



Bruin Voices

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Message from the President, John Long

Hello everyone,

So little time, so much going on! Two months into the school year and we've already seen many results of the continued efforts of the PTSA and Lake Braddock partnership.

- A great start to record membership for the PTSA
- The second annual Bruin Blast
- The publication of the Student/Faculty Directory.
- A terrific fundraiser at Great Harvest Bread Company in Burke.
- The "Reflections" program.
- A successful Arts & Crafts Showcase
- "Teacher of the Year" selection.

Don't forget that we require continuing donations for two programs that directly benefit our kids.

- **Computers for Bruins** needs donations of computers and printers. The type of equipment we're looking for is posted in this edition of Bruin Voices and on the PTSA web site. Simply contact Helene Hammer at Helene.Hammer@fcps.edu to schedule a drop off of your used computer.
- **Caring by Sharing** collects school supplies for distribution to Lake Braddock kids. Donations can be left at the Middle School guidance office.

We still need volunteers for the Baccalaureate service. Please contact Susan Pehrsson at spehrsson@cox.net if you can help.

Two of our school publications were awarded First Place honors for journalistic excellence from the Virginia High school League for the 2007-08 school year. The Bear Facts, Kathryn Helmke, advisor, was awarded First Place honors in the newspaper competition; and the Lair, Ashley Yuckenberg, advisor, was awarded First Place honors in the yearbook competition. Congratulations to the students and advisors!

Your voice, your time, your energy—they all matter to our children, the school and the community. Thanks for making Lake Braddock a place where all students can learn and grow in the best environment possible.

Best, John

Mark your calendar!

Nov 27-28

Thanksgiving Holiday
No School
Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec 1

LBABC Meeting
7 pm Faculty Dining Room

Dec 3

MS Orchestra Concert
7:30 pm, Little Theatre

Dec 4

HS Orchestra Concert,
7:30 pm

Dec 8

Financial Aid Workshop
7 pm Lecture Hall

Dec 9

MS Band Concert
7:30 pm

Dec 10

Guitar Concert
7:30 pm

Dec 11

HS Band Concert
7:30 pm

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"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined."
Horace Mann

Computers for Bruins



If you have an extra computer at home, please consider donating it to Computers for Bruins. Lake Braddock relies on donations from parents and friends of the school to make computers available to students in need. Computers for Bruins matches your "retired" computer with a student who will put it to work. Students will thank you, the school will thank you, and Uncle Sam will thank you at tax time for your donation.

Here are the guidelines for the computers we are requesting:

- CPU: PC or MAC, no more than 5 years old. If possible, please include keyboard, mouse, and power cord.
- Monitor: Good working condition is a must. We need these sizes: CRT: at least 17"; LCD: at least 15".
- Software: Include original installation disk if possible. This is especially helpful for operating systems (Windows, MAC OS), which are costly to purchase.
- Printers: Good working condition, please. We are looking for a minimum of half-full tanks of ink. If you have a printer/fax/scanner unit, we will consider purchasing ink. Please check first.

Your donation of a computer, printer, or software will really help us help LBSS students. Thank you so much.

For more information, contact Helene Hammer at helene.hammer@fcps.edu.

Subscribe to PTSA Enews!

LBSS PTSA's weekly enews provides information on Lake Braddock and PTSA events. Email a photo of Bruin pride moments--parents, students, or teachers--and it may be featured as Photo of the Week! All PTSA members should receive enews as part of membership. If you are not receiving your copy, email ptsae-news@verizon.net.



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LBSS PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase A Great Success!

The 23rd Annual PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase was held on Saturday, October 25. Nearly 100 crafters displayed an array of handmade pottery, dolls, jewelry, wood items, specialty foods, linens, art, and many more one-of-a-kind handmade items. Many school organizations participated in the show selling their spirit wear and other items. Nearly 900 shoppers braved the rainy weather to shop at this year's show. Thanks to the generosity of our crafters, local merchants, school clubs, and others who donated to the Silent Auction, we had our most successful ever Silent Auction. Our Craft Show is the major PTSA fundraiser each year and all proceeds from the show are used to support the students and teachers of Lake Braddock.

Volunteers make this show a success. The wonderful parents and students at Lake Braddock generously donated their time to ensure a successful show. We've tried to list the names of all who helped, but may have missed a few. We want all to know that your efforts were greatly appreciated. **Volunteers:** Cindy Abernathy, Theresa Apolinario, Mark, Mary, and Max Baran, Aggie and Joe Buckley, Kim Burns, JeriAnne Carbone, Amy Clemson, Peggy Clift, Jennifer Demchak, Jacqueline Dupuy, Phil Fick, Terri and Tom Folse, Monique Fraedrich, Maria Galligan, Sharon Gottlieb, Janet Granito, Farah Greeley, Derek Green, Christina Groover, Mel Hafer, Alissa Hamby, Sara Hammersley, Martha Hammond, Karen Horvath, Elizabeth and Emma Hurst, Peggy Jackman, Lynn Jankowski, Chris Kamerow, Suzanne and Dani Klein, Jo Koeniger, Joy Kubik, Pam Lieber, Gabby Lindemann, Margaret Lynch, Bev Magida, Anthony Mancini, Jane Markowitz, Monica Mazumdar, Jong Sook Moon, Alison Neary, Maria Teresa Ordonez-Rey, Ann Pierpoint, Patti Pratusch, Dana Reilly, Tara Rodi, Adam Roethe, Libby and Kristina Roller, Shelley and Courtney Sabo, Dani and Jake Sage, Shirley Scrafford, Arlene Singer, Caleb Sohl, Amy Soos, Debra Stafford, Mary Sue Szkaik, Terri Stevens, Alex Tellez, Michelle Tkac, Judy and Rachel Ulmer, Donna Viens, Nelle Vinas, Debbie Walker, Mr. Wu and Derek Wu.

SPECIAL THANKS to the committee chairs: Mary Roth Hill and Marsha Martin - Silent Auction; Robyn Trump and June Kaitz - Concession Stand; Ed Hartman - Signs; Mark Baran - Publicity; Lori Sage - Volunteers. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to the "floor markers" - Kay, Dave, and Wade Robinson, Kathy and Nick Carson, and Marsha Martin.

We also appreciated the assistance of the LBSS administrators and staff - Dave Thomas, Scot Turner, Michelle Birkenstock, Mark Martino, Val Carter, Bev Taylor and Paula Seng in the front office, Guery, Su, David and the rest of the custodial staff. And a REALLY BIG THANK YOU to the PTSA Executive Committee -- John Long, Susan Pehrsson, Judy Dioquino, Robert Shaw, and Cynthia Dupuy -- for your support and on-site assistance.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP!



Student News: SHOUT it OUT!

Make sure you read the BEAR FACTS and if you have any news you want to share, then put in a SHOUT OUT and your message will appear in the next issue of the paper! Shout outs can be anything from a happy birthday, happy holidays, or just a congratulations for a friend. Messages can include pictures if you wish, but all images and messages must be appropriate according to Fairfax County guidelines. Costs will depend on the length of the message. (up to 20 words: \$10, up to 20 words with picture \$20; 21 to 40 words \$15, 21 to 40 words with picture \$25). To get a submission form or if you have any questions, email Kathryn Helmke at kathryn.helmke@fcps.edu.

PTSA At a Glance: FAQs

Why is it PTSA? Why not just PTA?

Good question! Most schools in our area are PTA schools—the organization is open to parents and teachers. We have the additional letter because we also invite high school students to join our organization. Students are part of the PTSA committee, attend meetings, and give reports. This means our students have an active voice in their school.

What is that National PTA logo on the first page?

Lake Braddock is proud to have earned recognition as a National School of Excellence. That means the National PTA has recognized our PTSA as a parent involvement school of excellence. This certification is the result of countless hours of effort by our PTSA members. Thank you all for your support.

What is the All Night Grad Party?

The All Night Grad Party (ANGP) is a safe, alcohol-free event that the PTSA provides each year for our graduating seniors. Even though the ANGP is held in June, work is already underway. It takes months to plan and carry out such a fabulous undertaking. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate in this yearly event.

Why should I join the LBSS PTSA?

The LBSS PTSA serves all students at Lake Braddock, middle and high school, as well as their families and the community. We encourage parent involvement, teacher support, and student excellence. We rely on members to provide us the resources to serve our school.