

# Bruin Voices



Lake Braddock Secondary

**PTSA**

everychild.onevoice.

[www.fcps.k12.va.us/LakeBraddockSS](http://www.fcps.k12.va.us/LakeBraddockSS)

[www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org)

Back-to-School Night

September 27-28, 2004

## What Does the Lake Braddock PTSA Do?

PTSA stands for Parent-Teacher-Student Association. The LBSS PTSA serves all students at Lake Braddock, both middle and high school. We encourage parental involvement through extensive volunteer activities. Parents, teachers, and students are kept informed through our monthly newsletter, *Bruin Voices*. We participate in developing the annual School Plan and sponsor staff appreciation events, including the "Teacher of the Year" award. The PTSA-supported Reflections contest and Virginia Essay contests provide cultural enrichment for many students. Everyday classroom activities are enhanced through mini-grants funded for special projects. The MentorWorks program pairs caring adults with our students to raise self-esteem and pass on valuable life skills. The teacher mini-grant program funds direct classroom enrichment and enhances education for our students, and the All-Night Graduation Party provides a safe, alcohol-free environment for our celebrating seniors. Annually, LBSS PTSA funds two scholarships for graduating seniors. General PTSA programs are funded through membership dues and annual craft fair proceeds. The All-Night Graduation Party is financed separately by special fund-raising events.



The PTA/PTSA organization is noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan and does not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

## Membership

Showing your support for the PTSA by becoming a member is easy. Just fill out the enrollment form and return it with dues of \$12 for each member to: *LBSS PTSA Membership, P.O. Box 11252, Burke, VA 22009*. Please indicate your child's subschool on the form. If you want to receive a membership card, check the appropriate space on the form. PTSA membership is open to students in grades 9-12 as well as adult members of our community. You may hold membership in one or more local PTA/PTSA units by paying dues as required by each local unit. For example, you may join the LBSS PTSA and the PTA/PTSA at the elementary school that your other children attend. Go to [lbssptsa.org](http://lbssptsa.org) for a copy of the 2004-2005 membership form.

## Stay Informed

*Bruin Voices*, the monthly PTSA newsletter, is inserted in issues of the **Bear Facts**, the high school student newspaper that is mailed to all Lake Braddock SS students. Additionally, *Bruin Voices* is posted in pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format on the LBSS home page at [www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS](http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS). Your observations and suggestions about the scope and content of the newsletter are welcome. For information about the LBSS PTSA, contact PTSA President *Trenda Jacocks* at [LBPTSAPres@aol.com](mailto:LBPTSAPres@aol.com) or visit the PTSA website at [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org).

## LBSS PTSA Executive Board, 2004-2005

<i>President:</i>	Trenda Jacocks	703/440-1088
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</i> (high school):	Pat Fausser	703/455-4812
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</i> (middle school):	Nancy Clements	703/912-9306
<i>Secretary:</i>	Ginger Murray	703/913-7898
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Reecie Ford	703/426-1938

## LBSS Representatives

Principal:	Linda Burke	703/426-1203
Teachers: Middle School:	Susie Boyle	
High School:	Helene Hammer	
<i>Students:</i> SGA Leadership class representatives		

**All-Night Graduation Party: Chair TBA**

Duties: Organizes and runs the annual PTSA-sponsored drug and alcohol-free All-Night Graduation Party for the senior class held on graduation night.

**Awards: Chair Laura Redmon, 703/690-5062**

Duties: Coordinates and submits applications for special awards and honors throughout the year, including nominations for Teacher of the Year.

**Baccalaureate: Chair Lecia Dorfler, 703/250-1719**

Duties: Coordinates the annual non-denominational Baccalaureate program for graduating seniors.

**Boundary/School Board Representative: Susan Pehrsson, 703/323-6847**

Duties: Represents Lake Braddock's interests on issues affecting school boundaries. Monitors the actions of the school board pertaining to the FCPS budget and school board issues and keeps the LBSS PTSA informed.

**Box Tops for Education: Co-chairs Patti Rothwell, 703/451-9312, and Kathy Laing, 703/455-3707**

Duties: Promote and publicize the Box Tops for Education program, which funds teacher mini-grants.

**Coalition Coordinator: Chair Kathy Zupan, 703/978-7049**

Duties: Promotes awareness and prevention of youth violence and drug use in Fairfax County. Supports middle school after-school program, peer mediation, mentoring, youth leadership development, community enforcement, parent education seminars, community awareness projects, and more.

**Communications: Co-chairs Trish Moncada, 703/250-5570, and Jill Landsman, 703/440-5948**

Duties: Publish the PTSA newsletter, Bruin Voices; post the newsletter to LBSS homepage. Contact PTSA membership by email with breaking PTSA news and items of interest to the membership.

**Community Relations/Outreach: Chair Joanna Denny, 703/866-7654**

Duties: Coordinates with PTSAs of Lake Braddock SS feeder schools to ensure smooth transitions and to address and promote common concerns. Acts as liaison with diverse segments of the LBSS community to build communication and relationships. Organizes annual networking coffee with PTA presidents of LBSS elementary feeder schools.

**Craft Fair: Chair Nicky Polis, 703/503-7346**

Duties: Organizes and runs the annual fall Craft Fair, our primary PTSA fundraiser.

**Cultural Arts (Reflections Program): Co-chairs Sue Brantlinger, 703-455-2569, and Amy Cartwright, 703/690-7578**

Duties: Plan and run the national PTA Reflections Program at Lake Braddock SS. Coordinate judging for the Virginia PTA Citizenship Essay Project; coordinate the middle school essay contest.

**Education: Co-chairs Susan Conant, 703/323-9261, and Nancy Clements, 703/912-9306**

Duties: Keep the PTSA informed on current education issues such as SOL, SOQ, special education, gifted and talented programs, *et al.* Coordinate annual PTSA teacher mini-grants.

**Giant, Safeway and Other Promotions: Chair Pauline Pavlakos, 703/239-2627**

Duties: Promotes and coordinates the Giant and Safeway food stores educational programs that provide funding for LBSS technology needs through sign-ups for parents and friends of Lake Braddock. Coordinates any other business programs that will fund PTSA programs such as teacher grants and direct educational enrichment for students.

**Health & Safety/Programs: Chair Arlene Singer, 703/425-7151**

Duties: Keeps PTSA informed on welfare issues such as health, substance abuse, teen driving, violence. Promotes school and family safety.

**Hospitality: Chair Carol Brigleb, 703/644-4211**

Duties: Provides expression of appreciation throughout the school year for Lake Braddock SS faculty, administrators, staff, and bus drivers, including luncheons, baked goods, etc.

**Legislation: Chair Susan McCannell, 703/978-0121**

Duties: Coordinates the polling of Lake Braddock PTSA members on PTA local, state and national legislative positions of concern. Acts as liaison with the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and Virginia PTA on legislative issues.

**Membership: Chair Susie Schoen, 703/323-4905**

Duties: Enrolls members, collects membership dues, and maintains an up-to-date list of current members. Encourages and promotes PTSA membership. Publishes and distributes the annual purple directory of LBSS information given gratis with PTSA membership.

**MentorWorks: Co-chairs Kathy Zupan, 703/978-7049, and Robyn Trump, 703/913-6177**

Duties: Coordinate the PTSA MentorWorks program for middle school and high school. Recruit and train mentors. Work with school counselors to coordinate the program.

**Middle School After-School Program: Chair Beverly Magida, 703/821-3055, bev.magida@verizon.net**

Duties: Recruits and trains adult volunteers to assist or lead after-school activities for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Collaborates with LBSS staff to develop recreational programs and academic services for these students.

**Minority Parents Representative/Cultural Ambassador Program: Co-chairs Lilian Ancalle, 703/764-1973, Brenda Taylor, 703/455-9468, and Jean Kim, 703/455-4508**

Duties: Represent the views and needs of minority groups on PTSA issues. Coordinate the Cultural Ambassador Program, which provides Language Ambassador parent volunteers at Back-to-School Night and other PTSA sponsored events. Work closely with staff parent liaisons on issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

**Programs/Parent Forums: Co-chairs Suzanne Gaudian, 703/440-5195, and Tracy McCarthy, 703/455-6459**

Duties: Research and organize appropriate and informative educational programs to present to the PTSA membership for general membership meeting as well as any special parent forums during the year.

**Volunteer Coordination: Chair Kathy Carson, 703/912-9041, lbssvolunteers@rcarson.com**

Duties: Compiles volunteer form responses and provides names of volunteers to school and PTSA committees. Recruits volunteers for specific jobs as requested by faculty and staff and provides lists of recruited volunteers to requesters. Compiles statistics of volunteer hours provided during the school year from all groups involved in school activities (PTSA, Booster clubs, etc.) and prepares the annual LBSS school volunteer program report. Organizes awards ceremony receptions and reports event breakdowns (donations, purchases, etc.). Organizes a "coffee" to thank volunteers at the end of the school year.

---

## Making the College Connection: Annual College Fair/College Night

High school students and their families are encouraged to attend these two events to explore post-graduation educational opportunities:

### College Fair 2004

Fair Oaks Mall  
Sunday, October 17  
7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

### College Night 2004

Hayfield Secondary School  
Monday, October 18  
7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Approximately 400 colleges and universities will be represented, including two-year and four-year colleges, business schools, and nursing schools. In addition, College Night 2004 will offer workshops related to college admissions.

Contact Career Center Specialist Judy Edwards (*Judy.Edwards@fcps.edu*, 703/426-1192) for more information.

### College Night Workshops will include

- Attending and affording private colleges
- College athletics and the NCAA
- Considerations in the college admissions process for students with disabilities
- Financial aid
- Successful strategies for college-bound minority students
- Writing college application essays.

For updates, visit the College Fair/Night website: [www.fcps.k12.va.us/DSSSE/CollegeFairNight.htm](http://www.fcps.k12.va.us/DSSSE/CollegeFairNight.htm). Links to participating colleges are also available.

---

## Keep in Touch

Things are changing every day at LBSS. This will be a busy year full of surprises. The quickest way to stay informed is through the FCPS **Keep in Touch** system. Register to receive information from Fairfax County Public Schools at <http://www.fcps.edu> (Click on yellow "Keep in Touch" box). Once you register, you will receive messages based on your personal profile and the interests you indicate. A link to **Keep in Touch** is also located on the PTSA website: [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org). Information may include:

- ▶ Updates from Lake Braddock's Principal Linda Burke
  - ▶ Emergency announcements such as school closings due to inclement weather
  - ▶ Budget information
  - ▶ *Familygram* newsletter for parents
- Sign up today so we can "keep in touch."



## LB MentorWorks

You can make a difference in the life of a student! In as little as 30 minutes a week, you can be a mentor to a student and help him/her benefit from positive interaction with a nonparental adult role model, learn life skills, improve self-esteem, and more. This program is supported by PTSA volunteers and the LBSS guidance department. Learn more about the program on Tuesday, October 19, 2003, at 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the faculty dining room at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Contact LB MentorWorks Coordinators Kathy Zupan, 703/978-7049, or Robyn Trump, 703/913-6177, for more information on how to become a mentor or how to refer a student to the program.

The 19th Annual  
**ARTS & CRAFTS SHOWCASE**

A Juried Fine Arts & Crafts Show  
Saturday, November 6, 2004  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Lake Braddock Secondary School  
9200 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015  
Over 100 Artists displaying their work

Get a Head Start on Your  
Holiday Shopping...  
Sponsored by the LBSS PTSA  
(lbspsa.org)

## Attention Adults and Middle School Students

The Lake Braddock Middle School After-School program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin on Wednesdays and Thursdays (late bus days) in October. If your student is interested in participating in various fun activities, i.e. bingo, dance, frisbee, martial arts, sports activities, chess/ checkers, homework club, etc., contact Merry Baxter, Subscool 2 Principal, at 703/426-1121. If you are an adult willing to volunteer your time to help or lead any of these activities or if you have other areas of interest, please contact Beverly Magida, PTSA Coordinator at 703/821-3055, [bev.magida@verizon.net](mailto:bev.magida@verizon.net).

---

Are you interested in being a vendor in the Craft Show?  
Contact Nicky Polis at 703/503-7346.

---

## Sign Up to Share

Sign up for education! Donate to LBSS PTSA simply by shopping as you normally do. Be sure to redesignate LBSS every year. All funds earned through the programs listed here are directed to PTSA teacher grants, technology needs, and direct educational enrichment for students. Contact Pauline Pavlakos, 703/239-2627, [lbss\\_pavlakos@msn.com](mailto:lbss_pavlakos@msn.com) with questions about these programs.

### Harris Teeter

[www.harristeeter.com/community/vic\\_link\\_info.php](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/vic_link_info.php)



### Giant

[www.giantfood.com/bonuscard\\_aplus.htm](http://www.giantfood.com/bonuscard_aplus.htm)



### Food Lion

[https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/ RegisterMVPCards.asp](https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/RegisterMVPCards.asp)



### Verizon

[www2.verizon.com/foryourhome/ExtraCredit/enrolled.asp](http://www2.verizon.com/foryourhome/ExtraCredit/enrolled.asp)



### Safeway

<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>



### Office Depot

<http://www.officedepot.com/promo.do?file=/promo/backtoschool/5percent.jsp>

Office DEPOT

Donate funds directly to LBSS by using your Target card when shopping at a Target store or at Target.com. [http://target.com/target\\_group/community\\_giving/take\\_charge\\_of\\_education.jhtml](http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/take_charge_of_education.jhtml)



## Get Involved in Your Child's Education

- ▶ Join PTSA—stop by the membership table or join online at [www.lbsspsa.org](http://www.lbsspsa.org).
- ▶ Bookmark the LBSS and PTSA websites.
- ▶ Volunteer—fill out a paper form or sign up online.
- ▶ Sign up online for **Keep in Touch** and PTSA email.
- ▶ Support LBSS fundraisers and promotions, collect boxtops, or make a donation to LBSS PTSA or booster organizations.
- ▶ Read Bruin Voices each month and attend publicized parent meetings.
- ▶ Know your child's teachers; get their email addresses at Back-to-School Night.
- ▶ Support booster organizations—become an active part of the LBSS community.
- ▶ Attend and support your child's school activities.