

LSE PTA NEWS

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Note from the President:

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jenn Schneider and this will be my second year as your PTA President. I have two children who attend LSE, Jakob in 5th grade and Jarod in 4th grade. As your PTA president my goal is to provide a positive relationship between the parents, administration and staff of LSE. I feel we need to work together to provide every student with a positive and productive educational experience. Please, read the information below and contact me with any feedback you would like me to share at the next CAC meeting.
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SUPERINTENDENT SEEKING FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

At the recent CCPS Community Advisory Council (CAC) meeting, the new School Superintendent presented 2 items requiring input from the CAC. Members were asked to gather feedback to be shared at the next CAC meeting.

2011-2012 PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Mr. Guthrie, CCPS School Superintendent is looking for feedback regarding the 2011-2012 School Calendar. Mr. Guthrie is planning to present the proposed calendar to the Board of Education in October. Specifically, he would like feedback regarding the proposed Spring Break and possible "removal of days due to inclement weather" in order to make up any days. At this time, the proposal is as follows:

2012 (Proposed) SPRING BREAK - SCHOOLS CLOSED

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 (Early dismissal 1/2 day)

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Friday, April 6, 2012 (Good Friday required by State)

Monday, April 9, 2012 (Easter Monday required by State)

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 (Schools closed for students;

Prof. Development Day for staff)

Should it become necessary for Carroll County to "make-up" school days due to inclement weather, would parents/families prefer that days be deleted from Spring Break, if so, which day(s)? or increase the number of days at the end of the school year? If days are removed from Spring Break, there would be very little notice (time) given before having to do so.

PROPOSED BUDGET INPUT: Mr. Guthrie is seeking feedback regarding possible reductions to the FY2012 CCPS Operating Budget. Current projections show the need to trim the school system's budget by approximately \$4 million, due to lower than expected revenues, rising costs and a reduction in State funding due to decreased enrollment. The school system may also be required to pay for part of its teacher pensions, something currently paid for by the State. Mr. Guthrie is seeking suggestions from the community before presenting the budget to the BOE. He has asked that CAC representatives gather feedback from their parents and bring suggestions to the next CAC meeting.

FUN FUN FUN RUN!!!

Our Fun Run is one of LSE's major fundraisers. The date of the Fun Run will be October 8th. We are running for technology this year, so help support our PTA budget by supporting the Fun Run. Information will be sent home on October 4th and needs to be returned by October 12th. If you have any questions you can contact Melanie Rolfes or Valerie Hatmaker.

PTA Meeting:

The PTA will host our 1st meeting at 7 PM Tuesday, October 26th in the LSE Media Center. Mrs. Bible from the BOE will be speaking on Cyber Safety. She will be sharing some important information that every parent should hear, so please try to attend. Remember, parent involvement is important for our PTA to remain a success.

PTA Membership:

It is very important that every family joins the PTA. Please show your support and join the LSE PTA.

Volunteers:

We would like to thank all of the parents who responded to the volunteer request sheet. The turn out was wonderful, our parents are the BEST! We welcome any comments or suggestions. If you have any questions or would like to become a volunteer, please contact Andrea Everton or Heather Grimsley at lsevolunteers@hotmail.com

Student Directory

We will be adding e-mail addresses to the directory this year. Due to MD State laws, permission must be given from each child's parent/guardian for information to appear in the directory. In order to help save on the cost of paper, each family will receive one copy of the directory this year and it will be sent home with the youngest child. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Rolfes at 410-795-7499.

ICECREAM SOCIAL

Our LSE Ice-cream Social was a huge success! Thank you to all of the teachers and staff that volunteered their time to serve ice-cream and be part of this fun evening. Also, a BIG thank you to Helaine Radinsky and Julia Dellamar for organizing this great event, your hard work is much appreciated.

Market Day:

Market Day is another big Fundraiser for LSE. It's an easy way to do your grocery shopping. Place your order, on line or on the form sent home, and pick up your food on the designated night. If you have any questions or would like to help with Market Day, please contact Kathy Freto at 410-552-0626 or fretoexpress@comcast.net