



# 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

Last Friday, November 6, I had the pleasure of watching the Middle School Theatre presentation of "Ain't Misbehaving". Although I had seen this play before, I was riveted to the performance just as if it were the first time. The students did a superb job of delivering their lines, the songs were vibrant and their acting was of a high quality. The enthusiasm was infectious all through the theatre and everyone was so proud of the event. I cannot believe that this was the first exclusively Middle School Theatre presentation in eight years...let's not wait another eight years please. Obviously, there are a lot of people who made this happen...students, teachers and parents. Our thanks go out to them for a job well done.

I want to encourage the teachers who have worked tirelessly to help their students not only in the classroom but in the many activities in which they are involved. It takes a lot of dedication and sacrifice to be wearing so many hats. These are the teachers I meet every time I visit LBSS.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming FCPS budget deliberations and decisions. I would suggest that we get familiar and knowledgeable on the issues. Plan to attend public hearings, while there sign up to address the school officials, and follow-up with letter writing campaigns to our board members.

Again thanks to everyone who supported our Craft Fair. Many people braved the inclement weather on that day and ensured that we had a successful event. Most of the proceeds will be used to fund the mini-grants for projects submitted by teachers at LBSS.

In closing, I would like to inform our student representatives that we are looking forward to hearing from them at our meetings. There are still three vacancies to be filled: one 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and two 12<sup>th</sup> Grade positions. If you are interested please contact Ms Patti Rothwell at [rothwellb@cox.net](mailto:rothwellb@cox.net)

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### Mark your calendar!

- November 25  
Early Release
- November 26, 27  
Thanksgiving holiday  
No school
- November 30  
Meet the Coaches night
- December 1  
HS Orchestra Concert
- December 3  
MS Orchestra Concert
- December 8  
Hispanic Parents' Meeting
- December 10  
MPEE Meeting
- December 15  
HS Choir & Symphony Concert
- December 17  
MS Choir Concert

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"We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained."

Marie Curie, 1867-1934, Physicist

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**Membership Matters**

You already know joining the PTSA means becoming a part of an organization whose mission is helping your child and others to succeed in their education and future lives.

BUT it also means you are a part of some of the biggest success stories in history. Programs promoted and championed by the PTSA are still around helping the students of today - kindergarten classes, hot lunches, child labor laws and mandatory immunization.

Join now. Please visit the website [www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org) to download a membership form and address to mail or email Elizabeth Hurst at [eahurst@cox.net](mailto:eahurst@cox.net) for more information.

**Community Dialogues on Budget**

Due to public demand, Fairfax County and FCPS will hold three additional community dialogue sessions to discuss the FY 2011 budget on Wednesday, December 2. The sessions will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at three locations:

- \* Lake Braddock Secondary School
- \* Hayfield Secondary School
- \* Herndon High School

To register for one of these sessions, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget). Additional information is available on the county's budget web site or by calling 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

Your voice is needed to ensure our children's future. Please attend.

**Look for us ONLINE from now on! Starting with our next issue, the Bruin Voices will be published online at the PTSA website ([www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org)). Check frequently for updates and all the info you need on the many activities of the PTSA.**

**"Caring by Sharing"**

Thanks to everyone participating in this program. Please consider contributing throughout the year.

For more information, please contact Shelly Bralich, 703-912-9233, [shelly999@verizon.net](mailto:shelly999@verizon.net).

**ANGP Update**

The ANGP is one of the most exciting activities of the year.

Please contact Tammy at [tamykafami@gmail.com](mailto:tamykafami@gmail.com) to find out more about how you can help.