

All-Night Graduation Party: Chair TBA

Duties: Organizes and runs the annual PTSA-sponsored drug and alcohol-free All-Night Graduation Party for the senior class held on graduation night.

Awards: Chair Laura Redmon, 703/690-5062

Duties: Coordinates and submits applications for special awards and honors throughout the year, including nominations for Teacher of the Year.

Baccalaureate: Chair TBA

Duties: Coordinates the annual non-denominational Baccalaureate program for graduating seniors.

Boundary/School Board Representative: Susan Pehrsson, 703/323-6847

Duties: Represents Lake Braddock's interests on issues affecting school boundaries. Monitors the actions of the school board pertaining to the FCPS budget and school board issues and keeps the LBSS PTSA informed.

Box Tops for Education: Co-chairs Patti Rothwell, 703/451-9312, Kathy Laing, 703/455-3707

Duties: Promote and publicize the Box Tops for Education program, which funds teacher mini-grants.

Communications: Co-chairs Trish Moncada, 703/250-5570, Jill Landsman, 703/440-5948

Duties: Publish the PTSA newsletter, *Bruin Voices*; post the newsletter to LBSS homepage. Contact PTSA membership by e-mail with breaking PTSA news and items of interest to the membership.

Community Relations/Outreach: Chair June Kohler, 703/913-0608

Duties: Coordinates with PTSA's of Lake Braddock SS feeder schools to ensure smooth transitions and to address and promote common concerns. Acts as liaison with diverse segments of the LBSS community to build communication and relationships. Organizes annual networking coffee with PTA presidents of LBSS elementary feeder schools.

Craft Fair: Chair Nicky Polis, 703/503-7346

Duties: Organizes and runs the annual fall Craft Fair, our primary PTSA fundraiser.

Cultural Arts (Reflections Program): Co-chairs Sue Brantlinger, 703-455-2569, Amy Cartwright, 703/690-7578

Duties: Plan and run the national PTA Reflections Program at Lake Braddock SS. Coordinate judging for the Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Project; coordinate the middle school essay contest.

Education: Co-chairs Susan Conant, 703/323-9261, Nancy Clements, 703/912-9306

Duties: Keep the PTSA informed on current education issues such as SOL, SOQ, special education, gifted and talented programs, et al. Coordinate annual PTSA teacher mini-grants.

Giant/Safeway and Other Promotions: Chair Pauline Pavlakos, 703/239-2627

Duties: Promotes and coordinates the Giant and Safeway food stores educational programs that provide funding for LBSS technology needs through sign-ups for parents and friends of Lake Braddock. Coordinates any other business programs that will fund PTSA programs such as teacher grants and direct educational enrichment for students.

Health & Safety/Programs: Chair Andrea Livick, 703/569-0212

Duties: Keeps PTSA informed on welfare issues such as health, substance abuse, teen driving, violence. Promotes school and family safety.

Hospitality: Contact Rolanda Stearns, 703/912-6272

Duties: Provides expression of appreciation throughout the school year for Lake Braddock SS faculty, administrators, staff, and bus drivers, including luncheons, baked goods, etc.

Lake Braddock Coalition: Coordinator Kathy Zupan, 703/978-7049

Duties: Promotes awareness and prevention of youth violence and drug use in Fairfax County. Supports middle school after-school program, peer mediation, mentoring, youth leadership development, community enforcement, parent education seminars, community awareness projects, and more.

Legislation: Chair Mary Baran, 703/978-1188

Duties: Coordinates the polling of Lake Braddock PTSA members on PTA local, state and national legislative positions of concern. Acts as liaison with the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and Virginia PTA on legislative issues.

Membership: Co-chairs Pauline Pavlakos (Parents/Students), 703/239-2627, Susie Schoen (Staff), 703/323-4905

Duties: Enroll members, collect membership dues, and maintain an up-to-date list of current members. Encourage and promote PTSA membership. Publish and distribute the annual directory of LBSS information given gratis with PTSA membership.

MentorWorks: Co-chairs Robyn Trump, 703/913-6177, Nancy Fanning, 703/451-7763, June Kaitz, 703/455-0861

Duties: Coordinates the PTSA MentorWorks program for middle school and high school. Recruits and trains mentors. Works with school counselors to coordinate the program.

Middle School After-School Program: Chair Nannette Henderson, 703/643-8085

Duties: Recruits and trains adult volunteers to assist or lead after-school activities for 7th and 8th grade students. Collaborates with LBSS staff to develop recreational programs and academic services for these students.

Minority Parents Representative/Cultural Ambassador Program: Co-chairs Lilian Ancalle, 703/764-1973, Brenda Taylor, 703/455-9468, Jean Kim, 703/455-4508, Stella Zoccoli-Perez, 703/436-1000

Duties: Represent the views and needs of minority groups on PTSA issues. Coordinate the Cultural Ambassador Program, which provides Language Ambassador parent volunteers at Back-to-School Night and other PTSA sponsored events. Work closely with staff parent liaisons on issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

Programs/Parent Forums: Co-chairs Suzanne Gaudian, 703/440-5195, Tracy McCarthy, 703/455-6459

Duties: Research and organize appropriate and informative educational programs to present to the PTSA membership for general membership meeting as well as any special parent forums during the year.

Volunteer Coordinator: Chair Kathy Carson, 703/912-9041, lbssvolunteers@rcarson.com

Duties: Compiles volunteer form responses and provides names of volunteers to school and PTSA committees. Recruits volunteers for specific jobs as requested by faculty and staff and provides lists of recruited volunteers to requesters. Assists staff in organizing receptions and other special events. Hosts and helps organize a "coffee" to thank volunteers at the end of the school year. Compiles statistics of volunteer hours provided during the school year from all groups involved in school activities (PTSA, Booster clubs, etc.) and prepares the annual LBSS school volunteer program report.

Making the College Connection: Annual College Fair/College Night

High school students and their families are encouraged to attend these two events to explore post-graduation educational opportunities:

College Fair 2005

Fair Oaks Mall
Sunday, October 16
7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

College Night 2005

Hayfield Secondary School
Monday, October 17
7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Approximately 400 colleges and universities will be represented, including two-year and four-year colleges, business schools, and nursing schools. In addition, College Night 2005 will offer workshops related to college admissions. Contact Career Center Specialist Judy Edwards (703/426-1192, Judy.Edwards@fcps.edu) for more information.

College Night Workshops will include

- Attending and affording private colleges
- College athletics and the NCAA
- Considerations in the college admissions process for students with disabilities
- Financial aid
- Successful strategies for college-bound minority students
- Writing college application essays.

For updates, visit the College Fair/Night website: www.fcps.k12.va.us/DSSSE/CollegeFairNight.htm. Links to participating colleges are also available.

Keep in Touch

Things are changing every day at LBSS. This will be a busy year full of surprises. The quickest way to stay informed is through the FCPS **Keep in Touch** system. Register to receive information from Fairfax County Public Schools at <http://www.fcps.edu> (Click on yellow "Keep in Touch" box). Once you register, you will receive messages based on your personal profile and the interests you indicate. A link to **Keep in Touch** is also located on the PTSA website: www.lbssptsa.org.

Information may include:

- ▶ Updates from Lake Braddock's Principal Linda Burke
 - ▶ Emergency announcements such as school closings due to inclement weather
 - ▶ Budget information
 - ▶ Familygram newsletter for parents
- Sign up today so we can "keep in touch."



LB MentorWorks

You can make a difference in the life of a student! In as little as 30 minutes a week, you can be a mentor to a student and help him/her benefit from positive interaction with a nonparental adult role model, learn life skills, improve self-esteem, and more. This program is supported by PTSA volunteers and the LBSS guidance department. Contact LB MentorWorks Coordinators Robyn Trump, 703/913-6177, or Nancy Fanning, 703/451-7763, for more information on how to become a mentor or how to refer a student to the program.



Watch for information coming soon on how to win prizes for saving **Box Tops for Education!**

A very special thanks to Lake Braddock SS alum Dana Oppenheim, who helped design our new PTSA spirit button, Look for yours at the PTSA table on Back-to-School Night and wear it proudly!

The 20th Annual
ARTS & CRAFTS SHOWCASE

A Juried Fine Arts & Crafts Show
Saturday, October 29, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Lake Braddock Secondary School
9200 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015

*Over 100 Artists displaying original or
handmade wares and handicrafts*

Admission \$3

*Small children and students under
age 18 admitted free*

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After-School Program Needs Volunteers

The PTSA/LBSS Middle School After-School Program provides supervised after-school recreational and academic support activities for 7th and 8th graders on late bus days (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) at no cost to parents. Late bus transportation is provided. The program will begin in October. In the past, activities have included martial arts, dance, computers/study skills, homework club, cooking, "Get Real About Violence," intramurals, ESOL support, chess/checkers, cartooning/drawing, and peer mediation.

While many of the classes are led by LBSS teachers, we also need adult and high school student volunteers to lead or assist with these classes. Class activities are not limited to the above listing. Do you have a special skill or talent that you would be willing to share with our middle school students every week? Do you know someone who does? Are you a high school student looking for a meaningful and convenient way to collect community service hours? If the answer to any of these questions is "YES," please contact Nannette Henderson, PTSA After-School Program Coordinator, at 703/643-9085 or **n.henderson6@verizon.net** to discuss how you can get involved with this important program.

Rules for crafters and application for space available at our PTSA website under **Forms**.

Sign Up to Share

Sign up for education! Donate to LBSS PTSA simply by shopping as you normally do. Be sure to redesignate LBSS every year. All funds earned through the programs listed here are directed to PTSA teacher grants, technology needs, and direct educational enrichment for students. Contact Pauline Pavlakos, 703/239-2627, **lbss_pavlakos@msn.com** with questions about these programs.

Safeway **LB code: 6525530**
[https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/
registration/step1.jsp](https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp)



Giant **LB code: 01848**
www.giantfood.com/aplus/aplus_pin.htm



TARGET Donate funds directly to LBSS by using your Target card when shopping at a Target store or at Target.com. http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/take_charge_of_education.jhtml

Get Involved in Your Child's Education

- ▶ Join PTSA—stop by the membership table or join online at www.lbssptsa.org.
- ▶ Bookmark the LBSS and PTSA websites.
- ▶ Volunteer—fill out a paper form or sign up online.
- ▶ Sign up online for **Keep in Touch** and PTSA e-mail.
- ▶ Support LBSS fundraisers and promotions, collect boxtops, or make a donation to LBSS PTSA or booster organizations.
- ▶ Read **Bruin Voices** each month and attend publicized parent meetings.
- ▶ Know your child's teachers; get their e-mail addresses at Back-to-School Night.
- ▶ Support booster organizations—become an active part of the LBSS community.