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Message from the President, John Long

Hi Everyone,

Spring is upon us and you can sense the renewal in the air. I hope everyone is enjoying the good weather, and has plans to do something with your family over Spring Break, even if it's just re-connecting over dinner, sharing a favorite book or an evening walk through the neighborhood.

On the School Board front, I wanted to update you on a couple of items. By the time you receive this newsletter, the Board will have voted on the proposed Bell Schedule. If you're interested in reviewing the results of the online survey and summaries of the community dialogues, they are available on the FCPS web site: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/start.htm>.

Work on the FCPS Budget continues. The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on March 30-April 1, and the School Board will hold a work session on April 30 and public hearings on May 12 and 13. For a complete Budget calendar, visit the FCPS web site: <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/calendar/index.htm>.

Closer to home—at our own Lake Braddock—students, teachers, staff and parents are preparing for spring sports, concerts, performances and other activities. I hope everyone will take some time out to attend some of these school events and see our school community in action. It's a talented bunch. Make it a safe, interesting and restful Spring Break, and I look forward to seeing you next quarter.

Best regards,
John Long

Mark your calendar!

- March 28-29
Mulch pick up and delivery
- April 2
End of third quarter
- April 3
Teacher Work Day
No school for students
- April 6 to 10
Spring Break; no school
- April 13
Fourth quarter begins
- April 13
PTSA Board Meeting
7 pm in the Lecture Hall
- April 14
Hispanic Parents Meeting
- April 16
Deadline for PTSA scholarship application
- April 23
Crew Plant Sale

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"To be nobody but yourself—in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you like everyone else—means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight—and never stop fighting."
e. e. cummings

Hey Seniors! Get Ready for Your Baccalaureate!

Bacca-WHAT-eate??

Baccalaureate is a traditional, non-denominational ceremony held the night before graduation to celebrate high school graduation. It is attended by seniors, family and friends, and faculty and administration.

The LBSS Baccalaureate will be held Monday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Church on Braddock Road in Springfield. The Class of 2009 will select a faculty member to be the guest speaker. Members of the graduating class will provide inspirational messages, readings, and music.

Before the partying begins, take a moment to reflect on this important time in your life. We welcome you to invite family and friends and attend this ceremony. We hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead to Next Year...

The Reflections Theme for 09-10 is "Beauty is..." Start NOW looking for the beauty around you and get excited for Reflections.

Plan NOW to participate in the 2009 Craft Show. This is one of the PTSA's biggest fundraisers of the entire year, so plan now to get involved. Stay tuned for more details.

All-Night Grad Party 2009 "Class of '09 . . .It's Our Time!"

We're getting closer to the 2009 All-Night Grad Party, a massive celebration at Wakefield Recreation Center on graduation night 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 your admission ticket to the party.** For more information or to volunteer to help with the party, visit the PTSA website or contact ANGP Chair, Judy Dioquino at tddioquino@msn.com or Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Jubinsky at beavigator@msn.com. We'd love to have you join in this year's fun!



**Silent Auction
and Swing Dance
Put the Fun Back
in Fundraising**

The LB Choral Boosters offer many thanks for the tremendous support from all the Lake Braddock students and parents at the Swing Dance and Silent Auction held Feb 27. Principal Dave Thomas gets a special thank you for donating his parking spot for the event.

The approximately 300 people in attendance enjoyed singing and swing dancing by our own Select Women and LB Singers followed by group instruction led by our choral director, Megan Cartwright, and her husband, Chris.

The Silent Auction offered beautiful, creative baskets made by the students, vacation get-a-ways and many enticing packages donated by local merchants. A \$5 ticket purchased at the door covered all this plus a yummy assortment of refreshments including Firehouse subs, fruits and veggies, popcorn, root beer floats and home-made baked goods. It was a wonderful, fun-filled family event and brought in about \$7000. Thanks to all who helped in large and small ways to make this event such a huge success!

**BRUIN CREW TEAM ANNUAL
PLANT SALE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009
9 AM - 3 PM (RAIN OR SHINE)
Lake Braddock HS Parking Lot

Spring is just around the corner!! Your garden can live up to all your dreams! **HUGE Annual Plant Sale sponsored by the Lake Braddock Crew Team** can get you started! The sale features many options of Annuals (including pansies, begonias, impatiens, geraniums and so much more) and Perennials, Potting Soil, Hanging Baskets, Mulch and Topsoil. FREE delivery option with purchase of 20+ bags of mulch or topsoil.

This event is a major fundraiser for the team, which is not supported by school or county funds. Our rowers will be out in the community offering **ADVANCE SALE** vouchers for the plant sale. You have the option of paying for your voucher ahead of the sale, which will make your transaction and pick-up easy on the day of the sale. Many families look forward to this wonderful event and the opportunity to jumpstart the color in their yards!

REMEMBER THE DATE: **PLANT SALE**
- Sunday, APRIL 26, 2009 9AM -
3PM in the Lake Braddock Parking
Lot