



Bruin Voices

Lake Braddock Secondary



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Newsletter of the LBSS Parent, Teacher, Student Association

Important Upcoming Events

The Lake Braddock PTSA has two very important events coming up which we'd like to bring to your attention. Please mark your calendars for these special opportunities.

First, on Monday, October 24, at 7:00 P.M. in the Lecture Hall we will have our regular General Membership meeting. This event is unique as Principal Dave Thomas will be showing a new and important video to parents concerning the Student Rights and Responsibilities change that took place over the summer with the School Board revisions. Also, we will discuss the proposal to install indoor surveillance cameras throughout the school building. We'll also hear about the school's new Honor Code. These are very important topics which affect all of our children. When all PTSA business is finished, we are happy to host the candidates for School Board in the upcoming November 8th election. Each candidate will be allotted a specific amount of time to present his/her platform and, if time permits, may take questions. You can certainly try to speak to the candidates one-on-one after their presentations.

Secondly, join us for this year's first "Coffee with the Principal" on Thursday, October 27 at 7:45 A.M. in the Lecture Hall. This is the third year for this very popular event. Mr. Thomas has graciously given up time from his busy schedule to take your questions. It's an informal Q and A session in a relaxed and more personal setting. This is a special opportunity to have your questions addressed personally by our Lake Braddock Principal. Don't miss this!

Again, please add these events to your calendar:

Monday, October 24 General Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M. Lecture Hall

Thursday, October 27 Coffee with the Principal 7:45 A.M. Lecture Hall

Adopt a Soldier

Help the Bruin Cubs in their effort to support our troops! Bring in donated items and place them in the boxes throughout the school. A list of needed items can be found at the following website:

americasadoptasoldier.org

Also, join them to pack 700 care packages on October 22, 10 AM-1 PM at LBSS.

Selective ignorance, a cornerstone of child rearing. You don't put your kids under surveillance; it might frighten you. Parents should sit tall in the saddle and look upon their troops with a noble and benevolent and extremely nearsighted gaze.

~Garrison Keillor

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Upcoming Events:

October 19
Deadline for National Honor Society 7:15am

October 20
Hypnotist Show 7:00pm
Little Theater

October 21
Bite of Braddock 4-8pm
Homecoming Parade 5pm
Football game v Lee 7:30pm

October 22
Homecoming Dance 8pm gym

October 24
Reflections Deadline
PTSA Gen. Membership Meeting 7:00pm, Lecture Hall

October 25
Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program 7pm Lecture Hall

October 27
Coffee with the Principal 7:45am, Lecture Hall

Missing an exotic bird?

A cockatiel was found in the Lake Braddock parking lot on October 11th. For more information, please contact Jim at:

jdmclellan@fcps.edu



Homecoming 2011: "Haunted Halloween"

Spirit Week (Faculty & Staff, please participate!)

- Monster under the Bed Monday (pajama day)
- Evil Twin Tuesday
- Wicked Wizard Whacky Wednesday
- Jekyll and Hyde Thursday (Jock/Nerd Day)
- Freaky Friday – Class Color Wars! Seniors wear black; Juniors wear purple; Sophomores wear gold; Freshmen wear grey

Middle & High School 3rd Period Class Door-Decorating Competition

- Monday, Oct. 17th through Friday, Oct. 21st – Middle & High School 3rd Period Classes compete by decorating their classroom doors according to the Homecoming Theme: Haunted Homecoming
- 3rd Period Teachers: Announce competition to your 3rd Period class and start collecting decorations by Thursday/Friday, October 14th/15th
- Deadline for door decorations: Tuesday, October 18th by the end of third period
- Winning 3rd Period class gets announced at the Homecoming Pep Rallies and wins a free breakfast!

Girls Powder Puff Football Games

- Wednesday, October 19th on the football field
- Freshmen v. Sophomores game: 6:00 p.m.
- Juniors v. Seniors game: 7:00 p.m.
- Tickets are \$3; come support the Senior Class by stopping by the games to cheer for your favorite class!

The Haunted Hypnotist Show

- Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theater
- Come watch as members of the Class of 2012 get hypnotized by Tom DeLuca!
- Tickets will be sold during middle school lunches for \$10, and during all high school lunches for \$8 if bought in conjunction with a ticket to the dance; tickets will also be sold at the door for \$10
- Faculty and staff get in free!

Middle & High School Pep Rallies

- Middle School Pep Rally: Wednesday, October 19th during 3rd Period class (no Bruin Block)
- High School Pep Rally: Friday, October 21st during 7th Period, starting at 1:30p.m. (students should be released from 7th Period at 1:15pm)

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Deadline Approaching for Reflections Entries

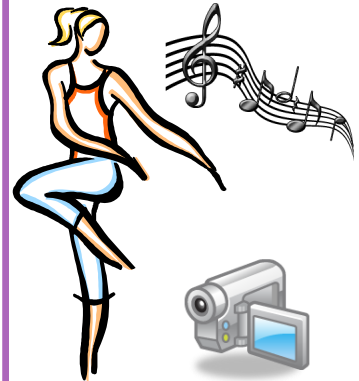
Reflections is a national PTA arts program encouraging students to show their creative talents in a fun and competitive format. It provides an opportunity for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. All Lake Braddock Students are encouraged to participate. The theme is this year is "Diversity Is..." By using one of the following six genres, show us what diversity means to you. There is no limit on the number of entries you can submit! Show us your best creative talents!

Categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Photography
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Visual Arts
- Film/Video Production

Cash prizes will be awarded and the top entries will be forwarded to the district level. Entry forms can be found in all sub-schools, or our website at lbspspta.org

Entries are due to the main office on **Monday, October 24**. Questions? Please contact Reflections Chair Kathy Burke at k.burke@metroinjurlaw.com



Custodian Appreciation



A big "thank you" to everyone who supported our Hospitality Committee by bringing goodies for Custodian Appreciation Day.



Hospitality Help Wanted

Do you love to bake or shop for goodies? Do you have a knack for decorating? If so, then PTSA Hospitality needs YOU! We host about 7 events throughout the year beginning in September with the Back-to-School Breakfast for 400 LBSS faculty and staff, Principal's Coffees, Winter Tea, Teacher/Staff appreciation weeks/luncheons, and ending in June with a lunch for the Transportation Staff. We send out requests via e-mail, rotating through our bakers list to ask for donations of baked goods or fruits, set up or clean up help for these various events. If you are busy that month and not able to help, that's fine just let us know and we'll hopefully catch you for the next event. Helping the Hospitality Committee is a wonderful way to volunteer and a great way to show the LBSS staff how much we appreciate their dedication to our students. Please contact Glenda Lynch momofmd@verizon.net 703-455-2495 or Kristin McDaniel kristjames@verizon.net 703-569-3516

Homecoming Festivities (continued from page 2)

Parade

- Ashbourne Community Center parking lot to Lake Braddock's blacktop
- Friday, October 21st – the parade will start at 5:00pm
- All Classes and Clubs participating should be at the community center by 4:15pm

Bite of Braddock

- Lake Braddock's blacktop
- Friday, October 21st from 5-7:30 p.m.
- It's a tailgating event before the football game with great food (including DECA burgers, Spartans, Red, Hot & Blue, Baja Fresh, Chik-Fil-A and Smoothie King), and entertainment including a DJ, moon bounce, and other games and baked goods brought to you by Lake Braddock's Classes and Clubs!

Football Game, Halftime Show and Marching Band Performance

- Lake Braddock v. Lee: 7:30p.m.
- Halftime Show
- Class Floats will be shown and the winning class will be announced
- The 2011 Homecoming Court will be introduced, and the Homecoming Queen & Princess will be announced and crowned
- Lake Braddock's Award-Winning Marching Band will perform after the football game!

Homecoming Dance (Teachers, you are welcome to come!)

- Lake Braddock's gym
- Saturday, October 22nd from 8:30-11:30 p.m.
- How do I sign up to volunteer?
Please email Sandy Hunter (lbvolunteer@yahoo.com) if you are interested in working Shift 1 (7:30-9:50p.m.) or Shift 2 (9:40-11:45)

We can't wait for a fantastically-freaky Homecoming 2011!

Teacher of the Year

Nominate your favorite teacher for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award sponsored by PTSA, Fairfax County Public Schools, and The Washington Post. To recognize a teacher who has inspired, encouraged, and nurtured students, submit a letter of recommendation by November 1st to Karen Kelly at cmkchk@aol.com.

OTHER PTA RESOURCES

- Virginia PTA: vapta.org
- Fairfax County Council of PTAs: fccpta.org
- Northern Virginia District PTA: novadistrictpta.org
- National PTA: pta.org

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