

BULLDOG BULLETIN



September 2013

CALENDAR

10/14-10/17 Red
Ribbon Week

Fri., 10/17,
9:30 am PTA
Business Meeting.
All invited.

Wed, 10/31, 2 pm
Classroom
Halloween Parade
and Parties

11/7-11/13
Scholastic Book Fair

Wed, 11/13, 6:30-
8:30 pm
Family Fun Night

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

President's Message

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. Albert Camus

The leaves are turning and the weather is changing. As always, there is a lot of activity going on at LES as we get into the fall season.

We want to start by saying THANK YOU! Thank you for joining the PTA, for submitting the volunteer sheets and for participating in Feed the Bulldogs. The participation in all three of these has been great. It is not too late to join the PTA or volunteer.

The FEED the BULLDOGS campaign is going strong as of week three. If you haven't yet donated, please send in your contribution by October 26th. 100% of all donations go directly to your child's education and new technology for the classrooms.

August and September started our school year rolling. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out with the Open House, the Back to School Nights and the Back to School Picnic.

October kicked off with Bus Driver Appreciation week to recognize our many special bus drivers that transport our children safely to and from school each day.

We rolled right into a jam packed Donuts for Dad and a very active open house where parents got to spend real time in the class with their children. Red Ribbon Week

followed when we focused on making good decisions and healthy choices.

Capping off October is the Halloween Parade followed by the Class Parties on October 31st. The planning for the parties is revving up as all the kids (and their parents) look forward to this fun afternoon.

The excitement doesn't stop when the month ends. November brings us the Scholastic Book Fair and Family Fun Night. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on these great events.

How lucky we are to live in a place where the school community is energized and alive! With the LES teachers and staff so dedicated to our children's education and our parent community so involved in making our children's time at school a time to learn and a time to remember. We have many fun and educational events at LES that bring us together and provide a safe and happy environment for our kids to learn, grow and thrive.

Happy October!!! Remember to FEED THE BULLDOG!!!

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'FEED THE BULLDOGS' CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING

Our Goal this year is 100% family participation to raise \$20,000 to spend on our children's education THIS YEAR. As of Oct 11th – week two of the four-week campaign - we have raised \$10,020.50 with 48% LES family participation.

Because every LES student directly benefits from PTA funds, we hope every LES family will join us in donating. Please remember to send in your donation. **100% of your generous donation goes directly to LES and it is tax deductible.** We are not making you sell anything! We are asking that you invest in your child's school. **No gift is too small to make a difference.**

The “Feed the Bulldog” Direct Donation Drive will run until Oct. 25, 2013. To make your contribution, use the form below or download a contribution form from the PTA section of the LES website. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. If you have any questions, please e-mail LESPTA-fund@gmail.com.

Corporate Matching Donation Programs

If your employer offers a matching program, your donation can **twice** as far toward enriching your child’s education! Please check with your HR Department to see if your employer supports “501(c)(3)” charitable organizations like the LES PTA. You can request the applicable form from your HR Department and submit it with your donation.

Feed the Bulldogs” Direct Donation Drive Contribution Form

Your name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Donation Amount : \$40 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ Other \$ _____

Student Name _____ Teacher _____

Student Name _____ Teacher _____

Your contribution to “FTB” is strictly confidential. This information is for tax purposes only. Checks should be made payable to **LES PTA**. A tax receipt will be sent home with your child upon receiving your donation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LES Halloween Parade and Class Parties Oct. 31

Room parents have been contacted and they should be contacting you to ask for your support for the class parties. Your LES PTA gives money to each classroom toward the Halloween party. No monetary donations are required. Please remember if you are donating any food items that they must be store bought and nut-free.

Clip Box Tops and Earn Cash for LES

Earn cash for LES every time you shop – online or in the grocery store. Clip box tops from hundreds of your favorite products, each worth 10¢, or earn eBoxtops for all of your online purchases by clicking on the “earn” section at www.boxtops4education.com (at top and scroll down to “shop marketplace”).

Shop now—we need to turn in our box tops at the end of the month!

Donuts for Dad a Success

Once again our Donuts for Dad event was a huge success. A big thank you to Shelly Palacios for coordinating our Donuts for Dads event this week and her team of parent volunteers: Beth Turner, Kari Primozic, Louvena Pallas, Kris Bradsher, Kathy Erb, Gina Smith, Judy Teitler, and Delia Galley. We also thank LES staff, including Stan, our school's janitor, and Ms. Mohr, and Bar-T.

Volunteers Needed for Bulldog Bank and School Store

LES kicked off the Bulldog Bank this month whereby students can earn "bucks" for demonstrating positive behavior and responsibility and “bank” their bucks. Twice a month student and/or parent bank tellers will visit each classroom to promote financial literacy and assist with bank deposits and account management. Their bucks can be saved and used for a variety of in-classroom "purchases" as well as purchases made at the school store. Please consider volunteering as a parent “bank teller”. Upcoming bank dates are 10/21, 11/3, and 11/18. Hours of assistance are as follows:



10:30 am - 1:30 pm (grades 1-3)

2:45-3:15 pm (grades 4 and 5)

Kindergartners will start banking hours later in the year. If you have any questions about the Bulldog Bank, please contact Robin Yoder at robin.yoder@verizon.net.

School Store

The School Store will be open one week each month, Tuesday thru Friday. Please consider volunteering to assist our Bulldogs with spending their Bulldog bucks. Volunteer slots are loaded into our signup genius page at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/904044EACAF23AA8-bulldog. Feel free to sign up for more than one! If you have any questions about the School Store, please contact Renee Jahangiri at rjahangiri@msn.com.

Fall Book Fair -November 8-13 in the Media Center

An amazing selection of books is headed our way!! Students will preview the fair on Thursday and Friday and prepare a wish list of books that interest them for review with their families. Students and families may then return to the fair during the times listed below to purchase.

Fri, Nov. 8	3:30-6 pm	Open for sales after school/ with adult chaperone
Mon, Nov 11	8-9:15 am 11-12:45 pm 1:30-6 pm	Open for sales with adult chaperone before school hours During Lunch During Parent/Teacher Conferences with adult chaperone
Tues, Nov 12	8-9:15 am 11 am-12:45 pm 1:30-6 pm	Open for sales with adult chaperone before school hours During Lunch During Parent/Teacher Conferences with adult chaperone
Wed, Nov 13	8-9:15 am 11 am-12:45 pm 3:30-8 pm	Open for sales with adult chaperone before school hours During Lunch After school and during Family Fun Night

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Please consider giving just one hour of your time to support reading at LES:

Wed, Nov 6: Morning Set Up 9-11am

Thurs/Fri, Nov 7-8: Help Students preview books: any hour from 8 am-6 pm

Mon-Wed, Nov 11-13: Book sales: any hour from 8 am-8:30 pm

Go to <http://vols.pt/gwcGAF> to sign up online to volunteer or contact Kim Braun @ kimburton@aol.com.

Help LES Earn Educational Materials

LES is participating in the Labels for Education® program. Simply cut out your UPS labels and send them in to school so we can earn points that can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise! Find a complete list of participating products and point values at www.LabelsForEducation.com.

If you have any questions, contact Corey Derrenbacher, at 301-330-0990 or corey343@yahoo.com.

Seeking a Chair for Family Fun Night

The PTA is looking for someone to coordinate Family Fun night on Wed, Nov. 13. If you are interested in helping the PTA without a huge time commitment, this is a great opportunity to work on a great event.

If you are interested contact Kathleen or Shannon at kathleenlane@msn.com or shanhockey@mac.com.

This is a popular event at LES and you will have a great crew of volunteers to assist you.

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 as soon as it is available:

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!!!