

**YOUR PTO IN ACTION  
2014**



*Help us help the school !!*

**Supporting:**

- Teacher Appreciation
- School Recruitment
- Box Tops for Education

**Sponsoring:**

- Fall & Spring Book Fair
- Science Fair
- School Garage Sale
- Class Programs
- Field Trips

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# **Serendipity Academy PTO**

## **March 2014 Newsletter**

Your Serendipity Academy Parent Teacher Organization (SAPTO) is up and running!

**Congratulations!** - you are an automatic member of the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) of Serendipity Academy, which is set up to bridge between home and school. We hope that our partnership will pool a wealth of knowledge, talents, skills, and educate our youngsters. Your involvement really does make a difference in "your" child's education.

The PTO plans on meeting monthly and anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Generally the meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at Serendipity Academy from 5:30-6:30 PM. Two meetings will be general meetings to discuss the annual agenda/budget and elect board members. The remainder of the meetings will be for board members and anyone else who would like to be active in participating and discussing issues that pertain to our school.

The first SAPTO meeting was held in January where the board was chosen for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

Kelly Alfaro Haugen (President/Membership Committee)

Melissa Van Gorkom (Secretary)

Justin Ruiz (Vice President)

Amity McDougal (Compliance Committee)

Jennifer Falacy (Treasurer)

Ashleigh Richards (Fundraising Committee)

Jody Hickey

Emily Walsh

Alt. Jennifer Olson (Fundraising Committee)

Alt. Kirstin Holstrom (Membership Committee)

Alt. John Hammagren (Compliance Committee)

**Our Mission:** Enhance and support the educational experience at Serendipity Academy through a close connection between school, home and the community by encouraging parent involvement to support teachers, staff and students at Serendipity Academy through volunteer and financial support.

**Our Vision:** Serendipity Academy Parent Teacher Organization wants every child at Serendipity Academy to have access to excellent education.

**Our Purpose:** To be a support group for the teachers, staff and students at Serendipity Academy and to promote a positive communication between the teachers, parents and community.

To enhance and support the educational experience at Serendipity Academy, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parental involvement, and to improve the environment at Serendipity Academy through volunteer and financial support.

The first SAPTO board meeting was held on February 19, 2014, thanks to everyone who was able to attend for their participation! During the meeting the SAPTO approved the spending of \$800 for Art Field Trips to help enhance the students knowledge of art.

The SAPTO filed our 501(c)(3) paperwork on February 20th which is very exciting and will allow for us to apply for grants and begin to really fundraise to help our school out with providing great education for our children!

If anyone has skills/interest in assisting with grant writing, our board members have already developed a list of potential grants that we are hoping to apply for so we would be very interested in any assistance/expertise anyone is willing to offer. Please let us know by e-mail or grab any of our board members who would be happy to provide you with additional information!

The group also discussed a number of ideas to raise money and awareness for Serendipity Academy. Minutes from the meeting can be found on the SAPTO Web site at <http://pto.serendipity-academy.com>.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair that we will be hosting from March 12-14th during parent teacher conferences. If you are interested/available to assist, please sign up using Sign-up Genius [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084AAAA62DA2FA7-book](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084AAAA62DA2FA7-book).

Serendipity Academy is also looking for volunteers to assist with the Eagle Store each month. If you are interested/available to assist, please sign up using Sign-up Genius [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0D45ADAC2CA02-eagle/9497745](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0D45ADAC2CA02-eagle/9497745)

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding anything, please let us know by e-mail [serendipity.academy.pto@gmail.com](mailto:serendipity.academy.pto@gmail.com).

#### Upcoming Events:

##### MARCH

- March 12-14** - Scholastic Bookfair from 12-6 PM at Serendipity Academy
- March 19** - SAPTO Board Meeting from 5:50-6:30 PM at Serendipity Academy
- March 20** - Eagle Store from 11:30 - 1 in the Academy Lunch Room
- March 20** - Science Fair

##### APRIL

- April 3** - School Musical at Tumwater Valley 5:30 PM  
Flower & Concession Sales
- April 16** - SAPTO Board Meeting
- April 17** - Eagle Store

##### MAY

- May 3** - Science Carnival
- May 6** - National Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 7** - Morning with Moms
- May 9 or 10?** - Mothers Day event
- May 15** - Eagle Store
- May 16-18** - Lacey Kids World (set up event for kids and promote organization)
- May 17** - Capital City Kids Fun Run
- May 17** - Lacey Kids Fun Fair Parade at 6PM
- May 21** - SAPTO Board Meeting

##### JUNE

- June 5** - Eagle Store
- June 7** - All Academy Campout
- June 11** - Date with Dads
- June 12** - Soarin Up Ceremony
- June 13 or 14?** - Fathers Day event
- June 18** - SAPTO Board Meeting

##### JULY

- July 4** - Tumwater Parade
- July 16** - SAPTO Board Meeting
- July 19** - Lakefair Parade