

# West TV PTC Monthly Newsletter

## January 2017

### Message from the President, Shelli Kime (*sabbatical this month*)

"The shortest day has passed, and whatever nastiness of weather we may look forward to in January and February, at least we notice that the days are getting longer. Minute by minute they lengthen out. It takes some weeks before we become aware of the change. It is imperceptible even as the growth of a child, as you watch it day by day, until the moment comes when, with a start of delighted surprise, we realize that we can stay out of doors in a twilight lasting for another quarter of a precious hour."

- Vita Sackville-West

### Appreciation

Big, huge, enthusiastic thank you to **Telia Rusin** and **Karri Iverson**, our Volunteer Coordinators. Telia puts together the *Monday Minute* each week to help you keep your calendar up to date with events and volunteer openings, and together they recruit and assist all the volunteer committees and individuals. Our PTC and school programs are thriving because of the hard work of these approachable, informed, detail-oriented, enthusiastic cat herders. Give them a high five next time you see them!

### Spotlight

#### Green Team

##### Coordinator Paige Dickson

The West TV Green Team is a group of 16 motivated kids helping to make our school a better place. Team activities focus on leading Walk+Bike to School days, Earth Day event, partnering on a neighborhood trail restoration project, and working in the "New and Improved" school garden.

Green Team is led by parent Paige Dickson. She is also on the Steering Committee of the Beaverton Eco School Network that helps create programs for all leaders of Green schools in Beaverton. Paige is passionate about all things green, Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP), and traveling.

Last fall our school had one of the highest participation rates in the state of Oregon for Walk+Bike To School day! The Green Team arrived early to help cheer in all the West TV kids. It is amazing how many of our students enjoy this event.

The Green Team also hosted a trail restoration work party for West TV families. We had over 50 people volunteer removing invasive weeds from a future trail site. The Green Team members also brought cookies to reward and thank all the volunteers!



This spring the Green Team will host ALL Beaverton Green Schools for a work party. This event is similar to the SOLV events around the state but is focused on our neighborhood Johnson Creek Trail. The date is now TBD after the BSD school days were adjusted due to snow days.

One of the favorite activities of the Green Team is planting and harvesting from our school garden boxes. Due to construction needed to install new equipment on our playground, the school garden was removed over the summer. We were lucky that our West TV Cub Scouts rebuilt our old garden boxes and built us a new one as well. The help from the Cub Scouts allows the Green Team to plant a garden this spring and summer. THANK YOU

The West TV Green Team will need a new coordinator next year as Paige's daughter is graduating to middle school. Please contact Paige if you have any questions about what this position entails. This position has a lot of support from the Beaverton Eco School network so you won't be doing everything alone. Please help us inspire, empower and make a difference in our school and community - support the Green Team!

## Keep in Touch

We want you to feel welcome and informed about all WTV activities, so please follow our news on our **website** [www.wtvptc.org](http://www.wtvptc.org), get a quick reminder of upcoming events every Monday in your email inbox from our **Monday Minute**, attend our monthly **PTC meeting** (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7PM in the school library,) and get to know our organization more in-depth in this monthly **newsletter** sent via email. Cheers!

## Another Way to Help the PTC Earn Money for our School!

### **eScrip**

We have a new fundraising program...eScrip!!! It just takes a few minutes of your time to create an account online. Earn money for our school at places you already shop!!! It's easy...

Log onto [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com). Enter the School or Group I.D. (500109987) or search for: West Tualatin View Elementary.

- Sign up for an account
- Register your debit and credit cards (this is optional, but makes it so much easier) - every time you use the registered credit or debit card at a participating merchant, those purchases will earn money for our school!
- Shop at eScrip merchants!
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- A percentage of purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant.

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