



# Bruin Voices

Lake Braddock Secondary

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

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### Message from the President, Robert Shaw

#### I hope everyone made it through this weather just fine!

As we dig out of several feet of snow, let e take this opportunity to wish that everyone was safe and managed to stay warm. Stressful times like these have a way of bringing out some outstanding qualities in us. By way of example, I am grateful to two of my neighbors who came by with their snow blowers and helped clear my side walk and drive way. Several other neighbors benefitted from their kindness and thoughtfulness. Let me hope that you too were the beneficiary of such random acts of kindness or probably you were the ones helping your neighbors. If this is the case let me take this opportunity to say thanks to you on their behalf also.

Last Thursday I was privileged to attend the Reflections Competition at Lake Braddock Secondary School (LBSS). This PTA sponsored activity allows students to enter their original work in six categories; such as: poetry, art and drama. We were able to view the art work and hear several students read poetry. What a thrill, the event was simply awe inspiring. Never in a million years could I write the kind of poetry that I heard or for that matter paint some of the pictures exhibited. Without a doubt one of the most heart warming aspect of the function was to look out over the Lecture Hall and see it full almost to capacity with parents and students. I had to comment that I wished attendance at the PTSA Meetings rivaled what I saw on that day. I want to say thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend and support their students. Also, to every student who participated in the competition, some of who competed in multiple categories. We have several students still vying for national honors and I wish them good luck. This effort would not have been possible without the hard work of several ladies. Leading the effort was Kathy Burke and helping her were Cathy Moneheim, Adrienne Kauffeld and Shelly Bralich. On behalf of the entire PTSA I would like to say thanks to then for a job well done. I would also like to say thanks to Judges and the LBSS staff and Art Department. Their support played a part in the success of this event.

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### Mark your calendar!

February 22, 2010

**PTSA General Membership Mtg**

John Cook on FCPS Budget

February 25, 2010

**Parent Coffee**

8 to 9 am in the Lecture Hall

February 26, 2010

**Swing Dance & Silent Auction**

Sponsored by LBSS Chorus

7:00 pm in the Cafeteria

\$5 in advance; \$7 at the door

Family passes: \$25

Fun time for the entire family!

March 3, 2010

**Science Fair**

2 to 3 pm in science classrooms

March 4, 2010

**Fairfax Academy Info Night**

7:30 pm at Fairfax High School

March 8, 2010

**PTSA Board Meeting**

Lecture Hall, 7 pm

March 20-21, 2010

**Mulch Sale to support ANGP**

March 29-Apr 2, 2010

**Spring Break**

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"Self-reliance is the only road to true freedom, and being one's own person is its ultimate reward."

- Patricia Sampson

## Class of 2010 Graduation Events and Announcements

### Baccalaureate

All graduating seniors and their families and friends are invited to attend the 2010 Lake Braddock Baccalaureate ceremony at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010. This year the ceremony will be held at Immanuel Bible Church.

The Baccalaureate committee is looking for additional student and parent volunteers to help with the event. For more information, please contact Janelyn Price at [Janelynprice@aol.com](mailto:Janelynprice@aol.com).

The Baccalaureate is a spiritual, non-denominational ceremony to celebrate graduation. Graduates are invited to participate and auditions will be held at a later date. Look for info on the [Senior Facebook](#) page.

\*\*\***SENIORS**, We need your ideas for a theme. Please email your ideas to [cmkchk@aol.com](mailto:cmkchk@aol.com), or post them on the [Senior Facebook](#) page.

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



### ANGP Mulch Sale

Students rely on donations and proceeds from the mulch sale to provide nearly one-third of the financial support for this alcohol and drug free event. You can help by ordering mulch

and/or making a tax deductible cash donation.

We are offering JK's double shredded hardwood bark mulch in 3 cubic foot bags for the same price as last year: \$4.50 per bag.

Orders of 15 bags or more will be delivered to your home on Saturday or Sunday, March 20-21, 2010. Orders fewer than 15 bags must be picked up at the Lake Braddock Secondary School Parking Lot on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Adult and student volunteers are also needed to deliver mulch to customers.

Questions? Contact the LBSS Mulchman, Ed Hartman, at [lbss.mulchman@cox.net](mailto:lbss.mulchman@cox.net) or get information online at <http://www.lbssptsa.org/>

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### Reflections Awards Ceremony

The reflections program has concluded at Lake Braddock. The awards ceremony was very well attended and thanks again to all participants, parents and teachers who attended. The PTSA would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students whose entries are going on the state level for judging: **Kailey Leniz** for her entry in dance choreography, **Emily Scheiner** and **Ansa Woo** for in literature, and **Benjamin Stevenson** and **Michale Phan** in music composition. In addition, almost \$1,000.00 was given away at the awards ceremony in recognition of the outstanding work by our students. The following students received prize money for one or more of their entries:

#### In the photography category:

HIGH SCHOOL		MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Lauren Kristin	1st	Michael Tisler	1st
Kristin Marie Edwards	2nd	Sierra Meagen Guthrie	2nd
Lauren Kristin	3rd	Michael Tisler	3rd
Ann Connolly	HM	Mikayla Correll	HM
Karen Chen	HM	Michael Tisler	HM

#### In the visual arts category:

HIGH SCHOOL		MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Boreum Kim	1st	Emily Kim	1st
Arianna McQuillen	2nd	Creson Ju-Ann Lee	2nd
Marian June Nutley	3rd	Emily Pascual	3rd
Arianna McQuillen	HM	Harleen KaurBal	HM
Stephanie Lynn Apruzese	HM	David Malinowski	HM

#### In the music category:

HIGH SCHOOL		MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Michael Phan	1st	Benjamin Stevenson	1st
Erin Marie Wells	2nd	Emma Puranen	2nd
Philip Vargas	3rd	Madison Schultz	3rd

#### In the literature category:

HIGH SCHOOL		MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Ansa Woo	1st	Emily Scheiner	1st
Rebecca Benedetto	2nd	Anne Meyer	2nd
Courtney J. Thompson	2nd	Alex Corbett	3rd
Shilpa Iyyer	3rd	Gabriella Carney	HM
Danielle Smith	HM	Chia-Yi Lee	HM
Sangyoon Park	HM	Lara Schmoyer	HM
		Margarita Henandez	HM
		Marissa Chaffee	HM

Film production category: MIDDLE SCHOOL: Cameron Kutchi , 1st

Dance choreography category: HIGH SCHOOL: Kailey Leinz: 1<sup>st</sup>

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### Message from the President, continued from page 1

There are several upcoming events that warrant your attention and your attendance. **On February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Cafeteria** there will be a PTSA General Membership Meeting. At this meeting we are slated to hear from Supervisor John Cook, Braddock District and from the Fairfax County School Board Ms. Tessie Wilson, Vice Chair and Braddock District. They will be speaking to us about the school budget and challenges facing Fairfax County Public Schools. This is one meeting you should mark on your calendar as a must.

We will be selecting the nomination committee for the next slate of officers for our PTSA at this meeting. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of the LBSS PTSA.

Please plan to attend the second Parent Coffee on **February 25, 2010 at 8 - 9 a.m.** in the **Lecture Hall** which will be hosted by Mr. Dave Thomas, LBSS Principal. If you missed the first one you missed a treat. The discussion between parents and staff was lively, frank and important. This forum gives parents a voice to raise pretty much any issue that is of concern as well as give the Principal and his staff direct feedback on what is working and what you think needs his attention.

Calling all seniors and senior parents! Here is a calendar event that needs your attention. The upcoming Mulch Sale takes place on March 20 - 21, 2010. Proceeds from this sale provide nearly one-third of the financial support (this reduces the cost of tickets for the ANGP) for the alcohol and drug free All Night Graduation Party (ANGP). Here's how you can help...by ordering mulch and/or making a tax deductible cash donation, volunteering to help with the actual mulch sale (loading trucks, delivering mulch, helping with the mulch café, and much more). And yes you can earn volunteer hours. Right now there is some urgency to sign up parents and students, regardless if you can give only half a day as opposed to a full day we need your help...don't forget that we feed you too...free! So, if you think that this is a worthwhile endeavor and you can volunteer some of your time, please send Ed Hartman a note to, [lbss.mulchman@cox.net](mailto:lbss.mulchman@cox.net), and let him know. He would love to have all his team assignment made up before the day of the event. This is an equal opportunity event so parents and students from 7 - 12 grades are welcome to help.

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PTSA President 09-10  
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### Extra! Extra! Some Final Words...

Don't forget that our PTSA E-news is up and running. If you need to get something out to the PTSA audience please send an email to Eileen McGarry at [PTSAnews@cox.net](mailto:PTSAnews@cox.net)

Thanks to the volunteers who helped at the PTSA table on both Curriculum nights. Your presence made a difference.

Volunteer NOW to be Editor of Bruin Voices for 2010-2011 school year.