





Lake Wilderness Elementary School

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 **Reminder** 

Friday, February 10th
Early Release at 1:10

Kindergarten Registration set for March 12-16

Kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held during the week of March 12-16 at all four Tahoma School District elementary schools for both half-day and all-day sessions.

Parents are advised to bring the following documents: child's official birth certificate; immunization records; and proof of residency, such as a utility bill, purchase agreement or rental contract. Parents have the option of picking up a registration packet at school and returning it by week's end or they can complete the registration packet at the school. No preference is given for early registration.

Parents who wish to register their children for all-day kindergarten will have their names entered in a lottery for available space, assuming that the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places. The lottery drawing will be held March 22 and parents will be notified of the results in early April.

Wildcat Cash Booth OPEN
Saturday, February 4
9:30 - 11:00 AM

Camp Casey Information

An *optional* parent meeting for those who would like more information about the 5th grade outdoor education program at Camp Casey is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at 6 p.m. in the Rock Creek Elementary gym. Topics will include daily schedule, transportation, counselor training, staff supervision, sleeping arrangements, homesickness, and student behavioral and nursing support.

If you have specific questions, please contact Radie Haytack, Outdoor Education Coordinator, 425-413-3313 or email: rhaytack@tahomasd.us



LWES-PTSA presents: Building Skills for Emotionally Healthy Children A Class for Parents and Caregivers

with Rebecca Bowen, M. Ed., School Counselor and School Psychologist

6:30-8:30 Wednesday, February 29th, 2012 at Lake Wilderness Elementary, Library B

As parents and caregivers, we can really struggle when our children deal with strong feelings. At times we just want to bundle them in our arms and protect them from the pain. At other times we really just need them to stop. Stop crying, stop hitting, stop yelling, stop embarrassing me at the store. This class is designed to share ideas for you to help your child manage their strong feelings in healthy ways.

- Understand basic principles about feelings and the connection with our bodies.
- Explore strategies that can help your child (and you) calm down.
- Learn steps in coaching your child through an emotional situation.
- Find resources for further support.

School board approves snow make-up days

The Tahoma School Board voted January 24 to add three days in June to the school calendar to make up for three of the four days that schools were closed on January 17-20, due to ice, snow and power outages. June 20 will be the last day of school. The fourth day was already made up on January 27.

Quick answers to some questions we have heard:

- Why not make up the snow days during the February break? The school calendar is part of contract bargaining between the district and its employee bargaining units; there is discussion each year about

Calendar of Events

2/4	Wildcat Cash Booth Open - 9:30-11:00
2/6	PTSA PRRRR reading forms due
2/13	5th grade steel drum music concert, Gym B, 7:00
2/15	2nd grade to Woodland Park Zoo
2/15	5th grade Camp Casey Parent Mtg., RCES, 6:00
2/17	Career Spirit Day
2/20-24	Mid-Winter Break
2/29	Last day to register for Science Fair
2/29	Lake Wilderness Parenting Class, Library B, 6:30
2/29	District Choir Festival, Tahoma High School, 7:00
3/2	Dr. Seuss's Birthday - Pajama Spirit Day
3/7	PTSA Science Fair
3/12-16	Kindergarten Registration, Office A, 8:00-4:30
3/16	Waiver Day - Non-Student Day
3/23	Progress report cards sent home

modifying the February break but no agreement to do so, which means it cannot be used for makeup days.

- Won't the state waive the days that were part of the governor's emergency declaration? The state Superintendent of Public Instruction has not decided whether waiver days can be granted for the snow closures; more on this when a decision is made.