Parents emailed me with gratitude and special thoughts about Kristi's contributions. She really believes in SES and wants to see all of us (students, parents and staff) succeed." Ms. Hinds. Kristi has chosen the book Today is Monday by Eric Carle.



**Jill Wendlick** - Jill has been a valued volunteer at SES for many years. She is a frequent face in the workroom and will be a Reading Buddy this year. She has chosen Dog Days, a Diary of a Wimpy Kid book for the library.

## **The Date has Changed... Parent Ed Opportunity**

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM (1 hr 10 min presentation + Q&A)

Location: Snoqualmie Elementary School Library

Babysitting available by RSVP

Contact Monique Kruyt at [mkruyt@comcast.net](mailto:mkruyt@comcast.net) to reserve your child's spot.

### **7 Simple Solutions to Focus Your Distracted Child**

*You have more power than you think when it comes to keeping your child on track! Learn 7 surprisingly easy steps to remove the distractions that keep your kids from doing what needs to be done.*



## Labels Contest Begins Monday January, 9<sup>th</sup>!

Bring in your Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education into your classrooms. The contest runs from Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> until Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>! The winning grade level will earn a prize! Let's meet our school goal of \$1,600 in Box Tops and 10,000 Campbell's Labels!

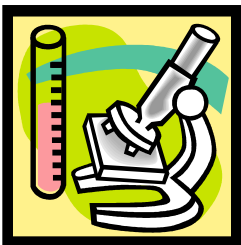


### Easy No Effort Fundraising???



What is an easy way to give money back to SES? Sign up for a Target Debit Card! Takes 5 minutes at the check-out or you can do it on-line at Target.com. Bring in a blank check and get yourself a debit card that gives you 5% back every time (which is over 1/2 the tax!) and an additional 1% back to SES! Funds come directly from your checking account. They also have a Visa card with the same benefits. There are only 32 cards signed up for SES! So far that has given our school \$5,891 in the course of the program. Imagine how much we can make for our school if more of us sign up for this great program! Who doesn't like to save \$\$\$!!! It is a win win for everyone so sign up next time your in!

### Calling all artists and scientists!



## Art and Science Fair

Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 to 8:00pm





### Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that it is January already! As many of us look to the year ahead and establish our New Year's Resolutions, this seems like a fitting time to review our vision for our school community, as well.

As we examine best practices for enhancing student achievement and building positive character traits, the research continues to point to the importance of developing the capacity of staff to function as a professional learning community (PLC). Through these PLCs, we keep four questions at the forefront of our decision-making:

What do we want students to learn (what are the Standards for each academic area i.e. Math, Reading, Writing....)?

How will we know if they have learned it (what assessments are in place to measure learning) and what decisions do we make about our instruction as we examine the data?

What are we going to do if they do not learn it (what interventions are in place to support students are make struggle in certain areas)?

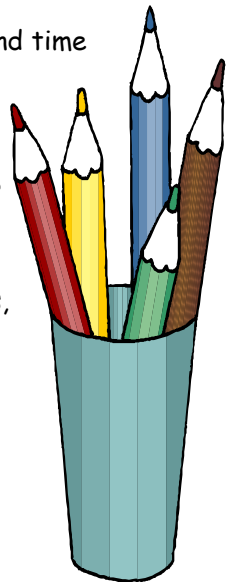
What are we going to do if they already know it (how do we provide enrichment and differentiate instruction for those students who may already know some material)?

To support our staff in this work, we continue to provide professional development and time each month to work in grade-level teams and to work with specialists and instructional assistants. We continue to use Early-Release Fridays to support this work, as well as occasional release time during the school day. We are excited about how this work not only creates collaboration among our staff, but also with our parent community.

Snoqualmie Elementary strives to maintain a positive, inviting climate where students, parents and staff can work together for the very best educational experience.

For more information on this work or any of these topics, please contact me at (425) 831-8050.

Your Principal,  
Cori Pflug



## Message from the President

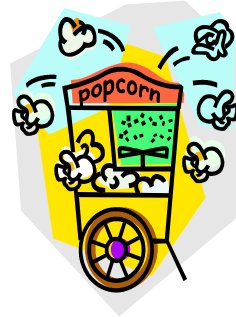
Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break filled with new family memories. As I look forward to the rest of the school year I am filled with excitement at all the fun events we still have coming up! Starting with our fantastic Book Fair! It is always a wonderful time at SES filled with the excitement for reading new books! We have our favorite Muffins for Mom's and Donuts for Dads from our wonderful staff and the Cultural Fair which is brought to us by our Learning Improvement Team.

The PTSA will also be hard at work bringing you four family fun nights! Bingo Night in April and Art and Science Night in March, our end of year dance in May and we don't want to forget Field Day in June!

I look forward to seeing many of you at these fun events and around school! May 2012 be a wonderful year for everyone!

Monique Kruyt  
SES PTSA President

## Popcorn Tuesdays



Students may purchase popcorn on Tuesdays during lunch for 25 cents a bag. Proceeds go toward ASB.

### More Cougarisms:

**Fifth Grade Camp:** An outdoor education program for 5th grade students in which children spend 2 nights and 3 days with their classmates, teachers, parent volunteers, and high school counselors.

**Room Parent:** Classroom responsibilities vary from teacher to teacher. On a school level, a Room Parent provides the essential role of PTSA Contact Liaison, promoting classroom participation in school-wide events such as the Family Fun Nights, Walk-a-Thon & Teacher Appreciation Week.

## 2011-12 PTSA Board Members

President	Monique Kruyt	mkruyt@comcast.net
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Please visit our SES PTSA Website at: [www.septsa.com](http://www.septsa.com)

### Cougarisms

Usually schools have a particular jargon unique to them, and SES is no exception. It is often difficult to get a handle on what each term means. In an effort to help you understand these "Cougarisms," here's another defined...

### Battle of the Books

A district competition between intermediate students (4th & 5th grade). Independently, students read a selected list of 14 books. In teams of 5, students memorize story elements and factual details from each story and answer practice questions. One final team represents SES in the Spring at "Battle of the Books" based on demonstrated expertise on all 14 titles through previous school quiz sessions.



### Every Friday is Spirit Friday!

Show your Cougar Pride each Friday by wearing our school colors of blue and white or by wearing your official SES spiritwear T-shirts. Students may also wear their spirit necklaces and any shirts designed in class for the Walk-A-Thon.

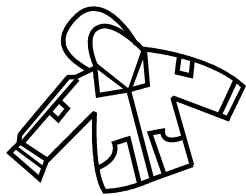
# Show your spirit!

### Coming Soon!!!



Come join us for a fun bingo night. It's free to play and there will be prizes. We will be selling pizza and soft drinks. Date to be announced soon!

Remember to check the lost and found for all your missing coats, gloves, hats, etc. The lost and found will be emptied at the first of every month. **Please also put your students names inside coats.** Every effort is made to match



the coats with their owners, but the vast majority have no name in them.

### Are you an shopper?

If you access amazon.com through the SES PTSA website, 4%-7% of your purchase will be donated to SES. You don't need to enter any additional information for your order, Amazon will automatically credit us. Try it!

[www.septsa.com](http://www.septsa.com)



## DID YOU KNOW?

The school district tracks volunteer hours. PLEASE remember to sign out in the office when you have finished your volunteer shift. We want the district to know how hard we work for the students at SES!

### **LUAU!!! It's a Reading Celebration!!!**

PTSA's

Annual Scholastic Book Fair

February 6th-10th

Open Every Day from 8:45am-4PM

Family Night is Thursday, 2/9 from 6pm-8pm

Children will be able to purchase during their regularly scheduled library times, before and after school and during lunch recess.

Parents can shop at any time during the day!

It takes a lot of volunteers to put on the book fair so if you are interested, please contact Ali Paredes at [paredesali@hotmail.com](mailto:paredesali@hotmail.com)



## It's a Spaghetti Feed!!!

Join us for a Spaghetti Feed  
Dinner  
and support the SES  
5th Grade  
Warm Beach Fundraiser

**Where:** The SES Gym

**When:** Thursday, February 9th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**What:** Spaghetti, Breadstick and Lemonade;  
Ice Cream Sundae available for \$1.00 extra

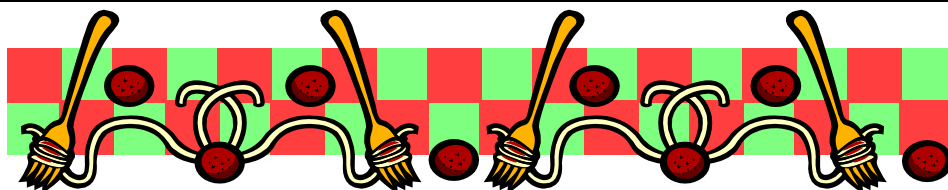
**Cost:** Suggested donation of \$10.00 per family;  
or \$5.00 per individual.

Grab a delicious meal, and then head to the SES  
Book Fair Family Night from 6:00 – 8:00  
p.m.

Please detach the lower portion of the flyer to RSVP for dinner

Yes! Our family will be attending the Spaghetti Dinner on  
2/9/2012 with:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (#) Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Children.

Please return to your classroom teacher by Friday, 2/3/2012.  
Send NO payment for your dinner at this time.





**The Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation invites you to nominate the Educator of the Year!**

Do you know someone who:

- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn?
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues?
- Leads by example?
- Plays an active and useful role in the scholastic environment?

YES?

Then take the time to celebrate that excellent educator in your life today!

Who can nominate an Educator of the Year? Anyone: a parent, student, other educators or members of the community.

How can you nominate someone? Find nomination forms and more information at the SVSF website

<http://www.svsfoundation.org/todays-funding-needs/educator-of-the-year/>

Don't forget your bus drivers, custodians and office staff! We have awards for certified and classified staff.

**Deadline for nominations is February 6, 2012.**

Contact Lorraine Thurston at [lorraine@northernwall.com](mailto:lorraine@northernwall.com) for more information.

