

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Quick Reference Guide

The PTA at Linton Springs encourages all parents to be actively involved by volunteering and participating in school related activities. Information and communication between the PTA and home will be provided throughout the school year on blue paper.

The PTA Officers for the 2009/2010 school year are:

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Please do not hesitate to contact any one of our PTA officers with questions or concerns.

PTA Meetings

The PTA will hold 4 general meetings during the 2009/2010 school year. Times and dates are to be determined but they will be held in mid September, early November, February & April.

Membership

Families can join the PTA during Back to School Nights and during our Membership Drive in September. Membership forms will be available at school and sent home in student's folders. Membership dues are \$6.00 per person or \$10 for 2 memberships (ie: parents, grandparents). PTA Memberships are valid for the current school year, therefore you will need to rejoin every year. A portion of membership dues is submitted to the State PTA and the remainder helps support the PTA budget of programs such as cultural arts and literacy programs.

Newsletter

The PTA newsletter (on blue paper) is published monthly and will provide information regarding news, events, needs, and committee activities.

Volunteer Training

Volunteer training occurs throughout the year. Sessions are offered during Back to School Nights in the fall and monthly until March. Sessions are posted in each school and PTA newsletter. You must complete Volunteer Training before you are permitted to volunteer in the school, in your child's classroom, or to chaperone field trips.

Classroom Volunteers

In the fall, a classroom volunteer form will be sent home. Kindergarten teachers will most likely not begin parent volunteering until October. The PTA has a separate volunteer request form for the Fine Art's and Support Staff as well as our PTA committees listed below.

LSE Website

<http://www.carrollk12.org/lse/>

Carroll County Public Schools Website

<http://www.carrollk12.org/>

www.eschoolnewsletter.com

Sign up for electronic school announcements.

PTA Programs

The PTA has committees that each plan different programs for the students and staff at Linton Springs. Each committee description is below. We welcome suggestions for changes to programs or new ideas for different programs!

The following PTA events and programs would not occur without the efforts of our parent volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help on any of the committees. The needs vary throughout the year and are not necessarily full school year commitments. There is always opportunity for everyone to help and contribute whether you are available during the day or evenings. Stay at home parents, working parents, grandparents... everyone can contribute something unique and we welcome and need you all!

After School Clubs

The goal of our After-School Clubs is to offer a variety of clubs that provide fun, enrichment, and social interaction for all of our students. Clubs are held from 2:30 to 4:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, and generally run for six to eight weeks. In the past we have had clubs such as Track, Sewing, Scrap booking, Book (discussion), 24 (math game), Chess, Science, Fiber Arts, Sign Language, Spanish, and Computers. Parent volunteers generally lead clubs.

Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts is a program which enables each grade, K-5, the funding to have an artist(s) or performance(s) of some kind that coincides with the curriculum of the grade. All of the bookings are subject to the principal's approval. For example, First Grade used funds for a Latin American Music Ensemble to play at their Mexican Fiesta.

Hospitality

The Hospitality committee shows appreciation to our LSE staff. They plan lunches, gives gifts, treats, and words of thanks to the staff throughout the year. In the fall, parents will receive a questionnaire asking for voluntary support and donations.

Literacy

The Literacy Committee plans the following programs to encourage all students to read and enjoy it!

Birthday Books ~ each student visits the birthday book bookshelf in the office on his/her birthday to select a book of their choice! Students with summer birthdays will be announced in May & June.

Visiting Author ~ an author of a children's book visits the school each year to speak to the students in an assembly. Students typically have a chance to purchase the author's book and have it signed by the author. The author visit takes place in the fall.

Family Night of Literacy ~ a night of fun filled activities based around literacy! Spelling Bee for students in grades 2 – 5, crafts for all, Book Walk game, featured writings from one of the grades and refreshments! This event coincides with the Scholastic Bookfair, usually in March.

Spirit Committee

The Spirit Committee plans fun and exciting activities for all students and their families, faculty and staff. They strive to make participation in these activities available for everyone at little or no cost. The events are announced through the PTA newsletter, the school newsletter, and eschoolnewsletter. Most of our fun activities require a RSVP to allow for planning, so please make sure you complete any requested information in a timely manner and return it to school so that we can plan each event accordingly. Some of the past activities were Back to School Ice Cream Social, Bingo and Family Beach Night. Volunteers are always welcome and definitely needed.

Fundraising

For the 2009/2010 school year, our main fundraiser has not been determined yet. In the past, we have sold Innisbrook products and Helen Grace Chocolates ever fall. The PTA is open for suggestions for a new fundraiser and volunteer help will definitely be needed.

Market Day - Market Day is a unique fundraiser offering a wide selection of over 180 high quality foods at competitive prices, many of which are not available in your grocery store. Products range from butcher shop meats and poultry to easy family meals, delicious appetizers and gourmet desserts.

Fun Run - The Fun Run is a fund raising event to raise money for various projects around the school. Some projects in the past were "Running for Science", "Running for Literacy" and "Running for Computers". Information is distributed to each student to get sponsors for the event. Everyone is invited to come and join your child to walk and run around the course. The Fun Run takes place in the spring each year.

Corporate Sponsored Programs

LSE participates in many corporate sponsored programs and you can help out by just signing up or cutting out and sending in. The programs include: **Campbell's® Labels**, **BOX TOPS for Education (General Mills®)**, **Target ®**, **e Scrip® - SAFEWAY**, **Martin's® A+ School Rewards**.