

## Our first PTA Newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of our PTA newsletter! We've heard your calls for more communication, and we're excited to share what we've been working on, how you can get involved, and the exciting events we have planned for the upcoming months.

As our students are settling into their new routines and the

bustle of the first weeks are over, it's the perfect time to share more with you. Our goal is to keep you informed and engaged, making sure you feel connected to everything happening at our school. Together, we can make this a fantastic year for our students!

Warm regards,

your MAteam

#### **Upcoming Events**

PTA General Meeting\* Sept 5

Z-BEST Coupon Book Sale Aug 30-Sept 13

> Fall Book Fair Sept 9-13

WL Eats @ Selland's Sept 18

Chuck E. Cheese Sept 27

Check school website to register



## Revamping the Teacher and Staff Lounge: A Fresh New Look!

We're thrilled to share that the teacher and staff lounge has undergone a makeover! What was once a 70's-style room with a large, imposing table has now been transformed into a modern, cozy space.

Our resident design team, Amie Fassler and Quyen Stephenshaw, spent the summer thoughtfully curating furniture, decor and appliances to revamp the space on a budget.

On the first day of school, the teachers and staff were welcomed with a gorgeous spread in their new lounge where they can sit, relax, and connect.

We hope this new space will

become a favorite spot for our hardworking teachers and staff to unwind and enjoy their breaks. This renovation is just one way we're showing our appreciation for all they do!

Special thanks to Summer Shih, Tracy Yount, Denis Tam, and Michelle and Alex Alvarado for their contributions in making this project a success!



From left to right: Katie Noey, Quyen Stephenshaw, Denis Tam, Josephine Tjen-a-looi

# Meet Your PTA Executive Board!

#### Katie Noey President

As a second-grade parent, Katie is passionate about fostering a sense of belonging and bringing efficiency to everything she tackles. With a toddler in tow, she's adept at balancing her many roles, and when she finds time, she loves crafting elaborate sugar cookies to sweeten the day.

#### Denis Tam Treasurer

With two William Land alumni and a secondgrader, Denis is no stranger to the ins and outs of school life. Our unofficial PTA guru, he's the go-to person when you need answers—or advice on just about anything PTA-related. When he's not lending his expertise to our efforts, you can find him grilling up a feast or working on his latest home improvement project.

#### Quyen Stephenshaw Vice-President

A mom of a fifth- and second-grader, Quyen is our event planner extraordinaire! She always brings a clear vision and flair for design that turns each event into a memorable experience. When she's not at school, you can find her perfecting her golf swing or transforming homes with her design expertise!

#### Josephine Tjen-a-looi Secretary

Josephine is the newest member of our Board and mom to, you guessed it, a second-grader! She is the social butterfly of our team and Leo the Lion (our mascot) may just be her spirit animal. Her enthusiasm and knack for bringing people together are contagious. We're thrilled to have her vibrant energy on board!

Come hang out with us (or take dinner to go) at our first WL Eats Fundraiser on Wed Sept 18 at Selland's 915 Broadway location. The fundraiser runs all day and the PTA Social will begin at 5:30pm. Be sure to show <u>the flyer at checkout</u>!



## **Recent PTA Projects**



A team repainted the 7 Principles from the "Leader In Me" Program in three languages this summer. Thanks to Sharon Jou, Quyen Stephenshaw, Denis Tam, Tracy Yount, and Josephine Tjen-alooi for braving the 100+ degree heat for this project!



The PTA recently replaced the classroom rugs in some of our lower elementary classrooms. These new, vibrant rugs have added a splash of color and a welcoming touch to each learning space, enhancing both comfort and classroom atmosphere.



Due to limited space on campus, the PTA has invested in mobile storage containers for our PE and playground equipment. These newly modified containers help maximize our storage and make it easier to organize and transport equipment.

#### Preparing for the New Year

In addition, the PTA was busy with kicking off the new school year. We provided refreshments for the TK and kindergarten orientations and created a dazzling rainbow balloon backdrop for the first day of school. At Back-to-School Night, we raffled off 12 fingerprinting fees (congrats to the lucky winners!) and organized food trucks that will be donating a percentage of sales back to our school. These efforts helped welcome families and students with flair and fun!

### Got Feedback?

We'd love to hear from you! Tell us what you'd like to know more about or ask us your questions at: wlmlandPTA@gmail.com

## Get Involved in the Fun!

As you can see, our PTA is always busy at work and we need your help! <u>See our website</u> for all of our opportunities, but here are a few to pay special attention to:

**Fall Carnival Raffle Basket Team:** If you have a passion for collecting donations, gift wrapping or organizing, come join our team! We are eagerly looking for parents to help with creating exciting and beautiful raffle baskets for the fall carnival. There's lots to do immediately, but we specifically need a small army of volunteers for the week of September 30th to put together these special baskets. If interested, please email us at <u>wlmlandPTA@gmail.com</u>.

**Fall Book Fair**: Keep a look out for the online sign-up in the weekly school emails. This is a great introduction to volunteering as parents assist the students with purchasing books and accessories.

