

Happy New Year! Hard to believe the holidays are already over and we are now looking ahead to Spring.

In preparing for the 2012-2013 school year, we must fill the following PTA board positions:

- Art Appreciation
- Box Tops/Campbells Labels
- Directory
- Character Counts
- Leapin' Into Literature
- LRC
- Reading Incentives
- Special Lunch
- Staff Appreciation
- Westbrook Connections Yearbook
- Co-President
- Vice-President

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

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Save the Date:

First graders will be treated to a Laser Light Show on Friday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:45 p.m.). Due to space restrictions, only the first 250 reservation requests will be accepted. Look in your child's backpack next week for the form.



Character Counts at Westbrook! Currently, we are collecting money to send to Miss Senn in the Dominican Republic. As many of you probably know, Miss Senn worked as a devoted first grade teacher at Westbrook last year and is now volunteering her teaching talents to the children in the Dominican Republic. They desperately need school sup-



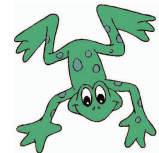
plies. Our hope is that your children can earn money by doing chores around the house. Please send the money in your child's backpack in an envelope marked, "PTA-Character Counts". We will be collecting through January. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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It pays to send in your Box Tops. Our latest payment totaled \$587.40. Thank you for your continued support.



Lepain' into Literature is a wonderful reading adventure sponsored by Westbrook's PTA. This program takes place in February and is open to 1st graders during their lunch recess. Parent volunteers come in during that time to read wonderful new books to the students. The new books have been purchased with PTA funds and are then donated to the Westbrook LRC and can be identified by the frog sticker on the binding. We hope to see your child participating in this program in February, and perhaps you might consider giving at least one lunch hour to read to your child's class.



It's a terrific way for parents with limited time to volunteer. Younger siblings are welcome to come along.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a reader, or have questions about the program, please contact:

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