

BULLDOG BULLETIN



November 2013

CALENDAR

**Fri., 11/22,
9:30 am PTA
Business Meeting.**
All invited.

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12/10-12/12
LES Holiday Shop

**Mon, 12/16,
11:45 am-1:45 pm**
Staff Appreciation
Dessert Day

Fri, 12/20, 2:30 pm
LES Holiday
Sing-a-long



President's Message

Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

As the holiday season approaches the LES community has many things for which to be thankful. Over the past month we accomplished so many things that have and will continue to benefit our school. We could not have done this without the tremendous support of the teachers, administration and most of all the parents.

Once again our "Feed the Bulldogs" campaign was a huge success. Thanks to the hard work of Kim Braun and Jessica Snyder and the generosity of our community, we were able to raise \$18,266.00 and had 70% participation, which is amazing.

As promised, our goal is to spend the money on improvements during the 2013-14 school year. The first purchase we will make is another laptop cart, which we hope will be in the school by January. Mrs. Sagona is diligently working on the purchase order and approval from MCPS. This new laptop cart will give our children additional access to computers in the classrooms and media center. Additionally, two of the three Cultural Arts assemblies have been scheduled. The first assembly is this month and features the Luis Garay Percussion World, which is sure to be a hit. We will keep you apprised of additional purchases as they happen.

November is a special time to give thanks. We have so much to be thankful for ... this past Monday we thanked our veterans and active service members in an emotional and impactful ceremony. Our children displayed the utmost respect for the veterans and performed beautifully at the podium and on the stage singing. The student body proved once again that they are respectful and responsible.

Since our last communication there have been some exciting and successful events: Halloween parties, Book Fair and Family Fun Night, none of which could have happened without your help and willingness to volunteer. All of our children benefit from and enjoy these activities.

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." ~James Allen

Our most sincere appreciation for your generosity, time, energy and constant support, we wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 'FEED THE BULLDOG' CAMPAIGN

Year 2 of the direct donation fundraiser was another huge success! 70% of all students participated in raising \$18,266.00 for LES this year. This money will be spent on more technology, like laptop carts and iPads for classrooms, school assemblies, guest authors, and STEM events like our annual science expo.

Congratulations to Mrs. Murphy's class - the only class to have 100% student participation in the drive, making LES history. They will be given a special treat for their accomplishment before Thanksgiving break. Congratulations to our weekly class participation winners: Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Milligan, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. LaRocca and Mrs. Grimsley.

Thank you all again for investing in your child's education at LES!

HELP SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR LES STAFF

Please consider providing a home made or store bought baked good for our staff appreciation holiday dessert day on December 16th, 11:45 am - 1:45 pm. Desserts can be dropped off Monday morning in the staff lounge. We are also looking for volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up between 9:30 am and 2:15 pm. Please help us show how much we appreciate all that the LES staff does to support our children.

Please email Stephani Johnson, Hospitality Chair at SLJ1@comcast.net if you are able to support this event with baked goods or volunteering your time.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOP COMING TO LES: DEC 10-12

Students will have the opportunity to shop for inexpensive holiday gifts for family members, friends, etc. during recess and afterschool. Watch for more information!



THANK YOU FAMILY FUN NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

A fun time was had by all last Wednesday. A huge thanks go out to our wonderful celebrity Bingo callers Mrs. Buras, Mrs. Newby, Mrs. Sagona and Johan. Thank you to Mrs. Mohr, Mr. Buras and LES building services for set-up and coordination assistance. And thank you to our many volunteers: Effie Frankowski, Casey Fernandes, Chyeslan, Patti Twemlow, Cathleen Marose, Susan Keeley, Mike Mitrione and Larry Neukam; our middle schoolers, Jack Songer, Justin Fitzgerald and Jacob Grimes, and our many LES students who jumped in to help throughout the night with drinks, stapling, set-up, Promethean board and prizes. It could not have happened without your help!!

THANK YOU ROOM PARENTS

Thank you to all of our room parents who made our Halloween parties a success! The kids had a blast and we couldn't have done it without your support.

SHOW YOUR LES SPIRIT— SHOP THE ONLINE STORE

Shop all new winter merchandise online at www.sayitgraphics-shop.com through December 1. A variety of sizes are available at affordable prices. Free shipping to LES. Be sure to fill in your child's name and teacher when ordering.

Notes: Child size lace up sweatshirts and ladies sweat pants run small - order a size or two larger. T-shirts colors described as "safety" mean NEON - they are fun and BRIGHT!

Questions about colors, sizes, etc.? Contact Kim Braun at kimburton@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It's not too late to join the PTA for this school year...we need your support! If you haven't joined yet, please join today! Find a membership application on the last page or download one from the PTA section of the LES website. We'd like to welcome our newest members for the 2013-2014 school year:

Andrea Anderson, Erica Apotov, Layle & Damon Barbacci, Kelly Barrett, Frank Beddick, Kevin Bohrer, Dawn Bowman, Sean & Heather Boyle, Kris & Charles Bradsher, Kim & Gary Braun, Jim & Amy Buras, Misuk & Everett Byre, Cindy & Joseph Cacace, Kelley Cedillo, Amy Celnieks, Kristin Chaffman, Donna Chee, Kuan Chiang, Vanilkakumari Chockalingam, Taryana Cline-Thomas, Jane & Greg Czarnopys, Laurie DeArmond, Mara & Erik Deitrick, Ann & Jeremy Derryberry, Tuong Doan, Whitney Eagleson, Kate Ellison, Kathy & Jason Erb, Rosa Fanney, Dongfanf Feng, Eric & Jenny Flanary, Steve & Tracy Fogle, Rachel Forest, Delia Galley, Trang & Matt Gisler, Mike Goodman, David Gundlach, Elizabeth & Akpenamawu Habib, Jessica & Nathan Hager, Mariam & Waiss Hasrat, Diane Hayes, Michelle Hedquist, Jon & Laura Henning, Carl & Tricia Holland, Vinitha Jayalal, Kory & Lisa Johnson, Tamera & Jeffrey Jones, Parveen Kaushal-Navale, Laura Keeler, Ryan & Lynley Kees, Susan & Mark Kuhns, Stephen & Marizol LaPointe, Susan LaRocca, Kathleen Lattner, Joe & Esther Lee, Kenny & Kristina Lew, Kathy Lippincott, Erin Magee, Lubna Malik, Charlene & Kevin Matthews, Moni Mazhari, Liz & Bob McClure, Charles & Bette Mercer, Meg & Mike Mikula, Megan Miller, GiGi Moss, Maria Muller, Henry & Linda Nardone, Laila Navarro, Stacy Newby, Amy O'Leary, Mitch & Jenny Patterson, LaTricia Poole, Jennifer & Michael Popek, Kari & Keith Primoic, Bonnie Proch, MaryEllen & Nicholas Ritchie, Lucian & Jenny Romano, Marisol Rosenthal, Jennifer & Jared Ross, Leslie Sadlier, Caroline & Gregory Scace, Jason Scott, Donna Scott, Anoushah Shokouhi, Jeannette Simmons, Rita & Charlie Smith, Gary & Hana Smith, Beth Smith, Margaret Feerick & Kyle Snow, Lessy & Alan Stephens, Heather Sylvester, Denise Taltavull, Dana & Ryan Torres, Warren Tracey, Kathi Van Hoesen, Catherine Wallenmeyer, Pearl Webster, Wendy Wells, Dana Wershiner, Dianna & Travis Wissink, Janet Woolwine, Crystal & James Wright, and Kimberly Yingling!

THANK YOU BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS AND SHOPPERS

Nothing is better than seeing children happy about reading! The Book Fair was full of smiling, happy children buying books and READING them! This couldn't have happened without our Book Fair volunteers. A BIG thank you to Book Fair Chairs, Kim Braun and Dawn Little and parent volunteers, including Kari Primoic, Shannon Hockey, Susan Keeley, Jessica Snyder, Dianna Wissink, Laura Henning, Ray Forest, Cathleen and Courtney Marose, Antoine Butler, Gigi Moss, Ann Derryberry, Kris Bradsher, Amy Morantes, Diane Hayes, Jen Santa Rita, Meg Mikula, Stacie Vodra, Lisa Latendresse, Debbie Shelley, Trang Gisler, Katie and Sara Crocker.

2013-2014 LES PTA Membership Registration Form

Join the PTA and become a part of the LES community—feel involved, support your school, and stay informed on school activities. By joining the PTA, you help support many wonderful programs at LES including assemblies, festivals, cultural and science events, family fun nights, after school activities, as well technology purchases and classroom supplies. Also, as a PTA member, you will receive discounts at select vendors and receive **a free school directory and a subscription to LES PTA Cyber News** whereby you will receive weekly bulletins via email as well as late breaking news and updates!

- Yes**, I would like to support Laytonsville Elementary and join the PTA.
- No**, I do not wish to join the PTA at this time.

Name(s): _____

Are you a Parent/Grandparent/Community member/business/alumni/other: _____

Phone: _____

Email address(s): _____

(Your email address will only be used to notify you of PTA and school info and will not be shared with anyone outside of the PTA.)

- Enclosed is: \$10 for individual membership
- \$18 for a family membership (each parent is encouraged to join)

Please make checks payable to "LES PTA"

The school directory will be sent home with the specified child:

Child

Teacher

A family membership will receive one directory. Please check here if you would like an additional copy:

Membership application and dues need to be received by January for the current school year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!