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Newsletter of the LBSS Parent**Teacher**Student** Association

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Message from the President, John Long

Hello everyone. The Fairfax County School Board recently adopted a budget for FY 2009 that reflects cuts of \$45.6 million. To limit the budget cuts, the School Board requested that the Board of Supervisors increase the school budget allocation by 4% over last year. But the Board of Supervisors' current budget guidelines do not call for any increase in the school budget. Without the increase, the School Board will need to cut an additional \$63.7 million from the school budget. You can imagine the consequences of cutting over \$100 million from the budget; it won't be pretty.

The PTSA asks everyone to contact the Board of Supervisors (not the School Board) to let them know you want the school budget to be adequately funded. Go to www.lbssptsa.org for a letter you can print, sign and send to the Board of Supervisors. You can make any additions or revisions you'd like. Contact information for the Board of Supervisors is also on the PTSA web site.

This budget issue is critical to our kids receiving a quality education, so please take the time to send a letter or email, or make a phone call to the Board of Supervisors.

Here are some important dates to keep in mind:
Mar 31-Apr 2, 2008: Bd. of Supv. public budget hearings.
Apr 1, 2008: School Bd. presents proposed FY 2009 budget.
May 14, 2008: School Board hears public comments on budget priorities at Jackson Middle School.

I wish all of our Lake Braddock students, teachers and staff a safe and restful spring break. Spend some time with family (it's a great time to take the kids to that museum you've always wanted to see). We're so fortunate to live in an area rich with history, art and culture, and it can be explored without much travel and little, or no, expense. Enjoy!

Mark your calendar!

Mar 15

Orders for mulch due in support of ANGP

Mar 17-21

Spring Break

Mar 25

Middle/High school concert
7:30 pm, Little Theatre

Mar 29-30

Mulch orders ready; 15+ bags delivered

April 9

Community Art Show at LBSS

April 16

Northern VA College Fair
GMU, Patriot Center, 6:30 pm

April 17-20

LB Theatre production:
High School Musical

April 25

Spring Fling

April 27

Crew plant sale

August 5

Fall Sports Begin

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PTSA Needs YOU!

Thinking of serving in a PTSA volunteer leadership position next year? We welcome your service and leadership skills to the LBSS PTSA Board. Committee Chairs and Executive Board Positions are open.

Serving on the Lake Braddock PTSA Board is great way to stay connected, get to know the LBSS community, show your support to young people, and promote public education.

Consider joining the PTSA Board next year. Please contact the Nominating Committee for more information. Nominations are being taken during March.

The Executive Board slate will be announced in April and elections will be held in May at the Membership meeting.

Contact Margi Flynn, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for more information 703 866 4893.

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2008-2009 Nominating Committee:

Margi Flynn, Chair

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Trenda Jacocks, Past President

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Contact anyone on the committee to nominate yourself or someone else.

Membership Has Privileges!

Join the LBSS PTSA. Dues are \$15 for parents, \$10 for staff, and \$5 for students. The membership form is available on the PTSA website (www.lbssptsa.com).

Baccalaureate



All graduating seniors and their families are invited to join us for the 2008 Lake Braddock Baccalaureate ceremony on Sunday, June 15.

The ceremony will be held at the Church of the Nativity in Burke.

The Baccalaureate is a spiritual, non-denominational ceremony to celebrate graduation. The theme this year is Gratitude—Past, Present, and Future.

We invite all family members and friends of graduating seniors to attend. Graduates will be invited to participate. This will be a great way for LB families to celebrate Fathers' Day.

For more information, please contact Nancy Moore, n,moore@verizon.net.

Note: Baccalaureate is a PTSA-sponsored event. It is not affiliated with Fairfax County Public Schools.

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try one more time."

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Thomas Edison



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Planning for the ANGP is in full swing. It takes a community like Lake Braddock to pull this all together in order to have our seniors celebrate their graduation in a safe alcohol-free environment. We need everyone's support to make this a success. If you or any of your friends have businesses that can help us out, especially in the food industry, please contact Judy Dioquino (tddioquino@msn.com) or Mimi Wallace (mimiwallace@cox.net). Families are welcome to contribute using the Donation Form on our PTSA website. All donors will be acknowledged in the Braddock Connection.

You can also support us through participating in our Mulch Sale. The mulch will be distributed on March 29th. Both students and parents are needed for the various jobs. If you would like to purchase mulch, visit our website for the order form ([http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP Mulch Flyer PDF](http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP_Mulch_Flyer_PDF)).

New this year is the Graduation Yard Sign to celebrate our graduating Class of 2008. All proceeds from this sale will also go to support the party. For more information and order form, contact Tracy Barry at tbarry61@aol.com.

Registration for the party is ongoing. In order to avoid the increase in price, \$55 tickets need to be purchased by April 1st. After that date, the tickets will go up to \$65. Not only does this give the senior a great time from 11pm - 5am, but it will include a senior T-shirt, prizes and a video that will be mailed out in July that will capture all their senior moments.

Any questions concerning ANGP or the 110 Days meeting that was held on March 10th for the parents of seniors, please contact Judy Dioquino (tddioquino@msn.com) or Mimi Wallace (mimiwallace@cox.net)

Reservations Form: [www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP Reservation FormWaiver 2008.pdf](http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP_Reservation_FormWaiver_2008.pdf)

Yard Sign Fundraiser: [http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP 2008 Yard Sign.pdf](http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP_2008_Yard_Sign.pdf)

Mulch Form: [http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP Mulch Flyer 2008.pdf](http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP_Mulch_Flyer_2008.pdf)

Volunteer Form: [http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP Volunteer Form 2008.pdf](http://www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP_Volunteer_Form_2008.pdf)

Volunteer Coordinator: Vickie Sands at VJSands@verizon.net

ANGP Chairs: Judy Dioquino at tddioquino@msn.com and Mimi Wallace at mimiwallace@cox.net

Student Corner

This just in from the Virginia PTA Voice:

Virginia now boasts the nation's third-highest percentage of high school seniors earning a grade of 3 or better on Advanced Placement examinations, the College Board said in its fourth annual Advanced Placement Report to the Nation. Virginia ranked fourth in the previous College Board report.

During 2007, 21.5 percent of Virginia's public high school seniors earned a grade of "3" or more on at least one AP examination, compared with 20.7 the previous year and 16.9 percent five years earlier. Most colleges that award credit for mastery of AP exams do so for scores of "3" or better. Only two states, New York and Maryland, had higher percentages of seniors faring as well in 2007.

Board of Education President Mark E. Emblidge said, "Outstanding high schools and an accountability system that includes incentives for schools to exceed minimum benchmarks have made Virginia a national leader in AP participation and achievement."

The Lake Braddock PTSA congratulates our students, as well as other Fairfax County Public School students, for their extraordinary academic achievements.

Way to go, students!!

Booster Club News

Crew: Support Crew every Saturday at Sandy Run Regional Park beginning March 29. Don't forget the Plant Sale April 27.

Athletics: www.lbsports.org. Fall sports begin Aug 5. Scholarship applications for \$1,000 grants are being accepted.

Academics: www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/parent_organizations/parent_acad.htm. Awards of nearly \$3500 will be provided this year.

Music: LBSS Music Boosters include three groups: (www.lbband.org), (www.Lakebraddockorchestra.com), and (members.cox.net/lakebraddockchorus). Join us for our concert March 25.

Theatre: www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/parent_organizations/parent_theatre.htm. Join us for High School Musical April 17-20.

Spring BREAK

It seems by this time of the year, students and families alike are in need of a break. This spring, take time to: take a long walk, go downtown and check out the FREE Smithsonian museums, take a drive to Baltimore's Inner Harbor, play with the dog, hike along Skyline Drive and check out Luray Caverns, visit homes of the presidents at Monticello and Mt. Vernon. The LBSS PTSA wishes all students and families a happy spring!