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President's Message . . .

Dear Lake Braddock Community,

As one of the largest secondary schools and largest PTSA memberships in the state and country, we are surrounded by the gift of young people. We serve and guide young minds in our mission together. Sometimes it is important for us as adults to take heed to their perspective, opinions, and ideas. Our mission as PTSA parents, teachers, and mentors is to be good listeners, leaders and examples in our work together. We are guides in this journey through public school through the middle and high school years.

Included below is a great article from Michael Josephson's Character Counts forum this month. Enjoy as you enjoy our LBSS students:

What I've Learned: The Perspective From 13-Year-Olds

by Sam Rangel, eighth-grade teacher in Corona, California

Here's the world of growing wisdom from the 13-year-old perspective:

- . I've learned that work comes first; fool around later.
- . I've learned that being popular isn't everything.
- . I've learned that being pretty on the inside is better than being pretty on the outside.
- . I've learned that not everything in life is fair.
- . I've learned that all people want is someone to listen to them.
- . I've learned that girls seem to fight with their friends a lot, but almost never with their enemies.
- . I've learned that it takes a long time to make a friendship and a fraction of a second to destroy it.
- . I've learned that your imagination is as important as your knowledge.
- . I've learned that to say no to someone is not wrong.
- . I've learned that by following others, you aren't following yourself.
- . I've learned that the harder it is to do something, the stronger it makes us.
- . I've learned that I am responsible for me.
- . I've learned to give everybody a second chance.
- . I've learned that teenagers will do dumb things.
- . I've learned that if you respect your elders, they will respect you.
- . I've learned that words do hurt people more than sticks and stones.
- . I've learned that when I come to a fork in the road, I should ask for help.
- . I've learned that the easy way is not the best way.

All the best in our perspective and our service to young people,

In service,
Trenda Jacocks

Dates to Know

- April 2-6**
Spring break!
- April 9**
PTSA scholarship deadline,
Athletic Boosters meeting
- April 14**
ACT
- April 16**
Preregistration for AP exams,
PTSA board meeting
- April 17-18**
SGA elections
- April 18**
Minority Parents meeting
- April 26**
MS Komedly Night
- April 27**
Teacher Appreciation lunch
7th grade team day
- April 29**
Crew plant sale
- May 7-18**
AP testing



Those in the Know Check the Internet

For the latest news about what is going on at Lake Braddock Secondary School, go to to www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS. To find out what is happening with PTSA and all PTSA-sponsored activities (especially graduation events), go to www.lbssptsa.org.

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All Night Grad Party "007...License to Thrill"

After four long years of high school, seniors deserve to celebrate! Reservations are required for the 2007 All-Night Grad Party. Cost for a senior to attend the ANGP will be \$50 before Spring Break and \$60 after. Our celebration will take place at Wakefield Recreation Center on the night of graduation, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. We have planned spectacular activities and delicious food. We want to make this the best party ever! All seniors with reservations will receive ANGP T-shirts, which will be their admission ticket to the party. Go to www.lbssptsa.org/ANGP_Reservation_FormWaiver_2007.pdf to download the reservation form. Don't let your senior miss out on the fun! If you have questions, please contact Leslie Wallace at 2007ANGP@cox.net or Patti Rothwell at rothwellb@cox.net



All-Night Grad Party 2007--- Not Just for Seniors!

Actually, the party itself IS just for seniors, but the planning and operation of the party involves many, many people to make it successful! If you are a parent of a high school student (freshman through senior) and can volunteer some time to the All-Night Grad Party, we have a job for you!

For those not familiar with the party, it is a Lake Braddock PTSA-sponsored event. It is an alcohol and drug-free event held at Wakefield Recreation Center from 11 p.m. on the night of graduation to 5 a.m. the next day. It is a safe, exciting, fun-filled night for our students to celebrate their graduation!

For more information or to volunteer to help with the party, visit the PTSA website at www.lbssptsa.org and follow the ANGP link OR contact this year's ANGP Chairs, Leslie Wallace at Lesandroy@cox.net or Patti Rothwell at rothwellb@cox.net. We'd love to have you join in this year's fun!

PTSA Offers Free Tutoring for 7th and 8th Graders

If your student needs free tutoring in math, history, science, English, or Spanish, we have the program for you! Tutoring is available after school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, beginning at 2:15 p.m. The After-School Tutoring Program, sponsored by the Middle School After-School Program and the LBSS PTSA, provides free tutoring by volunteer adults and 10th–12th grade students. If you have a middle school student who needs additional help in one or more of these subjects, contact Beverly Magida, Coordinator of the After-School Tutoring Program, at 703/821-3055 or Bev.Magida@verizon.net or Donna Ivey, Assistant Coordinator at 703/929-2766 or donnaivey@icareinc.com. Please indicate what grade your student is currently in, what subject(s) he/she needs tutoring in, and what days he/she is available, in addition to a phone number and/or e-mail address to reach you.

Special thanks to Great Harvest Bread Company in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center and to Outback at Twinbrook Shopping Center for donating 100% of the proceeds from fundraisers to the Lake Braddock PTSA!

Support for Parents of Students with Emotional Disabilities

Join our parent-run Internet support group.

If you live in Fairfax County and have a child with the ED label, or a child who is being considered for that special education label, please join us in an e-mail discussion group to share our experiences and discuss educational issues. For the past seven years, over 180 parents and guardians from across the county have been having lively, confidential discussions about school issues. Our children are in all grades and levels of service. We can be a tremendous resource for you and hope you will share your experiences with us. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/edfairfax/> or write to Margaret Fisher, jrosenthal2@cox.net.

School Supply Drive

The Middle School Guidance Department and the Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA will begin collecting donations of school supplies to be used in support of Lake Braddock students who are in need. The school supply collection will continue throughout the rest of the 2006/2007 school year. The following items are being requested by MS Guidance: loose leaf paper, pencils, pens, composition books, 1-inch and 2-inch binders, and divider tabs. There will be a box in the MS Guidance office for donations. Please consider dropping off a few items the next time you are at school. Thank you for helping out our students



ATTENTION, SENIORS!
We Need Your Gifts & Talents!
2007 Baccalaureate Ceremony
Sunday, June 10th at 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Express Yourself Through:
 MUSIC DANCE ART POETRY
 DRAMA PHOTOGRAPHY

**Check out the Senior Bulletin Board for
 Audition Dates
 Art & Photography Submission Details
 Sign-up Sheets**

**Contact Meg Garber at hobbits7@aol.com
 to reserve an audition time**

PTSA Scholarship Program

The PTSA is pleased to offer eight \$500 scholarships to Lake Braddock seniors. Criteria include a 3.0 GPA, evidence of leadership and community service, continuation at an accredited college or training facility, and a short essay. Applications are available in the Career Center and on the PTSA's website at www.lbssptsa.org. The completed application and essay are due in the Career Center no later than noon on Monday, April 9.

Spirit Gear for Spring

Want a new idea to show your Bruin Pride? What about a great gift for graduation? We now offer a knitted stadium blanket. It's roomy, measuring 63" x 63." The blanket can be machine washed and dried. It even comes in its own vinyl zipper case. Priced at \$40, this product is a must-have throughout the year. See and order the blanket, along with other great items like sport sandals and T-shirts, on the web at www.lbsports.org. Go Bruins!



Wintery Weather Doesn't Stop Middle School Book Fair

The Bookworm Plantation Middle School Book Fair was a grand success thanks to our many volunteers! Sue Mayo and the Lake Braddock library staff want all the book fair volunteers to know how much they are appreciated. Maureen Gray, our outstanding PTSA book fair coordinator, really was tested by the three snow days, schedule changes, and the need to extend the event into the next week. You all did a great job!

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 "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn,  
 the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut*  
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News from Reflections

The Fairfax County Council results for "My Favorite Place" are in. Congratulations to the following Lake Braddock students for receiving awards at the Fairfax County Council level:
 Middle School: Serena Lei - Outstanding Interpretation Award in Music Composition; Boreum Kim - Award of Excellence in Visual Arts
 High School:

Colleen Frake - Outstanding Interpretation Award in Dance Choreography; Kelly Hogan - Outstanding Interpretation Award in Music Composition; So Yeon Park - Award of Excellence in Visual Arts; Ethan Kamerow - Award of Excellence in Photography; Jeremy Thompson - Award of Excellence in Film/Video Production; Ann Connolly - Award of Merit in Literature.

In addition, the Fairfax District results for Reflections are in. Congratulations to Colleen Frake, a sophomore, for receiving the Award of Excellence at the Fairfax District level in Dance Choreography! This was the first year that dance choreography was part of the Reflections program. Lake Braddock is proud that Colleen received this District award.

The theme for the Reflections Program next year is: "I can make a difference by...." Students may enter in any of six categories: literature, visual arts, photography, musical composition, dance choreography and film/video production. Entry forms will be available in the fall.

Thanks to all of the students who participated this year and to all of the parents and teachers for their help in promoting the arts.

Susan Brantlinger, Reflections Chair

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is a traditional, non-denominational ceremony dating back to the twelfth century that celebrates graduation. Lake Braddock Senior Class and families assemble for an evening of student-led inspirational performances. All of the performers are members of the senior class. This year's ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Three things are needed to make this a memorable event:

- **Senior Participation:** This is an event for seniors, planned by seniors, performed by seniors. Seniors, please get involved. Share your gifts and talents with your friends and relatives to make it a memorable evening. The program committee will be there to support you, but the show cannot go on without YOU! The sign-up sheet will be posted on the Senior bulletin board in April. Start thinking and planning now. This year will fly by quickly!
- **Parent involvement:** Parent committees work behind the scenes. We design and order the invitations, print the programs, arrange for the chosen speakers, order the flowers and decorations, assist with auditions, coordinate the performance pieces, etc. Parents, friends and relatives are welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremony. Our committee meetings have already begun, but it is not too late to join in.
- **Funding:** Baccalaureate is not a school-sponsored event; it is funded solely by donations from the senior parents and community. Parents, please show your support for this important tradition by making a contribution to help cover the expenses. Donations are tax-deductible.

Baccalaureate is sponsored by the Lake Braddock PTSA, funded entirely by donations, and planned by volunteer parents and students. It is not affiliated with Fairfax County Public Schools.

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.

Dr. Seuss

You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.”

Oh! The Places You'll Go

Pathways to Success: Alternatives to Four-Year Colleges Resource Fair

For current high school students and their families

Thinking about life after high school? Prepare for the future and meet with area professionals to discover what you can do with your high school diploma. Explore a variety of career options, two-year colleges, apprenticeships, and vocational programs and learn about the endless opportunities that are available to high school graduates.

Date: May 3, 6 p.m.--8 p.m.

Location: Robinson Secondary School, Gold Cafeteria
5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax

Sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School, Lake Braddock Secondary School, and West Springfield High School PTSA

Lake Braddock PTSA Membership Form

Adult member(s) _____
Student members(s) _____ Grade(s) _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Additional tax deductible donation _____ Total enclosed _____
Tax-deductible receipt? _____ Membership card? _____

All memberships are \$12 per person. Parents of students grades 7-12 are eligible for membership, as are students in grades 9-12. Make checks payable to LBSS PTSA and mail to LBSS PTSA Membership, P.O. Box 11252, Burke, VA 22009-1252. School directories are available in the main office.

Your e-mail address will be added to the PTSA e-mail list—a service that keeps you up-to-date on LBSS PTSA news and special events, and other LBSS and/or PTSA activities.

Thank you for your support!

