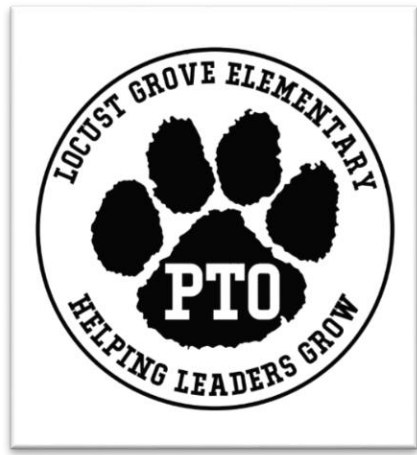


# LOCUST GROVE PTO MONTHLY ROAR



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

### BRITTANY FORSYTHE – FIRST GRADE

Brittany Forsythe earned her undergraduate degree in Communications and Studio Art from the University of Louisville and her Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Spaulding University. She has been married to her husband, Adam, for 11 years and they have two beautiful daughters, Zoey Anne and Norah Grace.

### MAGGIE LOWE – FIRST GRADE

Maggie Lowe received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Kentucky and her Master's Degree from the University of the Cumberlands. This is her 8<sup>th</sup> year in the classroom having previously taught 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Ashland area. She loves to read, explore new places, and spend time with her friends.

### KATY ASHLEY – FIFTH GRADE

Katy Ashley attended Northern Kentucky University and taught for eight years at Campbellsburg Elementary in Henry County. She is originally from Columbus, OH, and previously lived in Florida. She currently resides in Eminence with her husband and two-year-old son, Liam. She loves to read and write, and she also enjoys travelling and taking pictures.

We are so excited to get to know these ladies and we want to welcome them to the Locust Grove family!

**BE COURAGEOUS**

**#RunToTheRoar**

### HELP LOCUST GROVE GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Locust Grove is still collecting canned goods and non-perishables for the Barry Stoess Christmas Food Basket Program, which benefits 300 needy families in Oldham County. We have also started collecting for our Angel Tree Program. Each year, with the help of our amazing counselors, every classroom adopts an angel for Christmas. If you have not received information about your class angel, please check with your teacher.

**All canned goods and Angel Tree items are due back at school by December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## Upcoming Events

### December 6

Cookies with Santa 6:30-8:30

### December 12

Papa Murphy's Night

### December 13

Service Club @ Highpoint

### December 23 – January 3

Winter Break

### January 6

No School / Teacher Work Day

### January 14

Mental Health Awareness

## HELP SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF LOCUST GROVE ELEMENTARY PTO



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## Message from the PTO

Cookies with Santa will take place Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please take this opportunity to enjoy cookies and hot chocolate in the cafeteria while watching the movie Polar Express. We will have holiday crafts set up in the hallway while Mrs. Stragand is hosting story time in the library! We will have a photo booth area set up and pictures with Santa will be taking place. If you missed the sign-up for a photo with Santa, please come and check in as soon as you arrive as we plan to fit in as many students and their siblings as possible this night. Santa photos are \$5 for one 5x7 photo or \$7.50 for one 5x7 and an electronic copy of your family's photo (please plan to bring exact change or a check made payable to Locust Grove PTO if your payment has not already been sent in) and we will be signing up families on a first come first served basis. Santa photos will be sent home with students on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have rescheduled our Mental Health Awareness night! It will now be held on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Oldham County School District Mental Health Consultant, Patrick Wagner, LCSW, will be discussing signs of anxiety and other mental health issues that today's elementary school aged children face. While he is sharing valuable information with parents / guardians, the students will be working with our amazing guidance counselors on learning some easy coping strategies. You do not have to sign-up to attend; however, we plan to provide pizza and refreshments for the families that R.S.V.P. using the following sign-up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BAEA723AAFA7-ptofamily>

Our next Papa Murphy's night is Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to bring your loyalty card with you to Papa Murphy's to receive your December participation stamp. We will collect the loyalty cards after the May Papa Murphy's Night and those families that participated all nine months (September – May) will be entered in a drawing for a family prize. Families that participate and receive 6-8 stamps on their cards will be entered in a drawing for a second family prize. Be sure to keep your Loyalty Cards safe and put your family's name on it right away! Participate on December 12<sup>th</sup> to receive your FOUTH stamp or to begin earning your six stamps needed to participate in the end-of-year drawings. December will be the last month new loyalty cards will be distributed! (\*The prizes will provide for an evening or season of fun for four.)

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH MAEGEN CARTER

Congratulations Maegen!  
Thank you for all the time you invest in our school. Please enjoy the Volunteer of the Month parking spot in the front lot for the month of December!

**Beginning with January's Volunteer of the Month, we will change how the volunteer of the month is chosen. During the month of December, when you come to volunteer at Locust Grove, be sure to sign in that you are there to volunteer, then enter your name into the drawing for January's volunteer of the month. The drawing will take place the last Friday of the month with the winner being announced on social media and in the newsletter.**



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