

# The **Welcome back Tadlock Stars!**



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## Entertainment Passbooks are coming!

Our big fall fundraiser is kicking off on Sept. 10th at Celebrate Tadlock. Come find out more, and watch one of your favorite teachers try out the Money Machine!

We've got lots of prizes for our top sellers:

- \* Sell 2 books & receive a \$10 Strikz card
- \* Sell 5 books & also receive a sports bottle and a ball
- \* Sell 8 books & step into the money machine at Celebrate Tadlock and keep whatever you can catch
- \* Sell the most books & receive a boom box/iPod docking station!

Prizes will also be awarded to the highest selling class.

PTA's goal is to raise the \$8200 necessary to bring you the fabulous line-up of assemblies and programs we've got planned this year. To do this, we're encouraging every child to sell two books (\$25 each). You'll easily save that much when you start using the incredible coupons and discounts inside.

Watch your child's backpack for more detailed Passbook information.



Dear Tadlock Families,

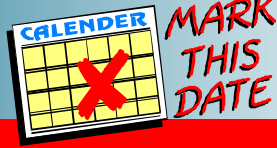
This time of year is so exciting. You will see lots of new faces from students to staff as our campus enrollment is continuing to grow. This is my seventeenth year in education and looking back, there have always been lots of changes and new things to keep up with at school. The kids are often more adaptable to change than adults! Just watching how many changes there are in the world of technology in a year is astounding. As technology has changed, so have schools and this year, we are "going green" and will be utilizing e-mail and websites to send home information. Be sure to share your e-mail address with your child's teacher and visit our school website often to stay up to date! It's important for us to provide you with a variety of information sources to help keep you well informed, so be sure to visit your child's grade level website as well for weekly information.

I hope you will also visit us at Celebrate Tadlock on Friday mornings at 8am. Be sure to turn in a Celebration Form by Thursday of each week for us to read at Celebrate Tadlock. We have celebrated students participating in charity work, sports success and more at school. It's great to hear all the wonderful things our students are doing. The form is on our website and available in the front office.

This year, we are "Dreaming BIG" and the staff and I look forward to working with you and your family to help our students achieve their dreams. Thank you for all you do to support our school and your children!

Kellie Rapp  
Principal, Tadlock Elementary

# The



SEPTEMBER 2- Curriculum Night  
 6:00-6:45pm  
 Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade  
 7:00-7:45pm  
 1st grade, 3rd grade, 5th grade  
 Specials Teachers will be available in the hallway outside the library

SEPTEMBER 6: No School

SEPTEMBER 7-oom Parent Meeting 7pm

SEPTEMBER 9- Sky Dome Assembly K - 5

SEPTEMBER 10- Spirit Orders Due!

SEPTEMBER 14- High Touch High Tech Kindergarten assembly

SEPTEMBER 16- PTA Meeting 6:00pm in the Library; Snake Encounters 6:30pm in the Cafe

SEPTEMBER 17- Parent Volunteer Sip & Snips

SEPTEMBER 21- Spirit Night at Scotty P's 5:00-8:00pm

SEPTEMBER 29th- Teacher Luncheon provided by the 1st & 5th graders

## A note from the President...


Dream Big. That's what the marquee now reads as you drive up to our school. I first noticed those two little words this summer as I was headed up to the school for a PTA Meeting. The words caught me. And they didn't let go.

Dream Big. The message was deliberate. I knew I'd soon be seeing it on the bulletin boards in the hallways and on the tops of papers that would be sent home with my kids. I figured this would be the theme that would carry my children through the upcoming school year. I pictured my daughter doing her best in school, striving to achieve so that she could one day fulfill her dream of having her own show on Food Network. I imagined my son all grown up, living out his dream of creating commercials (yes, he likes them better than TV shows). The message on the marquee had power in it.

Dream Big. And it was only a few moments later that this message lept off the marquee and followed me into our school. Whether intentional or not, the words were there for me. How will our children learn to dream big if our dreams are small? How will they learn how to work to achieve their dreams if we ourselves are not working alongside them? This is it ... our chance to be part of their big dreams. It's our responsibility and our privilege to give them every advantage we can.

The big dreams of our children are given life through the everyday actions of those around them. So volunteer. Get involved. Be a room parent. Work at the Book Fair. Help with Sock Hop. Make copies in the workroom. Become a library aide. Chaperone a field trip. Be a WatchD.O.G. (Dads, watch for this great new opportunity!). What will be your contribution to your child's dreams this year? Whatever it is ... why not Dream Big?

Kathryn Carter  
 PTA President

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**SPIRIT NIGHT**

Spirit Night at  
 Scotty P's  
 Tuesday  
 September 21st  
 5-8 pm  
 (NW Corner of Eldorado  
 & Tollway)



Questions about the PTA?  
 Membership?  
 Spirit Wear?  
 Getting Involved?  
 Email them to:  
[tadlockpta@live.com](mailto:tadlockpta@live.com). Someone  
 will respond to your email  
 promptly.

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**Be sure to attend the first PTA  
 Meeting of the year at 6pm on  
 Sept. 16th in the library (just  
 before Snake Encounters).**

**SNAKE ENCOUNTERS**

The Snake Man is Slithering  
 in to Tadlock!!  
 Please join us in the Tadlock  
 Elementary Cafeteria for Daryl  
 Sprout's live animal Snake  
 Encounters program.  
 It's comedy. It's magic. It's  
 educational. It's the Ultimate Live  
 Animal Show. You may even get  
 to touch one of his  
 slithering friends!

**Thursday, September 16th  
 at 6:30 p.m in the  
 Tadlock Cafe**

(immediately following the 6:00  
 PTA meeting in the library)

**Hope to see you there!**

**BOOKFAIR NEWS**

Sizzlin Hot Reads coming your way!

**Fall Book Fair is  
 October 11th - 15th**

We will be open on Parent/Teacher  
 conference day from  
 9am until 3pm.  
 What a great time to shop and surprise  
 your kids!!! Book Fair will also be  
 open late on Thursday the 14th for our  
 Chili Throwdown. Bring the whole  
 family. And don't forget to buy a book  
 or two for your teachers!

To volunteer your time, contact  
[Holley.Breeding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Holley.Breeding@sbcglobal.net)

**CHILI THROWDOWN**

Please join us at our 2nd Annual  
 Tadlock  
 Chili Throwdown!

**Thursday, October 14**

Are you known for your chili?

Do you enjoy cooking  
 with your kids?

Are you up for a challenge?

Show us what you've  
 got and sign up!

All chili entries  
 are welcome...  
 (traditional, vegetarian, chicken,  
 great-grandma's secret recipe)

Last year, we had 14 different  
 chilis to taste. Most of us left  
 with bigger tummies while a  
 couple of winners left with  
 bigger heads. Let's show the  
 Spicy Seconds and Timmy's  
 Beef Chili team what the rest of  
 our school can do.

Keep an eye out for more  
 information. If you're interested  
 in entering your chili or  
 volunteering at the  
 event, please email

[jennifer\\_rozewicz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer_rozewicz@sbcglobal.net).

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### CHESS CLUB

The PTA Chess Club is looking for parents/grandparents who are interested in volunteering as assistant coaches. No Chess tournament experience or USCF rating is required, all that is needed is a firm grasp of chess mechanics, rules, and willingness to teach the wonderful world of Chess to our students.

The Chess club meets every Friday in the school's library from 7:15am until 7:45am. Without the help of assistant coach volunteers, we will, unfortunately, have to limit enrollment to 10 students this year. If you are interested in being an assistant coach please contact Alex Froyo ([alex.froyo@gmail.com](mailto:alex.froyo@gmail.com)).

And watch the October PTA newsletter for student enrollment information.

### Help Wanted

As we start a new year at Tadlock, we are looking for some wonderful new volunteers to help make it a successful year for both students and teachers. As a fairly new parent to Tadlock myself, I can tell you that not only is volunteering rewarding and much appreciated, but it can also be a great way to make friends, meet other parents, and be involved in your community. Below is my "help wanted" advertisement. I welcome lots of new applicants to join the ranks this year!

**Sip 'n Snips** - Can you operate a pair of scissors? Do you only have an hour a month to give? Come to the library and enjoy coffee and conversation while helping out in a group setting. This is the best way to get your feet wet in the volunteering realm.

**Library Aide** - Do you enjoy peace and quiet and the smell of books? Have I got a place for you! Our Library needs volunteers to assist with shelving and check-out.

**Copy Cats** - Do you love the smell of fresh ink and the sounds of electronic devices? Can you press a green button? Well, becoming a Copy Cat is the job for you! Once a week, you and several other parents in your grade level will meet in the copy room to assist teachers in preparing copies needed to teach our wonderful children.

**Class Basket** - Are you a working parent, but still want to be involved? Each Monday, we will send home a class basket, with tasks that you can complete, during the work week, and send back on Fridays. You will be able to cut, staple, stack an organize with your child. This is a great opportunity to involve your child in being a part of a successful classroom.

**Floater** - Do you want to help out, but have a random schedule that doesn't allow for set commitments? Be a Floater! You will be notified of opportunities as they come up and can be placed where it best fits your time frame.

I look forward to meeting lots of new faces this year.  
Put away those excuses and come join us!

Cayce Saban  
[caycesaban@yahoo.com](mailto:caycesaban@yahoo.com)

### Calling All Room Parents!

Being a room parent guarantees you the benefit of involvement, not only in your own child's school life, but the lives of all of the children in the classroom. You are afforded the opportunity to see all of those young minds grow. In addition, you have the chance to help your child's teacher and ensure a rewarding classroom experience for the kids, parents and teacher! If you are interested in getting involved in your child's classroom as a room parent, please contact Jill Goldberg at [goldberg0315@yahoo.com](mailto:goldberg0315@yahoo.com) or 248.760.0315. There will be an information meeting on 9/7 at 7:00 pm in the Tadlock Cafe. We look forward to another fun-filled year at Tadlock!

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## TADLOCK DIRECTORY

Does a school directory sound useful? Would you like to know your child's teacher's birthday? Perhaps make use of the FUSD school calendar? Or even send a thank you note for the great gifts your child received for his birthday? You can do all that and more with our fully loaded Tadlock Directory. But you won't be able to do it unless you join the PTA by October 15th.

In order to receive a copy of the Tadlock Directory, you must be a PTA member!!!! You'll find the PTA Membership form on the Tadlock website. Print it, fill it out, and return it in your child's daily folder. Dues are only \$8 per person. That's all it takes!

Say! Would you like to advertise your business or services in our community? Our Tadlock PTA Directory is a valuable, cost effective way to reach persons in our community! Please contact Jenna Ring if you should wish to do so! [tadlockpta@live.com](mailto:tadlockpta@live.com).

So join the PTA, receive a Tadlock Directory at no additional cost! If you have any questions feel free to contact Jenna Ring at [tadlockpta@live.com](mailto:tadlockpta@live.com)!!!!



## WATCH DOGS

Hey Guys --

We've got the perfect way for you to get more involved in your child's education. The Tadlock PTA is proudly sponsoring WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads of Great Students) on our campus this year.

WATCH D.O.G.S.®? What the heck is a WatchDOG?  
Well, its a what and a who.

Let's do the "what" part first. What do these WatchDOGS do? They assist with loading and unloading of the buses and cars, monitor the grounds, hang around the lunch room (you may get fed), and give the teachers a little help in the classroom as well by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling. The most important "what" that these WatchDOGS do is give the kids an added sense of security during the school day and a positive male role model as well.

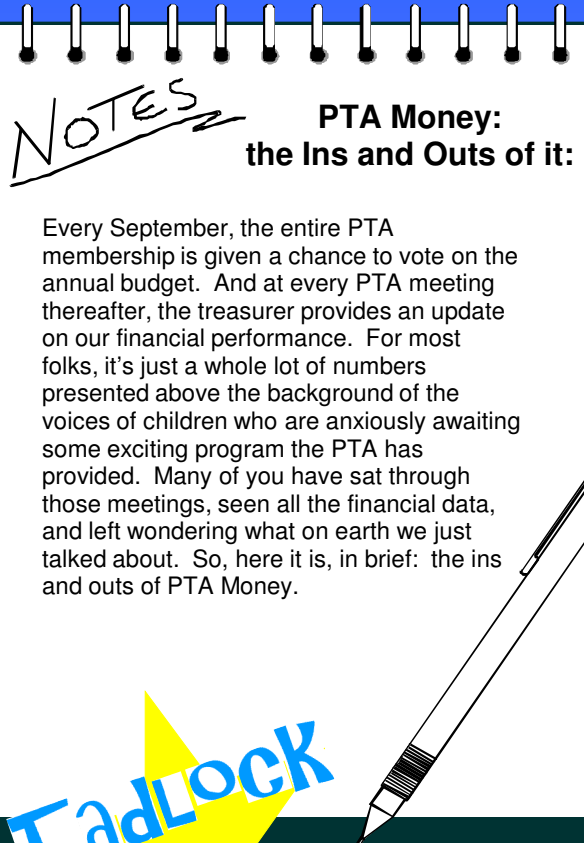
Who are these WatchDOGS? It's all you guys ... all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles or the like. It's all of you.

I know. I know. You all work and are busy. So how much time is this going to take to be a WatchDOG? Give as much time as you have. Whether that means one day a week, month, quarter, semester, or year. What ever you can give, our Tadlock students will gladly accept. You cannot imagine how much it will mean to our kids and our teachers to have you prowling around the campus.

Why be a WatchDOG? It's simply the right thing to do. We will be signing up the first wave of new WatchD.O.G.S. at Pizza Night on Thursday, September 30 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. To learn more about the program, click on the WatchD.O.G.S. link on the Tadlock website or watch the Charles Gibson ABC News special on WatchD.O.G.S. @

<http://abcnews.go.com/WN/story?id=6271282&page=1>.  
Email questions to Mark Buman at [mark.buman@infor.com](mailto:mark.buman@infor.com).

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**PTA Money:  
the Ins and Outs of it:**

Every September, the entire PTA membership is given a chance to vote on the annual budget. And at every PTA meeting thereafter, the treasurer provides an update on our financial performance. For most folks, it's just a whole lot of numbers presented above the background of the voices of children who are anxiously awaiting some exciting program the PTA has provided. Many of you have sat through those meetings, seen all the financial data, and left wondering what on earth we just talked about. So, here it is, in brief: the ins and outs of PTA Money.



**First, the "Ins": Where does PTA money come from?**

Membership dues. Fundraisers (This year we're selling Entertainment Passbooks). Annual Sock Hop and Silent Auction. Spirit Wear sales. Box Tops. Spirit Nights at Scotty P's, Baskin Robbins, etc. Funds from Tom Thumb and Kroger when you link your frequent shopper cards to our school account. Financial donations from people like you (Make checks payable to Tadlock PTA).

**Next, the "Outs": Where will PTA money go this year?**

SkyDome Mobile Planetarium. Smart Kid Math Magic Show. High Touch / High Tech (a hands-on, grade-specific science program). Author Visit. Dennis Lee & the Funky Monkey Bunch. Snake Encounters. Art Night. Ice Cream Social. D.E.A.R. Night. Sock Hop expenses. WatchD.O.G.S. Chess club. Chili Throwdown. Teacher Appreciation. Tears and Cheers. Teacher Supply Closet. Class Parties. Frisco Community Parade Float. Choir Fest. And much more.

100% of PTA money is used in its efforts to enhance your child's educational experience. In the past two years, enough money was raised to purchase the benches you and your children sit on in the hallways. We also purchased musical instruments, P.E. rewards, die cuts, and a one-year, weekly subscription to Time Magazine for Kids for every student at our school. This year, we would love to be able to make additional purchases which will make a lasting impact on our school. But we cannot do this without your participation in our fundraising events. Of course, if you'd rather just make a financial donation in the form of a check, we'd be glad to accept it.

If you would like to see our annual budget, please make it a point to be at our September 16th Regular PTA Meeting followed by our first evening program of the year: Snake Encounters!

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2010-2011  
PTA Board Members

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V.P. of Membership - Julia Ernst  
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**PTA Executive Board email:**

**[tadlockpta@live.com](mailto:tadlockpta@live.com)**

**Why Join PTA?**

First off, let me begin by explaining that being a PTA member requires nothing of you but \$8 in dues (\$16 for you and your spouse ... add another \$8 for Grandma and another \$8 for ...). Why does the PTA want your \$8? Well, there are a whole lot of things that happen up at the school that just flat out wouldn't happen without your money. I could rattle them all off here. The list is long and impressive, but it's also on the previous page, so flip back if you need to.

Why join PTA? In a nutshell, the money you give us when you join pays for so many things that help our kids learn and grow. It's an outstanding investment. Many PTA members give us their dues and stop there. That's fine. We'll take any money you give us and turn it into wonderful things for our kids.

Still other PTA members choose to give more. They give beyond their dues in the form of their time, talents, and effort. These are the folks who volunteer in the copy room so that our teachers can spend their time teaching and planning their lessons. These are the people who organize and work at our school parties and events. They are the parents and grandparents who work at the Book Fair so that our school can earn additional books for our classrooms and library. They are the room parents and library aides. They are the people who bring you the sock hop and silent auction. It takes hundreds of people working together (daytime and evenings both!) to make our school a wonderful place for our children to come every day.

Why be a PTA volunteer? When you give of your time to benefit the lives of our kids, you touch their hearts. You put smiles on their faces. Children you don't even know stop to hug you in the hallways. And you find after a short while that you have benefitted from the experience as well. The school becomes more of an extension of your home than a cold, tile building. And the parents you work alongside become your dearest friends.

Joining PTA is easy. Fill out the PTA Everything Form from the Tadlock website, and send it to school in your child's daily folder. It may be the best \$8 you ever spent. Want to get more involved? Check the "volunteer" box on the back of the PTA Everything Form or email [caycesabanpta@yahoo.com](mailto:caycesabanpta@yahoo.com).

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**HOSPITALITY**

It has been a busy year already for Hospitality. On August 16th, the PTA hosted a luncheon for the teachers and staff. Thank you to all of the parents who brought yummy desserts and to Manny's Tex Mex for the great food! We got lots of positive feedback from the staff.

On August 23rd, the PTA hosted the annual Tears and Cheers breakfast for the Kindergarten parents. It was a great opportunity to get to know some of the new faces at Tadlock. Thank you to Starbucks at Custer and El Dorado for donating the coffee again this year!

On Sept. 29th, the 1st & 5th grades will be hosting our next Teacher Luncheon. Watch for more info from your room parents.



**" GO GREEN ! "**

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! I'm so proud to be the Environmental Chair for Tadlock's PTA again and hope everyone learns a little more this year of what it means to be "green."

Tadlock Elementary is a "green" school, meaning we reduce, reuse, and recycle. Many materials can be recycled, such as plastic, paper, metal and glass. At Tadlock, we recycle paper, plastic bags, and batteries. When you walk into Tadlock, you will see a place in the front lobby to turn in your batteries, old shoes, and plastic bags.

This year, we are beginning our plastic juice pouches collection. Our PTA will get 2 cents for each juice pouch turned into our grade level trash cans that will be located in our cafeteria. It does not have to be Capri Sun. It can be any brand; however, it needs to be a plastic juice pouch. Please make sure your child empties each juice pouch and remind them to throw away their straws. We only need the juice pouch, but no liquid should be left inside of it. Wow! What an awesome way to earn extra money for our school. Each juice pouch will be recycled and made into other items, such as school bags and pencil cases. How awesome is that!

Recycling is not only done at school, but it can be done at home too. Here are some ways you can recycle at home in the garden:

1. Composting- a process where waste degrades in compost, which can then be taken to your garden to help it grow.
2. Grass Cycling-is an excellent way of recycling grass cuttings after mowing the lawn. Just leave the cuttings on the ground instead of throwing them away. They will turn into nutrients and act as a fertilizer in the soil.
3. Planting trees- helps improve the environment by reducing global warming and providing a home for many animals.

Look for ways you can recycle at home and get your children involved. Not only will you be helping the environment, but your child will love doing something important with you! Next month, we will discuss upcoming events and different ways we can reduce and make our world "greener."

Happy Recycling!

Doug Knoerr  
Environmental Chair, PTA



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# TADLOCK Star



Save those BTFEs! (That's Box Tops for Education to you and me.) Box Tops come on so many of the products we all use everyday from General Mills to Ziploc, from Betty Crocker to Nature Valley. Look for the Box Tops logos, clip them, and send them to school with your kids. Each Box Tops label is worth 10 cents to our school. Last year, we raised nearly \$1000 from all those little labels. And each month, if your child's class collects the most, they will earn indoor recess activities for their classroom.

Many thanks to the 12 students who brought in over 100 Box Tops to Meet the Teacher Night (Logan Pearson, Mackenzie Wilcoxson, Cassidy Narangi, Caleb Ernst, Ainsley Carter, Davis Carter, Kaly Epperly, Camden Ernst, Jackson Duke, Wyatt Dye, and Aiden Cupps) and to Mariam DeKeyrel who alone clipped 220 Box Tops and earned herself a Back-to-School Survival Kit. Way to go, Mariam! Keep clipping!

## PARADE FLOAT

We are in need of some volunteers to head up the Tadlock float for the Frisco Community Parade November 13th. This will be Tadlock's 3rd year in the parade! Please email all inquiries to [tadlockpta@live.com](mailto:tadlockpta@live.com)



## SPIRIT WEAR

It's not too late to get your 2010 Tadlock Spirit Wear! Our new spirit items this year include short-sleeved tees, fitted tees, baseball tees, zip-front hoodies, hairbows, and bottlecap necklaces. To order, use the PTA Everything Form on the Tadlock website. Don't miss our Sept. 10th deadline! Questions about spirit wear? Email Amy Duhon at [tadlockpta@live.com](mailto:tadlockpta@live.com).



## LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Campbell's Labels for Education is committed to helping support America's schools. By clipping UPCs from participating products, our school can earn equipment to support our Arts, Athletics and Academics programs.

Simply clip the UPCs from such products as: Campbell's Soup, Chunky Soups or Chili, Spaghetti's, V-8, Prego, Pepperidge Farms breads and Gold Fish and Swanson's Broth.

Cut or tear out the UPC's with, "the little Campbell's Soup boy" on them and send them to school in your child's backpack.

Such simple support can help everyone at our great school! Thank YOU!!!!!!



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