

# Kung Fu-Tea was a hit!

Thank you Lorton Station Elementary community for supporting this fundraiser. It was a hit. Be on the look out to support again!



### Lorton Station Elementary PTO NEWSLETTER

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# The PTO Executive Board Members 2024-2025

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#### **ANNUAL MOVIE NIGHT WAS A SUCCESS!**

Once upon a time, in a cozy little Lorton Station Elementary School Cafeteria filled with laughter and community spirit, the night everyone eagerly awaited finally arrived: the annual movie night. As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting a warm glow over the bustling cafeteria, a sense of excitement filled the air.

A heartfelt thank you echoed through the crowd—a chorus of gratitude for the wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to making this event a success. The movie of choice was Inside Out 2, a delightful story that had families and friends buzzing with anticipation.

The cafeteria transformed into a magical cinema, alive with the chatter of movie watchers gathering in their lawn chairs, snuggling under blankets, and dragging in chairs from home. Laughter mingled with the sound of rustling popcorn bags as the aroma of freshly popped kernels wafted through the room, making it impossible to resist.

As the opening credits rolled, the audience was captivated, eyes glued to the screen, hearts warmed by the film and the community around them. With every chuckle and cheer, it became clear that this night was more than just a movie—a celebration of togetherness.

When the final credits rolled, the excitement didn't end there. The event not only brought joy but also earned a profit of \$164.00, a testament to the hard work of everyone involved. The popcorn, a beloved staple of movie nights, was an undeniable hit, with everyone leaving with smiles and satisfied cravings.

As the night drew to a close, it was clear that this annual movie night would be remembered fondly as a reminder of the power of community and the joy of shared experiences.

As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to reflect on the blessings in our lives. May this holiday be filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments with family and friends. Whether near or far, let the spirit of gratitude fill our hearts and remind us of the importance of love and connection. Wishing you a joyful and bountiful Thanksgiving, overflowing with delicious food, heartfelt conversations, and the comfort of togetherness. Happy Thanksgiving!

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### **Information Corner**

Get involved, We hope to see you at our meeting on 10 Dec at 7pm via Zoom. Your presence matters! If you would like to see a new time and date for our meetings to encourage max participation, send an e-mail to LortonStationPTO@gmail.com

#### Recap of our 12 Nov meeting:

Various upcoming events and fundraisers at the school, including Family Movie Night, the Winter Boutique, and the 6th-grade celebration, were discussed during the meeting. The need for a cohesive meeting schedule, the launch of the "Watchdogs" program, and the planning of the library renovation were also discussed. The PTO also touched on the importance of volunteering and staying connected with the school community and the logistics of the movie night event.

#### **Watchdogs Program and Principal Coffees:**

Dr. L discussed the launch of their "Watchdogs" program, where dads volunteer to support the school in various ways. About five dads are currently volunteering, with more expected to join. Dr. L. also talked about the principal's coffees, which are scheduled alternately in the morning and afternoon. He explained that pre-registration for these events was introduced to build excitement and encourage attendance. If your schedule allows you time, please attend one of the principal coffee sessions, as they provide valuable information and allow you to ask questions and raise concerns.

#### **Ideas and things to ponder**

#### 1) How can we contribute to school reviews and teamwork improvements?

2) How can the PTO executive board create positive strategies for engagement, get volunteers, and encourage/gain collaboration with Lorton Station members?

#### **Fundraising Ideas and Events**

- 1) Bingo Night
- 2) Spirit Wear
- 3) Double Good
- 4) Dine Outs
- 5) Concession Stand at the Basketball game

#### **Save the Dates**

over the next 3 months

7 Dec: Winter Boutique 10 Dec: PTO Meeting 7 Jan: PTO Meeting

23 Jan: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

Coffee

30 Jan: Parent Academic Night

4 Feb: PTO Meeting

10-14 Feb: Stuff the Pantry LCAC

Food Drive

14 Feb: 100<sup>th</sup> Day/Math Day

#### \*\*We Want to Hear from You! \*\*

In November, we had 10 PTO members to attend (Let's triple the attendance for our 10 Dec PTO Meeting). Let's sustain this positive energy by supporting the PTO and showcasing to our students what can be accomplished when parents, teachers, and staff work together. What ideas, events, or topics would you like to address at our next meeting? Your input is precious, and we are committed to ensuring your voice is heard. Please email us your suggestions so that we can incorporate them into the agenda, or feel free to join us in person to share your thoughts. We eagerly anticipate your contributions and are enthusiastic about engaging in meaningful discussions with the PTO!

**Want to become a room parent?** Are you interested in becoming a room parent? A room parent serves as a vital link between the classroom and other parents, sharing important information and helping to organize volunteers for field trips and celebrations. They also communicate allergy information and facilitate communication between parents and teachers. We are also seeking monitors to assist with these efforts.

Join us for the General virtual PTO meeting on 10 Dec @7pm **CLICK HERE**