

BULLDOG BULLETIN



September 2013

CALENDAR

Friday, 9/20, 9:30 am PTA Business Meeting. All invited.

Monday, 10/14, 8-9 am
Donuts for Dad

10/7-10/11, National Bus Driver Appreciation Week

10/21-10/25 Red Ribbon Week

Friday, 10/25, 9:30 am PTA Business Meeting. All invited.

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

11/7-11/13
Scholastic Book Fair

President's Message

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year!

It is hard to believe that summer is over and a new school year is back in full swing.

For all of our families, teachers and staff members, we wish you a very successful year and for our new families and staff, a warm welcome to the LES community. We are so glad you are here.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."
~Henry Ford

These words from Henry Ford are so true and can be applied to our roles as parents, teachers, students, staff and community members here at LES. There are so many ways that we, as parents, can support our children's educational success. Here are some ways that you can help the PTA continue to exceed expectations:

- Join the PTA.
- Support our Feed the Bulldog fundraiser.
- Attend school events.
- Volunteer.

Our experience, and more importantly, our children's experience at LES has been fantastic. Due to this, we decided to take on the role of PTA

co-presidents. We have a great faith in the strength of this community and we believe that coming together and working together will continue to make every child at LES successful.

This community cannot continue to thrive without your participation. So please join the PTA today (if you haven't already) and volunteer as your schedule permits. We want the PTA to be stronger in 2013-2014 ...let's build on past successes, set the bar high and show our children we are committed to their education and future achievements.

Our LES PTA mission statement:
"To constantly build and maintain a thriving, friendly and safe community of parents and teachers working together toward the achievement of academic and personal success of each child."

Be a part of it! Help us fulfill our mission.

We look forward to meeting you. Please let us hear from you with any questions, suggestions, concerns and comments you may have.

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Donuts for Dads Mon, 10/14, 8-9 AM

The LES PTA will host its annual Donuts for Dad on **Mon., Oct. 14, 8-9 am** in the cafeteria. Students are encouraged to bring their fathers, grandfathers, and/or other important father figures to this fun event to thank them for all that they do to support our Bulldog community.

Where Can You Find the Latest LES PTA News?

“Like” LES PTA on Facebook.



Stay current with the latest LES PTA news and happenings on Facebook.

Visit the LES PTA page on the LES school website at:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/laytonsvilles/pta/

Find forms, calendar, and the latest news and information.

Support LES & Join the PTA

Join the PTA and become part of the LES community! By joining the PTA you help support many wonderful programs at LES including assemblies, Book Fairs, the Spring Festival, International Night, the Science Expo, Back to School and End of Year Picnic, Family Bingo Night, after school activities, as well as technology purchases and classroom supplies.

Also, as a member, you will receive **discounts at select vendors** and receive a **free school directory** AND a **subscription to LES PTA Cyber News**, the PTA's weekly e-bulletin that will keep you up on the latest news and updates!

Remember this is a yearly membership, so if you were a member last year, we need you to show your support again this year and renew your membership!

To join, complete the membership form in this issue of the *Bulldog Bulletin* or download a form from the LES website and send it to school with your child. Please include: “PTA MEMBERSHIP” on your check and envelope so it is routed to the correct person. Thank you!

To date, we welcome & THANK the following members of the 2013-2014 LES PTA: *Regine & Edward Abrams, Stefanie Benarczyk, Susan & Mike Beekey, Bernie Bidwick, Amanda Brooks, Andrea Bruno, Anne Bryant, Laura & Stephen Byers, Tami Carpel, Jennifer Casey, Nicole Claggett Karin & John Clark, Sarah Cooper, Dorey & Don Derrenbacher, Paulo & Kay Docouto, Karena & Brian Doto, Shannon Dungan & Jim Crimmins, Lisa Durant, Tania Dynda, Laura Edens, Kim Ehrenfried, Jose & Chyedan Fabre, Casey Fernandez, Diane & Phil Fitzgerald, Jessica Freeman, Teresa & Chris Ghion, Pamela Golden, Teresa & Darrell Goodman, April Goodman & Howard Boltz, Pam Greaney, Brian & Christie Green, Debbie & Jesse Grimes, Diana Grimsley, Silvia Gross, Amy Gureckis, Ericka Hebron, John & Jacy Hildreth, Shannon & Mark Hockey, Nancy & Peter Hopkins, Diane Hudson, Katie Hylla, Karl & Sandra Johnson, Jean Johnson, Stephani Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Sara & Bruce Kaufmann, Jim & Susan Keeley, Mark & Susan Kuhns, Tabith Lambertson, Lisa Latendresse & Kent Maneval, Ashley LeFave, Tammy & Eric Lemle, Melissa Lindner, Dawn Little, Ron & Kim Little, Kathleen Lloyd, Brian & Kelly Lonergan, Jim & Tina Lutz, Carol Malinowski & Sean Peenstra, Maria Mantzouranis, Patricia Milligan, Elena & Mike Mitrione, Diane Mohr, Shelly & Fernando Palacios, Ed & Louvenna Pallas, Felipe & Aleyda Perez, Laura & Brian Person, Norman & Joann Peterson, Kate & Josh Pomeroy, Sadiq & Filza Qureshi, Farheena & Zeshaan Rasheed, Stacy Rogers, Donna & Chris Ross, Marina & Randy Sabett, Donna Sagona, Davie & Vicky Schneider, Patty Skidmore, Jessica & Brett Snyder, Kathleen & Joe Songer, Nancy & Gregory Springer, Judy Teitler, Scott & Alison Thompson, Gary & Shawn Thompson, Patti & Andrew Twemlow, Gayami Wane, Jessica Wertz, Dena Wychulis, and Robin & Jake Yoder!* **...39 individual memberships & 49 family memberships...Please join today if you haven't already!**

A Big Bulldog Thanks

Back to School Picnic Co-Chairs, Effie Frankowski and Maria Mantzourani would like to extend a big thank you to everyone for attending this year's LES Back to School Picnic. It was a huge success and the weather could not have been more beautiful!!

A special thanks goes out to all of our wonderful PTA volunteers: **Wendy Wells** and **Michele Bonavia** for all your help with set up and clean up; to all of our concession sales folks who served our pizza with a smile: **Jennifer Neukam, Liz McClure, Kari Hawkins, Chris Weaver, Dena Wychulis, Gigi Moss, Susan Beekey and Jane Czarnopys**; to **Pam Martinez** for the coordination of our ice drop off and to **Goshen Enterprises** for the donation of the ice to LES; to the **three wonderful sixth graders** who earned SSL hours for setting up and selling popcorn during our picnic; to **Bar T** and **Johan** for the donation of the popcorn maker and supplies; to **Mr. Munday and his team** for the entire set up and break down of the playground before and after the fun; to **Bonnie Proch** for the money collections before and after the picnic; to **Kathleen Songer** and **Shannon Hockey** thanks for all your support before, during and after the event. And last but not least, a huge thanks goes out to **Ms. Mohr** and **Mrs. Sagona** for always being so supportive and accommodating to the PTA and all of our events!

Earn Money for LES

Your LES PTA is participating in several school re-wards programs with local stores and grocery stores. Your dollars will be at work for programs we support while you shop. Last year, all of those who participated in these rewards programs earned over \$800 for our school. Please take a minute to sign your cards up (Giant, Safeway, or Target) by going to the PTA page of the LES website and looking under Fundraisers.

Note: If you have participated before, you need to renew your participation each year.

Thank you!

Seeking a Science Expo Chair/ Co-Chair

We are in need of a chair (or co-chairs) to organize the LES Science Expo to be held on Feb. 19, 2014. As the chair (or co-chair) you will coordinate a kick-off assembly (with Hands-on Science for example), work with Mrs. Sagona and Mrs. Mohr on the specifics of event, prepare and distribute the flyer, sign up participants and assist/ coordinate in set-up, operation and breakdown.

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

If you are interested and willing to help contact Shannon Hockey shanhockey@mac.com or Kathleen Songer at kathleenlane@msn.com.

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!!!