Newsletter of the Laytonsville Elementary School PTA

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CALENDAR

Fri, 2/14 Classroom Valentine's Day Parties

Wed, 2/19, LES Science Fair & Expo, 6:30-8 pm

Fri., 2/21, 9:30 am PTA Business Meeting. All invited.

Fri, 3/14, 6:30-8:30 pm International Night

Fri., 3/21, 9:30 am PTA Business Meeting. All invited.

Fri., 4/4, 7 pm,LES Variety Show,
Magruder High
School

President's Message

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."

- Abraham Lincoln

How quickly the school year flies by! It's 2014 and we have great things to look forward to this year at LES. Things move quickly. With each New Year, we look forward to planning for the upcoming changes and challenges we face. This New Year has us looking to the future; to the 2014-15 school year and the PTA chair positions that will be opening up. As each school year comes to an end, many of our volunteers move on when their children graduate. We are always sad to see them go but realize that this is a great opportunity for new volunteers and families with younger children to give their unique talents to the LES PTA. We are actively looking for a Treasurer and an International Night Chairperson (or people) for the next school year. We would like for the new volunteers to be able to shadow the current volunteers this spring to get an opportunity to learn the ropes. If you think that you can help with these positions for the 2014-15 school year, please let us know.

As the months progress we will continue to post the openings for next year. As we do, please consider how your unique talents can be utilized and shared at LES. Volunteer, that is how we keep our PTA strong and successful year after year.

We start this year with the General PTA Meeting, "Math Night" and the Science Expo.

Our next general PTA meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2014 from 6:30-8pm and will be a "Math Night." This will be an opportunity for parents to explore the math 2.0 curriculum with their child. Look forward to more details coming soon.

It is Science Expo time!! Last year we had a record number of participants in the Science Expo. Over 100 students participated with a vast array of science projects. Let's see if we can beat that number this year by getting even more students involved. The students should be all revved up for science after watching the fun Mad Science presentations on January 8th! A big thank you to Corey Derrenbacher, our Cultural Arts Chair, for bringing Mad Science to LES.

We look forward to another inspiring year with you - the staff, students and parents at LES.

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LES SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EXPO: WED, FEB. 19 6:30-8 PM

Sign-up to exhibit projects in this year's Science and Technology Expo has begun! The Expo is non-competitive and is an opportunity for our students to explore their interests in science, computers, and math. All student participants will receive a 2014 Expo T-shirt and be recognized for their participation. Students may enter individual, group, or family projects.

The deadline for students to sign-up is **Thurs.**, **Jan. 23**rd. Upon submitting a project entry form, the student will receive an information packet containing guidelines, project ideas, web links, and a project planner. The entry form and information packet are also available on the LES website. If you have any questions or would like to help set-up on the day, please contact Patti Twemlow at twemlowp@yahoo.com.



LES VARIETY SHOW PARENT INFORMATION MEETING: JAN 30, TEACHER'S LOUNGE

A parent's meeting will be held on Thurs, Jan 30 at 7 pm in the Teacher's Lounge for all students who want to be in the LES Variety Show. Mandatory dates, requirements and participation rules will be discussed at the meeting.

The Variety Show will be on Fri, April 4 at 7 pm at Magruder High School. All students are welcome to participate. This is a great experience for students. They can perform on stage with their friends in a fun environment in front of their families and the ever-supportive LES community.

SHARE YOUR CULTURE AT LES INTERNATIONAL NIGHT ON MAR. 14

Share your culture and explore the world at one of the LES PTA's most popular events, International Night on Fri., Mar. 14, 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be an exciting, fun-filled family event with international foods, cultural entertainment, and more. Watch for more information. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Liz McClure at boblizjack@aol.com or Laura Henning at Ihenning@comcast.net.

YOUR FUNDRAISING DOLLARS AT WORK ...

We are pleased to report that The laptop cart and the iPads that were purchased by the PTA have arrived and are being used by the students!

