



Bruin Voices

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Message from the President

Dear Lake Braddock Parents, Teachers and Students,

Welcome back! As president of the Lake Braddock PTSA, I wish you a rewarding 2007-08, full of challenges and opportunities. There are many great things for you to be a part of at Lake Braddock. I hope you'll join our efforts to support and enrich the educational experience at our newly renovated school. Your participation can make a huge difference to your kids, your students, your classmates, and the community.

If you haven't had a chance to join the PTSA yet, you can download the membership form from the PTSA web site at www.lbssptsa.org. Your membership and participation in Lake Braddock's nationally recognized PTSA supports many valuable programs, including student scholarships, teacher mini-grants, computers for Bruins, the MentorWorks program, an All Night Grad Party, the Reflections and Virginia Essay Contests, and many others.

Stay up-to-date with the PTSA web site and the weekly *PTSAe-news*, which is sent to PTSA members, and *Bruin Voices*, which offers perspectives from parents, teachers and students on the happenings at Lake Braddock.

I'm looking forward to a great year ahead and the many new partnerships that will be made to further every parent, teacher and student's goals for education. Join us in our pursuit of "Bruins—Beyond the Best!"

John Long, PTSA President 07-08
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Mark your calendar!

October 8

Columbus Day (No school)

October 16

PTSA General Membership Meeting

October 20

PTSA Arts & Craft Showcase 9am-3pm

October 22

Reflections Deadline

October 25

TJHSST applications due to guidance

October 26

Teacher of the Year nominations due

November 2

First Quarter ends

November 19

PTSA Board Meeting

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Stay up-to-date. Subscribe to our PTSA News Service and we'll notify you regarding special events and dates you'll need to know about. Visit www.lbssptsa.org and subscribe.

Membership Matters

Do you know YOUR membership is the biggest supporter of PTSA programs? Thanks to all of you who have already joined and we look forward to signing many more members!

PARENTS, your support provides direct services to your students at LBSS. Join with other parents in supporting our school.

High School STUDENTS, for only \$5.00, you can join the PTSA and you will be able to say that you are a member. Not all schools have a PTSA (Parent, Teacher, **Student** Association), so you will stand out on college and job applications!

STAFF members who join PTSA by October 12 will be entered into a drawing at the PTSA General Meeting on October 16 for one of four \$25 gift certificates to Staples.

The cost of membership is \$15 for adults, \$10 for staff, and \$5 for students. Please mail your check, payable to LBSS PTSA Membership, P.O. Box 11252, Burke, VA 22009-1252.

This year the PTSA is offering the Student/Staff directory as a thank you gift for membership.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Pauline Pavlakos at lbss_pavlakos@msn.com or 703-239-2627. Thank you for your support.

The Bruin Blast was a great success! Join us for other family activities through the year.

Your PTSA at Work

Here are just a few of the enriching programs and activities sponsored by your PTSA:

Staff appreciation events, to thank teachers and other staff members at our school who give so much to our students.



The Reflections and Virginia Essay contests, which encourage cultural and artistic expression among students.

MentorWorks, through which we pair students with caring adults who can pass on valuable life skills and help raise self esteem.

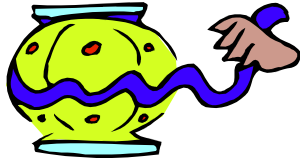


The famous **All-Night Grad Party**, which offers an alcohol-free celebration for graduating seniors. The PTSA also awards eight scholarships each year for graduating seniors.

Computers for Bruins, through which the PTSA makes computers available for students in need.



Be part of the action. Join PTSA!



Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase

Join us for the 22nd annual Lake Braddock Secondary School PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase on Saturday, October 20 from 9am to 3pm at Lake Braddock. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and free for children. In previous years, more than 1,200 patrons have supported the school and enjoyed the crafts, fine arts, and holiday merchandise.

More than 100 crafters and artisans will be displaying handmade jewelry, pottery, woodcrafts, photography, original artwork, and much more. What a great opportunity to find great gifts, make new friends, mingle with neighbors, and support the school at the same time! All proceeds support PTSA activities and teacher mini grants. For more information, call 703-426-1000.



We Need You!

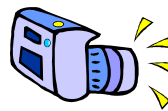
The LBSS PTSA needs volunteers for activities throughout the year. This is a great way to support the students and teachers. There are many ways to share your time and talents. Forms are available online. If you have questions, contact Kathy Carson (lbssvolunteers@carson.com) or visit the website (www.lbssptsa.org)



It's Time for Reflections

All students are invited to participate in Reflections this year. The theme is "I can make a difference by..." So let your creative juices flow! Compete in any (or all) of these categories:

Dance Choreography
Music Composition
Photography
Visual Arts
Literature
Film/Video Production



Enter as often as you wish. Entry forms available in all subschools, main office, and at www.lbssptsa.org ALL entries are due Monday, October 22, 2007 in the Main Office. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention. All 1st place entries will advance to the county level. Good luck!



Better than the Yellow Pages!

Get your copy of the 07-08 School Directory with student and staff contact information and other important school info.

The Directory is a thank you when you join the PTSA. Additional copies are \$5. All proceeds support student activities. Contact Susan Pehrsson, 703-323-6847 or spehrsson@cox.net.

Teacher of the Year

Nominate your favorite teacher for the Agnes Meyer "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" Award, sponsored by PTSA, Fairfax County Public Schools, and the Washington Post. Submit a letter of recommendation by October 26 to Suzanne Klein at vakleins@cox.net or mail to 7725 Gingerbread Lane, Fairfax Station, VA 22039.



For more information, call 703-249-1334.

Booster Club News

Academic Boosters: Support academic programs and enrichment through the year. The Academic Booster club sponsors many student events and programs. Looking for members and volunteers.

Art Boosters: Join the Art Boosters. Many activities are available to help through the year. *Get artistic.*

Athletic Booster Club: Wear your Lake Braddock pride with Spirit Wear. *Get yours at home games, the Craft Fair, and online (lbsports.org).*

Crew: Congrats to members of the Bruin Crew for garnering national honors. The Bruin Crew invites students to Experience Rowing Day on September 29 to learn more about the club (bruincrew.com).

LBTheatre: Join us for the upcoming season at Lake Braddock Theatre where things are "a little bit dramatic." Many opportunities to support students.

Support the Booster Clubs at the PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase!

Sign Up and Shop

Support Lake Braddock students and programs when you go to the store. Donate to LBSS PTSA by designating LBSS code when you shop:

GIANT: www.giantfood.com/aplus (code 01848)

SAFEWAY: www.safeway.com/community_caring_escrrip.asp (code 6525530)

TARGET: target.com/target_group/community_giving/take_charge_of_education.jhtml (code 103661)

