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# Bruin Voices



Lake Braddock Secondary

**PTSA**

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## President's Message . . .

### Dear Lake Braddock Community,

The list of accomplishments our PTSA made during the renovation years is impressive due to parents, students, teachers, staff and community leaders working together to build a better Lake Braddock community. So much good has begun, and with the new leadership elected at our May general membership meeting, much will continue. During these renovation years, PTSA and parent involvement was under renovation, too.

As a community, we, like the new building, emerged from the renovation to a new Lake Braddock. We built on a great foundation that was given to us. We have laid new groundwork, put new projects in place, and accomplished so much in our mission to uplift students in public school and build a better community.

In partnership, parents and school staff have achieved a Lake Braddock emphasizing the importance of parent involvement, communicating, building a strong Bruin Pride network, and uplifting our booster organizations in academics, the arts, and athletics. We have left structures in place to support a positive, safe, drug-free culture at LBSS.

Our list of accomplishments was achieved largely by PTSA's bridge building efforts, communication tools, and strong volunteerism, working hand-in-hand with teachers and staff. The construction and completion of a PTSA that is organized and efficient, carrying out a great mission set forth for the future, has been achieved.

This Lake Braddock PTSA is one of the largest and most modeled-after in our nation, state and county. It is a PTSA to belong to, be a part of, and be proud of. When it comes to our parent involvement mission, we are tops—ranked and rated, awarded and achieved, to the highest standards possible.

Our future is bright with strong leadership on board. Please continue to support Lake Braddock PTSA. Continue with the basic building blocks that we started with; build strength in public schools. Join PTSA ~ Fill out a volunteer form ~ Sign up for **Keep In Touch** and PTSA weekly e-mail ~ Use the websites for school and PTSA information ~ Support fundraisers ~ Read **Bruin Voices** ~ Know your child's teachers ~ Participate in the school directory and Parent Pledge for Safe, Drug-Free Youth.

Show your support to the new parent leaders of PTSA. They are a capable, talented, caring group with so much leadership, character and energy for the Lake Braddock community. Your new president, John Long, and experienced officers will do well for the community and continue to make the newly renovated Lake Braddock even stronger.

**Executive Officers 2007-2008:** **President** John Long; **1st VP** Nancy Clements; **2<sup>nd</sup> VP** Pat Fausser; **3<sup>rd</sup> VP** Judy Dioquino; **Secretary** Anne Norton; **Treasurer** Cynthia Dupuy

Please thank the officers who served this year. Their leadership and dedication to the Lake Braddock community has been outstanding. These officers were the most dedicated group I have been associated with in my years of PTSA. Thanks, Nancy, Pat, Leslie, Joanna and Anne. [1VP Nancy Clements; 2VP Pat Fausser; 3VP Leslie Wallace; Secretary Joanna Denny; Treasurer Anne Norton]

### To the PTSA Board Members and Committee Chairs Great Leadership and Volunteerism!

More than 75 parents and teachers served on the PTSA Board and the ANGP and Baccalaureate committees. Your projects, committee work, event planning, communication efforts, fundraising, celebrating, advocacy, and new ideas have promoted the cause of uplifting youth, building community, and empowering public education. You were a board of talented leadership living out the mission of PTSA. I am honored to have served with you all. So much has been accomplished thanks to your hard work this year for the Lake Braddock community. I thank you for the privilege of serving with you.

The position of PTSA President has been a joy for me. I have given it my best. It was a job that I loved to go to every day, one that made me proud because of the people I served with and learned from. I thank my family for allowing me the time—hours on the phone and computer, night meetings, no supper on the table at times, laundry not done (so you did it). You and I are better for it. Thank you, and I love you.

It has been both a privilege and an honor to represent such a great community. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity. It is still about—every child ... one voice—our motto in PTA. Let the legacy continue. The future of our students is bright at Lake Braddock. Serve them well.

I am better for having walked with my children as a Bruin. I have worn purple, shouted PURPLE, defended purple. I just know my heart will always be purple. **Bruin Pride!**  
Thank you,

**In service and gratitude,**

**Trenda Jacocks, President 2004-2007**

**Lake Braddock PTSA—every child ... one voice**

**"The final test of a leader is that she leaves behind her  
in others the conviction and the will to carry on."**

**Walter Lippmann**

## LBSS PTSA Accomplishments for Children and Public Schools

National School of Excellence certification 2005-2008  
All-Night Graduation Party safe, drug-free youth event  
Annual community mulch sale and craft fair sponsorship----  
fundraisers and community events  
Baccalaureate service for graduation and community  
Awards to teachers and staff, scholarships to students—\$5,000  
Beautification projects in the fall and spring  
Boundary, school board, cluster, county issues representative  
Giant, Safeway, Box Tops, Target and other fundraisers  
Community outreach—LBSS Coalition, feeder schools and  
greater community  
Teacher mini-grants—more than \$10,000 donated annually to  
classroom needs  
Three educational program forums with informative speakers  
for parents and staff  
Creation of a PTSA website [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org)  
Monthly Bruin Voices newsletter  
Weekly e-mail updates for membership sent to 1,300+ families  
On-line volunteer sign-ups and donation of volunteer sign-in  
computer in main office  
Volunteer program of more than 300 volunteers  
Largest PTSA parent and teacher membership in LBSS history  
Support to Fairfax County Council scholarship and Mountain  
View graduation  
Water coolers sponsorship during renovation  
**Faces** educational awareness sponsorship  
**Bear Facts** grant of more than \$1,000 annually  
PTA legislation advocacy at state and national levels

Middle School After-School program, tutoring program  
AVID, ethics, Minority Parents for Excellence in Education, and  
ESOL parent representation  
HS student representation on PTSA board, grades 9-12  
Cultural Arts **Reflections** program  
Teacher and staff appreciation monthly  
Teacher Appreciation Week and luncheon  
Appreciation to support staff and counselors  
PTA Founders Day education  
**MentorWorks** program sponsorship and coordination  
Health and safety issues, sponsorship of **Drive to Survive**  
**Computers for Bruins** program  
Partnership with Coalition for Safe, Drug-Free Youth parent  
pledge and "Parents Who Host"  
Participation in school plan and Human Relations committee  
**Bruin Board** creation and support  
Career Center funding—speaker stipends and college programs  
Monthly parent board meetings  
Monthly meetings with administration  
Parenting Resource Library creation – books, DVDs and  
educational materials  
Promotion of student leadership seminars  
Special education advocacy: Robinson SS partner for Career Fair  
Business partnerships with local community and businesses---  
Patriot Center, Great Harvest Bread, Outback, Crest Cleaners  
Renovation support and \$8,000 gift of benches to school at  
3-year renovation close  
Staff and student directories

### Get Involved Next Year with PTSA We Need You!

Serve on the board or ANGP committee. Become a volunteer.  
Join PTSA! Contact the following PTSA leaders, and they will be  
happy to plug you in:

President John Long (board positions)	<a href="mailto:jamlong@verizon.net">jamlong@verizon.net</a>
1VP Nancy Clements (high school)	<a href="mailto:nsapta@yahoo.com">nsapta@yahoo.com</a>
2VP Pat Fausser (middle school)	<a href="mailto:p.fausser@att.net">p.fausser@att.net</a>
3 VP Judy Dioquino (ANGP)	<a href="mailto:tddioquino@msn.com">tddioquino@msn.com</a>
Volunteer Chair Kathy Carson	<a href="mailto:lbssvolunteers@rcarson.com">lbssvolunteers@rcarson.com</a>
Membership Chair Pauline Pavlakos	<a href="mailto:Lbss_pavlakos@msn.com">Lbss_pavlakos@msn.com</a>

### Lake Braddock Beautification

LBSS looks fantastic thanks to all the  
volunteers who woke up early on a hot Saturday  
to help plant purple and gold flowers and spread  
mulch around the school. The new garden is gorgeous for  
all of the end of the year festivities and will brighten the day  
for all who pass by LBSS this summer. Many thanks also to  
Burke Nursery for their generous discount. PTSA also worked  
hand-in-hand with school staff to leave a renovation gift for all  
to use and appreciate—new purple benches for the entrance  
foyer, outside sidewalk, and grassy areas in front of the school.  
These beautiful benches will be left as a legacy for years to come.  
They are being installed this summer gratis by our construction  
team and Mr. Bob Robyak. PTSA contributed \$8,000 to this  
worthwhile lasting project that will benefit our entire  
community. Thank you to the construction renovation team  
for the follow-through this summer. See the new benches when  
school starts in the fall.



### Good-Bye to the Communications "Team"

The Lake Braddock PTSA and community thank the editor  
of **Bruin Voices** and the weekly e-mail, Trish Moncada, for her  
selfless service and devoted leadership to the Lake Braddock  
community. Trish has served as the editor of **Bruin Voices** for  
six years. She started the weekly e-mail three years ago, and it  
has become a vital tool of communication in our community.  
Many people sing her praises weekly that they are "in-the-know"  
because of her efforts. We are indebted for her countless hours  
on the phone and computer and her patience with the PTSA  
board and large community she has served. Well done, good and  
faithful servant(s), Pat, Patty, Trish, and Tricia. Your faithfulness  
and devotion was appreciated by so many. Thank you!

### Trish and "the Team" Respond:

When I got involved with the White Oaks PTA nine years  
ago, I had no idea what PTA and volunteering were all about. Pat  
Fausser was editor of the **Eagle Eye**, and she needed someone  
to help copy and fold the newsletter every month. Thus my  
newsletter "career" began. When Pat moved up to LBSS, White  
Oaks PTA President Trena Jacocks decided I was the natural  
choice to take over the **Eagle Eye**. When Trena and I moved up  
to LBSS the next year, both she and Pat thought the **Bruin Voices**  
was my next logical step in PTSA—never let a hard worker get  
away! Since I spend so many hours on the computer, the weekly  
e-mail evolved over time. It's been a great ride! Thank you all for  
your support and encouragement. Now it is time to find a job  
that pays **college tuition money**. I'm open to suggestions.

**Trish Moncada, a.k.a. Pat, Patty, Trish, Tricia**

## PTSA Honors Outstanding Bruins

This spring, many deserving individuals were honored for their contributions to the LBSS community and the Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA).

Principal Linda Burke was awarded the Virginia PTA Lifetime Membership Award by PTSA President Trenda Jacocks. This award is one of the highest an individual can receive from the Virginia PTA and was given in recognition of Mrs. Burke's hard work and dedication during our recently completed three-year renovation. Likewise, Associate Principal Dave Thomas and Project Manager Bob Robyak were awarded the Virginia PTA Distinguished Service Award for their contributions to the renovation. The PTA Distinguished Service Award recognizes outstanding achievement in education, service to children, and devotion to community. A donation was made in each recipient's name towards the Virginia PTA scholarship fund, which supports Virginia college students who plan on entering occupations that benefit children, such as teaching.

The President also recognized the PTSA Executive Board for their dedicated service. 1st Vice President Nancy Clements received the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. 2nd Vice President Pat Fausser, 3rd Vice President Leslie Wallace, Treasurer Anne Norton, and Secretary Joanna Denny all received the Virginia PTA Lifetime Membership Award. The PTSA also honored many faculty members, administrators and parents for their contributions to Lake Braddock and the PTSA by awarding them the Virginia PTA Distinguished Service Award.

<b>Retiring Faculty/Administrators</b>		<b>Honored Faculty/Administrators</b>		<b>Parents of Seniors</b>	
Jeannine Doane	Sandy Gholson	Beverly Taylor	Paula Seng	Barbara Van Lear	Brenda Taylor
Frances Giska	Sharon Ruth	Jong Ho	Lynda Samek-Smith	Bethany Drum	Susan Pehrsson
Pat Hise	Margarita Miller	Nancy Gray	Susie Boyle	Brent Crabtree	Rolanda Stearns
Jeanne Keenan	Susan Sheaffer	Lora Robertson	Jennifer Yates	Jean Kim	Robin Hamby
Martha Krafft	Barbara Harvey	Stella Zoccoli-Perez		Jenny Rudebusch	Patti Rothwell
Michelle Vilotti	Nancy West			Karen Felschow	Mary Jane Dye
Jean Worthington	Sherri Keefer			Kathy Zupan	Nanette Henderson
Rhonda Shakelford	Karen Kutch			Lorie Lewis	Trish Moncada
				Janine Saxe	Aeyon Norby

Special recognition was also given to the **student representatives** who served on the PTSA Board this year:

Megan Edwards   Phillip Norton   Christopher Pavlakos   Tyler Wallace   Andrew Rothwell

They each received the Virginia PTA Student Leadership Award. These students brought a unique and valuable student perspective on school and community issues to many of our PTSA Board meeting discussions. Last, but far from least, our beloved PTA President, Trenda Jacocks, was awarded the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award and the Virginia PTA President's Honor Award for her dedicated service to the Lake Braddock school community these last several years. These awards are the highest honors an individual can receive from the national and state PTA's and are given in recognition of meritorious service to children and youth. A donation in Trenda's name was made to the PTA Scholarship Fund to assist college-bound students planning to enter service-oriented careers. Congratulations and thank you to all our award recipients for their outstanding contributions. To those departing LBSS, you will be greatly missed!

### Thanks from the Bruin Cubs!

The Bruin Cubs thank everyone who unselfishly dedicated their time and support to help the middle school program grow this year. We will miss our middle school after-school chair Nannette Henderson next year as her daughter seeks new adventures at Thomas Jefferson. Thank you, Nannette, for your spirit and your kindness to the Bruin Cubs. You were always there when we needed anything, from games to supplies or just someone to run ideas by. You will be missed. Beverly Magida and Donna Ivey, thank you for a superb job running the tutoring program this year. Our students have benefitted greatly, and you have set a standard for us to continue a fabulous tutoring program in the years to come! Middle School Guidance, thank you all for your consistent support and guidance in helping to identify students and gently guiding them to come to after-school clubs. Without your support, our program wouldn't fill up with kids. Keep sending the students to us! Special thanks to Pat Fausser and Nancy Clements, who tell all new students about the program and even get parents to fill out registration forms on the spot. Thank you to Beverly Taylor and Paula Seng, constant supporters of the Bruin Cubs--sending out invitations to the program and encouraging middle school students to attend the Bruin Cubs. And a great big hug and "thank you" to Trenda Jacocks. It was such a pleasure and honor to have met you this year. You have taught us so much in such a short time and given this program such a head start to becoming great! We will miss you greatly next year! It is hard to mention everyone who has supported the Bruin Cubs this year, so we send out a round of applause to everyone in the LBSS community for their encouragement and support. Without all of you, the Bruin Cubs wouldn't be such a great success. We are a team! Thank you!

**Michelle Birkenstock, After-School Specialist**

## 2007-2008 Student Directory

Next fall, LBSS will have an opt-out student directory. The opt-out form will come home in the mailings from the school. Parents who do not want their student's name, address, and phone number to appear in the directory will need to return the form. All others will be included. The student directories will be for sale at Back-to-School Night. If you are interested in working on the directory committee, please contact Susan Pehrsson at 703-323-6847 or [spehrsson@cox.net](mailto:spehrsson@cox.net).

## 2007 All Night Grad Party Donor List

### Corporate Level (\$500 and up)

ALSCO  
Caribou Coffee – Kings Park  
Computer Systems Center, Inc.  
Fairfax County Park Authority  
Glory Days Grill - Burke  
PEV's Paintball  
Safe and Drug-Free Youth Office, LB Coalition  
South Run Regency Homeowners Association  
State Police Association (\$500 grant)  
United Rental  
Van Lear and Associates  
Woodburn Nuclear Medicine LTD

### Bruin Level (\$200 - \$499)

Burke Athletic Club  
Burke Auto Service Experts  
CAMCOM (Mark Fialkow)  
Capitol Planning & Investments  
(Gail & Mark Fialkow)  
Joseph R. Conte, Attorney  
Crest Cleaners  
Dr. Rocky Deutsch - Burke Veterinary Clinic  
Dr. Deyhar & Associates  
Domino's Pizza – Kings Park  
Brad M. Freedman, D.D.S.  
Girl Scouts, National Capitol Region  
Glory Days Restaurant  
Dr & Mrs Joseph Gruberg  
Nail a la Mode  
Melanie Hartman DDS (LB Grad!)  
Dr. and Mrs. John Jacocks  
Dr & Mrs. Lonam - Village Vet  
Metropolitan Asset Management, Inc.  
Laurence J. Murphy & Stacey H. Staats, MD  
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Arlington  
The Container Store  
The Second Cherry Run HOA  
Twinbrooke Chiropractic  
University Mall Theatre  
Washington Sports Clubs  
J.M. Walker & Associates  
Washington Sports Clubs - Springfield

### Gold Level (\$100 - \$199)

AA Advantage Driving Instruction, Inc  
Bike Lande  
Burke Townhouse HOA  
Cherry Run Elementary PTA  
Church of the Nativity  
Civic Association of White Oaks  
Dahn Yoga Center  
Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
JAMS 01, Inc. (Home Savings & Trust Mortgage)  
Jewish Community Center  
KC Automotive  
Kohler Associates Architects PC  
Lakepointe Townhomes HOA  
Stephen Lanier, DDS  
Let's Dish!  
McCarthy Services  
Solar Planet  
Southport HOA  
Springfield Country Club  
Springfield Lorton Dental Group  
Virginia Eye Care Center  
Wegman's - Fairfax  
Woodhirst HOA

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### Purple Level (\$50-\$99)

American Windows & Siding of Virginia, Inc.  
Annandale Florist  
Fondalee E. Bocknek  
Bracken Opticians  
Burke United Methodist Church  
Carlos O'Kelley's  
Cinema Arts Theatre  
Cold Stone Creamery – Burke  
El Pueblo LLC  
Foxfire Grill  
Dr. Richard Grigleb  
Huntington Learning Center - Springfield  
Dr. G. F. Jones, P.C.  
King's Dominion  
Paul Kravitz, M.D.  
Krispy Kreme Donuts  
Martin Insurance Agency  
Carol Miller – Creative Memories  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Paul T. Olenyn, DDS, LTD  
Positive Image Color Concept Salon  
Virginia Eyecare Center  
White Oaks Elementary School PTA  
Carol Wooddell, DDS  
Inia I. Yevich-Tunstall PC

### Friends & Family (under \$50)

Aladdin's Eatery  
Patricio & Linda Alcivar  
Austin Grill  
Leonard G. Barak, MD  
Bed Bath & Beyond  
Burke BP  
Bush Hill Presbyterian Church  
Embassy AutoWash  
Hair Magic  
Hunan West  
Giant Food – Burke Village  
Giant Food – Burke Centre  
Giant Food -- Cardinal Forest  
Great American Restaurants  
Lina A. Johnson, D.D.S.  
Kentucky Fried Chicken  
Kilroy's  
Kings Park Civic Association  
Lake Braddock Athletic Boosters  
Milano's Family Restaurant  
National Amusements  
Noodles & Company  
Potomac Nationals  
Preferred Travel, Inc.  
Sangster PTA  
Spartan's Family Restaurant  
Wal-Mart  
Wit's End

### Baskets for Raffle

Ravensworth Elementary Parents –  
"Summer Fun"  
Cherry Run Elementary Parents –  
"Date Basket"  
White Oaks Elementary Parents –  
"Road Trip" Basket  
Sangster Elementary Parents –  
"Survivor: College" Basket  
Kings Glen Elementary Parents –  
"Study Break" Basket

### Mulch Sale Donors

Baltz Family  
Bennett Family  
Berg Family  
Brake Family  
Brown Family  
Chen Family  
Clemson Family  
Copeland Family  
Crabtree Family  
DiRenzo Family  
Ettinger Family  
Fialkow Family  
Foil Family  
Fornoff Family  
Gianiny Family  
Goldman Family  
Henry Family  
Hogye Family  
Hung Family  
Jacocks Family  
Kelberg Family  
Laskey Family  
Lim Family  
Mark Family  
Mayer Family

Mills Family  
Motro Family  
Murphy Family  
Norris Family  
O'Brien Family  
Oskvarek Family  
Owens Family  
Phelps Family  
Polis Family  
Polman Family  
Powers Family  
Resetar Family  
Rouse Family  
Sage Family  
Sica Family  
Siddiqui Family  
Sheffield Family  
Thomas Family  
Tok Ko Family  
Trail Family  
Trump Family  
Tuebner Family  
Williams Family  
Woolf Family  
Zivich Family



### All-Night Grad Party 2007...License to Thrill

A huge thank you to LBSS families and our community for your generosity and support for the 2007 ANGP! It's been a really fun time for the kids and all of us. The ANGP is a wonderful way to keep seniors safe on the night of graduation while sharing a great evening with their fellow graduates. It takes many hands and hearts and many volunteer hours, but it's worth every minute, and we have a great time along the way! We truly appreciate all of you so much.

**Leslie Wallace & Patti Rothwell**



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