



# Bruin Voices

Lake Braddock Secondary

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## Message from the President

Dear Lake Braddock Parents, Teachers, and Students,

So little time, so much going on! Two months into the school year we've already seen many results of the continued efforts of the PTSA and Lake Braddock partnership. Dedicated members and volunteers have given time for the benefit of our school community. Thank you to our volunteers and everyone who has supported the PTSA efforts.

We are sad to see Linda Burke leave our Lake Braddock community, but we wish her the best as Assistant Superintendent for Cluster VII. The selection process for a new principal is under way. I'm confident our teachers, parents and students will ensure that Lake Braddock continues to excel.

If you haven't joined PTSA, now is the time. Download the membership form at [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org). And however much time you would have to participate, download the PTSA volunteer form from the web site or contact our volunteer coordinator, Kathy Carson, at [lbssvolunteers@rcarson.com](mailto:lbssvolunteers@rcarson.com) to get involved. Special call: Baccalaureate and a Ways and Means committee to help support our kids, families and teachers. Contact me at [lbptsapres@verizon.net](mailto:lbptsapres@verizon.net) if you can help.

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

John Long, PTSA President 07-08  
[lbptsapres@verizon.net](mailto:lbptsapres@verizon.net)

Mark your  
calendar!



**November 12**  
**Winter Sports Tryouts**

**November 19**  
PTSA Board Meeting  
7 pm Lecture Hall

**November 21**  
2-hour early release

**November 22-23**  
No school  
Happy Thanksgiving

Everywhere you look at Lake Braddock, you'll see evidence of the PTSA at work. Please join us in providing these essential services and programs to our school. JOIN TODAY!!

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## Membership Matters

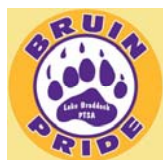
Joining the LBSS PTSA is one of the most important ways to support students and teachers throughout the school year. The LBSS PTSA is actively involved in student enrichment activities. To join or stay up to date on school events and activities, visit [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org).

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Pauline Pavlakos at [lbss\\_pavlakos@msn.com](mailto:lbss_pavlakos@msn.com) or 703-239-2627. Thank you for your support.

## Handy Links and Other Tips

**Weekly E-News Delivery:** If you have information for the PTSAenews, contact [PTSAenews@cox.net](mailto:PTSAenews@cox.net) by midnight on Saturday.

**Career Center Link:** For college and career info, visit: [http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/career\\_center/career\\_center.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS/career_center/career_center.htm)



## Show Your Bruin Pride!

The popular Bruin Pride magnets are available for \$4 each. Contact [ncspta@yahoo.com](mailto:ncspta@yahoo.com) or visit the PTSA website, [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org) for more information.

## Your PTSA at Work: Did You Know?

Students and parents of the Lake Braddock community should be proud of the school/home partnership!

In the short time since school started, the LBSS PTSA has accomplished several milestones:

- A great start to record membership drive for PTSA.
- Assistance with a very successful new event: the Bruin Blast.
- A PTSA-sponsored School Board Candidates "Meet and Greet" and a Lake Braddock Character Education program with Sub-school Principal Nancy Rottenecker.
- Another very successful Arts & Crafts Showcase, a community event that supports programs for students.
- The publication of the first-ever Student/Faculty Directory packed with useful information for everyone in the school.

Use the county's "[Keep in Touch](#)" system to stay informed about major events at Lake Braddock and other schools. Once you have registered, you will receive e-mail announcements of school closings, late openings, or other messages based on your personal profile and the interests you indicate. Visit the LBSS PTSA website, [www.lsbptsa.org](http://www.lsbptsa.org), to register.

## PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase a BIG Success!



The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Showcase was held on Saturday, October 20. We had a beautiful fall day which helped to bring out the nearly 1000 shoppers who browsed our 104 booths. Shoppers were able to buy handmade wood items, jewelry, pottery, art, fudge, dolls, linens, and many more unique and handmade items. Our Craft Show is the major PTSA fundraiser each year and provides money for programs here at Lake Braddock, including mini-grants for teachers and scholarships for students. Volunteers are the backbone of our show and are what makes our show so successful each year. Whether you helped crafters set up and take down, lined the floors, served food from the concession stand, helped with the silent auction, put up signs, collected admission fees, sold 50/50 raffle tickets, were a "runner" during the show, or performed one of the numerous important tasks that make this show a success, WE THANK YOU!

Special thanks to committee chairs: Robyn Trump and June Kaitz - Concessions; Mel Hafer - our Coffee Gal; Mary Roth Hill and Marcia Martin- Silent Auction; Ed Hartman, Becky Summers, Kathryn Mann, Megan Purdy and their SGA students - Signs; Carol Miller - Volunteers; Mary and Mark Baran - Publicity. Thank you to ALL of our PTSA adult and student volunteers. You ALL made our job so much easier. We also much appreciated the assistance of the LBSS administrators and staff - Linda Burke, Scot Turner, Michelle Birkenstock, Mark Martino, Val Carter, Beverly and Paula in the main office, Gary and Sue and the custodial staff. And a BIG THANK YOU to the PTSA Executive Board for your support and on-site assistance.

Finally, thanks to our vendors and the following members of the Lake Braddock community for their generous contributions to our silent auction and craft show:

Starbucks - Huntsman	Hunan West (Kings Park)
Sign-a-Rama (540-548-1515)	Subway
Kilroy's - Springfield	Outback - Twinbrook
Giant Food - Huntsman	Chick-Fil-A
Giant Food - Burke Rd	Interstate Van Lines
Giant Food - Burke Centre	EC's Closet
Safeway - Old Keene Mill	Aladdin's Eatery- Burke
Safeway - Burke Centre	Spartan's - Burke
Armand's Pizza - Burke	Chesapeake Bagel - Springfield
Walmart - Burke	
Carol Miller, Creative Memories Director 703-503-1204	
Mary Roth Hill, Long & Foster Realtors 703-266-3022	

***Bonnie Conte & Nicky Polis, Craft Fair Co-Chairs***

## Student Corner



As a PTSA, Lake Braddock is one of the few schools that includes student voices in its parent/teacher organization. Each grade has a student representative:

- Grade 9: Max Baran  
Grade 10: Tyler Wallace  
Grade 11: Andrew Rothwell  
Grade 12: Philip Norton  
Chris Pavlakos

Bruin Voices is pleased to include reports from student representatives. If you have something you would like included, please contact your grade level representative and make your voice heard!

**Max Baran, Grade 9:** Homecoming was a successful event and there were many comments about how much fun it was. Everyone loves the new improvements to the school. Thank you, Mrs. Burke, for working so hard to complete the new classrooms, cafeteria and gym for all of the freshman for our high school years.

**Tyler Wallace, Grade 10:** The Class of 2010 is off to a great start! Homecoming Week was filled with school spirit! The theme of our float was "Love in the 1960s" and came in second. We took PSAT's on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling class t-shirts and hoodies in the next couple of weeks.

## Booster Club News

**Crew:** The team enjoyed a great turnout for Experience Rowing Day. Thanks to all who participated! The Registration and General Membership meeting will be held November 8 at 7:30 pm in the LBSS Lecture Hall. Pre-conditioning starts December 3, and the Regatta Season begins February 25, 2008. For more information, visit [www.bruincrew.com](http://www.bruincrew.com).

**Athletics:** Bruin athletes, don't forget! All winter sports tryouts begin on Monday, November 12. Visit our website, [www.lbsports.org](http://www.lbsports.org), for more information.

**Academics:** The Academic Boosters are sponsoring ACT and SAT practice tests during November. Visit the school website for more info.

## Congratulations, Mrs. Burke

The LBSS PTSA is pleased to congratulate Mrs. Burke, our Lake Braddock Principal, on her nomination as the new Assistant Superintendent for Cluster VII schools.

We at Lake Braddock have been fortunate to have Mrs. Burke with us for the past 10 years.

Thank you for everything, Mrs. Burke, and BEST of BRUIN luck in your new job!!

