



# 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

Happy New Year to everyone; let me wish that this will be your best year ever! If this year is indicative of our last one before you know it June will be here and its time to say farewell to the class of 2010. However, before we send off our seniors let's make the next five months memorable for them. Many PTSA members are busy planning activities to celebrate the graduation of our senior class. PTSA sponsored activities will need your support, and I am hoping that we can count on your help to ensure the success of these events. First is the Mulch Sale which takes place in March 20 - 21, 2010. We rely on donations and proceeds from this sale to provide nearly 1/3 of the financial support for this alcohol and drug free event. There are many ways that 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).

Later in the year there will be a culmination of many months of meticulous planning for the All Night Graduation Party (ANGP). Committees are meeting to plan events for the June 2010 All Night Graduation Party (ANGP); several of these committees still need help and I ask that you consider joining one and lending a hand...apart from being lots of fun I promise that you will not regret your service. While on the subject of our students, let me invite you to come out and support our students at the Reflections Awards Ceremony in the Lecture Hall on February 4, 2010 from 2:30 to 4:30. All participants would welcome your presence.

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### Mark your calendar!

**January 28, 2010**

End of Second Quarter

**January 29, February 1**

Teacher Work Days

**February 2, 2010**

Third Quarter begins

**February 4, 2010**

Reflections Awards Ceremony

All participants invited

**February 15, 2010**

Presidents' Day holiday

**February 22, 2010**

PTSA General Membership Mtg

John Cook on FCPS Budget

**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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**"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## Class of 2010 Graduation Events and Announcements

### ANGP

It's hard to believe that half of the year is already over with. Graduation will be here before you know it. The All Night Grad Party is shaping up nicely so far. You should be receiving your senior letter in the mail shortly. There is a lot of important information in the letter including information on the ANGP. If you have any questions about the ANGP contact Tammy Kafami [tammykafami@gmail.com](mailto:tammykafami@gmail.com) or Don Metcalf- [don-ald.metcalf@wellsfargo.com](mailto:don-ald.metcalf@wellsfargo.com). We are still looking for volunteers .

### Baccalaureate

All graduating seniors and their families and friends are invited to the 2010 Lake Braddock Baccalaureate ceremony Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Immanuel Bible Church. Graduates are invited to participate. The Baccalaureate committee is looking for additional student and parent volunteers. Please contact Janelyn Price at [Janel-price@aol.com](mailto:Janel-price@aol.com).

The Baccalaureate is a spiritual, non-denominational ceremony to celebrate graduation. Baccalaureate is a PTSA-sponsored event 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/>

**SENIORS**, We need your ideas for a theme for Baccalaureate. Please email them to [cmkxhk@aol.com](mailto:cmkxhk@aol.com).

## **Thank You!**

At the end of last year, the PTSA asked for your help to provide gift cards to families. Due to your tremendous response the PTSA was able to help several families. Thanks for your generosity and the chance for the PTSA to make a difference in the lives of several of our local families.

Also, many thanks to Eileen McGarry for volunteering to publish the PTSA E-news. Let's hope that you are receiving your issue and please consider using the e-news if you need to "get the word out", please contact Eileen McGarry at [PTSAnews@cox.net](mailto:PTSAnews@cox.net)

## **Science Fair**

The LBSS 2010 Science fair will be held on Wed Feb. 3. Projects will be displayed in all High School science classrooms based on their topic. Students, faculty, and parents are encouraged to come and check out student projects from 2:00 to 3:00. Note: this is not a late bus day.

Judging will be from 3:00 to 5:00. Room assignments for participants will be posted outside H101, Mr. Switzer's room.

Good luck Bruin Scientists!

## **Bruin Voices News!**

Bruin Voices needs you! This spring, a new Editor is needed to take the helm of our PTSA newsletter. Enthusiasm, dedication to Lake Braddock students, and a sense of humor is all you need. Please contact Carol Ann ([ca.stanger@verizon.net](mailto:ca.stanger@verizon.net)) for more information.

Bruin Voices will continue to be distributed via Keep-in-Touch (KIT) email, which will let you know that the Bruin Voices has been posted on the PTSA website. We will also have printed copies in the magazine rack located in the main office at LBSS.

## **Reflections Awards Ceremony**

The reflections awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010 from 2:30 to 4:30 in the Lecture Hall. Everyone who participated is invited. Please join us to see all the entries submitted, have cookies, chips and drinks and receive your awards, checks, certificates and ribbons will be presented. Don't miss it!

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## Lake Braddock Secondary School Parent \*\* Teacher \*\* Student \*\* Association

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

At the end of last semester our mini-grant committee met and recommended a series of projects to be awarded grants. I have received sincere appreciations from staff and faculty for the generous support from the PTSA. This would not have been possible without your support of the Craft Fair and the overwhelming response for membership signup; both generated the majority of the funds used for the mini-grants. Rest assured that in these austere budget times your PTSA is making a positive impact on the quality of life for our students and teachers. There is one area that I seek your help...General Membership Meeting attendance. Your opinion, ideas and advocacy counts and is needed. Plus having the Principal and staff on hand to give the highlights of recent activities and inform us on what's upcoming is invaluable. So, with my plea fresh in your mind I hope to see a large turnout at our next General Membership meeting on **February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria**. Scheduled to speak are: Ms Tessie Wilson, Vice Chairman, School Board Member Braddock District and Mr. John Cook, Braddock District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisor. Both guest speakers will be discussing the upcoming FCPS Budget. I am sure that you have many questions and concerns so please come prepared for a lively discussion. One last comment on the FCPS Budget, I ask that everyone become familiar with the issues as there are many opinions floating around and we need to be able to separate fact from fiction. One way to get educated is by signing up to attend the public forums and speak to the board if possible.

Robert Shaw, PTSA President 09-10  
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### Help Students Compute!

Computers for Bruins is a program that provides computers for students at Lake Braddock. The program is currently seeking donations of computers, flat screen monitors and printers (new and used).

To determine the specifications of the equipment we accept please contact Helene Hammer at [Helene.Hammer@fcps.edu](mailto:Helene.Hammer@fcps.edu) to schedule a drop off of your used or new computer.