

February 22, 2023 - PTA Meeting Program Notes

Call to order : 8:02pm

Principal's Report – Michelle Makrigiorgos & Jennifer Condra

- Renovation Update : Some parents may have heard from their children that, due to construction, LAES has temporarily lost a portion of their playground. Essentially there is a storm drain that needs to be put in and the location of that is where the basketball courts and a portion of the playground area are. They have to excavate, put drain in, clean it up and in 3-4 weeks it would be wrapped up and we would have access to the playground again. They gave us about a weeks notice for that and the teachers/staff/PTA brainstormed about what to do and came up with corn hole boards and other indoor equipment the classes would rotate through. However, the construction team came back and said, 'the piping is actually not located where we thought, in fact, it's on a portion of a neighboring property' and access to playground was given back. It was a good dry run at least since we will not have access to the playground again in about a months time.
- In the summertime they are going to install blacktop, put up all new basketball court and playground equipment so when students return next school year, all of that will be ready.
- Though taken down due to COVID in past years, the salad bar is coming back starting March 13th.
- A SR&R (Students Right & Responsibilities) requirement is that we review/discuss expectations midyear. Teachers and/or Jennifer Condra will be going into classrooms and giving those reminders (ie. Keep hands to self, what is bullying & who to talk to, bus behavior, kindness, respect, technology use, etc)

Treasurer's Report – Steve Holiday

- We raised \$640 in January's Dining for Dollars at Chipotle who crushed it - donating 33% of sales (that's huge).
- Expenses are essentially fine. We aren't going over budget except in the educational licenses and performing arts (Lion King).
- We do pay out a lot of money utilizing PayPal. Every transaction incurs a fee.
- Brought in \$38k in January (mostly after school activities).

President's Report & Program Announcements – Lynde Herzbach

- **Join the PTA** – different membership levels available; join for this year at the Louise Archer PTA website, which is <https://louisearcherpta.org/>
- **Harris Teeter loyalty program** - The Harris Teeter Together in Education Program has started – Please link Louise Archer to your VIC card! Next time you step into a Harris Teeter, just remember to ask at check-out or at the customer service desk to link your card to Louise Archer ES #6189.

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- **Executive Board Planning** – My term as president and April’s vice-president term will end at the end of this year. We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in being PTA President or Vice-President starting in the fall for a two-year term. If you have any questions or may be interested, please feel free to email me (president@louisearcherpta.org)
- **Nominating Committee** – The PTA used to have a nominating committee (and it is also noted in the PTA by-laws). We would like to resurrect the committee with the purpose of helping recruit volunteers for the executive board and other chair positions. Please email me if you have any questions or might be interested in joining the committee
- **Drive to Help LAES Families in Need** went really well. Thank you to everyone who donated and a huge thank you to Cub Scout Pack 78 who distributed fliers and assisted in sorting & packing donations.
- **February Spiritwear Promo:**
 - February 20th-24th
15% off select hoodies — use code **HOODIE15**
<https://www.louisearcherspiritwear.com/>
- **March Pop-up Party** – The PTA will also host our last pop-up party of the school year in March (date TBD) for teachers and staff.
- **Dining for Dollars** - Our next event is March 9 at Honeygrow (from 10:30am-9:30 pm)
- **Mini Grants** - the PTA approved another eleven mini grant requests earlier this month, totaling almost \$3,000.

The grants went to:

Ms. Scarborough, \$195 for multi-sensory materials
Ms. Edwards, \$160 for paint supplies
Ms. Evans, \$240 for headphones and dry-erase caps
Ms. Higgins, \$520 for reading materials
Ms. Moore, \$280 for math resource materials
Ms. Pinkman, \$126 for headphones
Ms. Rocha-Hicks, \$513 for Wilson Reading Foundations
Ms. Stohs, \$368 for diversity and equity books
Ms. Witt, \$345 for Wobble stools, and
Ms. Pothuraju, \$154 for English language resource materials.

- So far this year, the PTA has approved a total of 21 mini grants totaling about \$8,500. With the remaining funds, the PTA is working on supplying teachers with school supplies that are needed for the rest of the school year.
- We’re hoping, with the new construction, to have some type of permanent space/closet for the PTA to stock and inventory school supplies
- **Original Works** - It is almost that time again for parents to order custom keepsakes from Original Works featuring their child's very own artwork. The students have worked hard

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on their masterpiece in art class. Their finished artwork has been submitted to Original Works and students will come home with ordering information in a few weeks. The PTA receives a portion of the proceeds from every order. If you have any questions about Original Works, please contact Cathy Chen.

- **LAES 5K** - Some good news – We finally have a date for an in-person Louise Archer 5K!! The 5K will be March 11 (it took a while to get an alternate route and permits figured out). Due to the construction, we are unable to have the 5K at the school. A huge thank you to Hoa Pham for doing research on an alternate route and the permits we needed to have it! There will be a fun run first at 8 am, and the 5K will start at 8:30 am. The race will start near the red caboos, and will go up Center Street to the trail, partially down and back on the W&OD trail, and finish back at the red caboos. We are looking forward to having the race in-person near Vienna landmarks and the trail!
- Silent Auction is in need of donations (ie. gift certificates to local shops, sports tickets, etc.). If you're willing to make a donation please email silentauction@louisearcherPTA.org

Faculty Volleyball Game - Lauren Downs

- Scheduled for Friday, March 17 @ Madison HS.
- Still working on logistics with Wolf Trap Elementary but so far we have Coach Licari working on gathering players/cheerleaders and Mr. Cator to see if anyone wants to sing the national anthem. Sending out a SUG for volunteers to sell concession (candy, full pizza boxes & water), setup, and/or cleanup duty. We also have a sunshine mascot costume available to wear, need volunteer.
- We have 36 foam fingers available to sell along with the rest of the spirit wear (rally towels & spirit sticks)
- We will be using the shirts from 2020 that did not get used and ordering add'l shirts for new players.
- Invoice already sent to WT for the use of the gymnasium \$770 which we will have to split with them. Budget was \$500 so keep in the back of the mind that we may need to increase that considering the cost of the gymnasium rental, concessions, and spirit wear.
- LA will have a 6th grade/staff volleyball game that day too which works well getting the kids excited for the facility event, kind of like a pep rally

Skate Night - Erin Berk

- Scheduled for Saturday, February 25th, 2023 6-8pm (check-in begins 5:45) @ Skatequest (1800 Michael Faraday Ct., Reston, VA)
- Flyers sent home in Tuesday folders advertising Skate Night. Also published on the FB page and the LAES PTA Sunbeam newsletter.

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- Payment options : preregistrations, available on the PTA website, will close Friday, Feb 24th @ 9pm (will need access to the printout of preregistrations from Jerry). Cash & credit card will be accepted at the door. \$10 per skater, which includes rental skates
- We only need 2 volunteers for the registration table - if you want to volunteer or know someone who does, please contact Erin Berk.
- First half of skate night will be with lights on, then a short break for Zamboni cleaning, then the 2nd half will feature the lights off with a disco ball and music.
- Snack bar will be open the entire event.

Cultural Arts Assembly - April Brown

- Spring Assembly Friday, March 10 (2 sessions)
- Mark Rooney (from website : “the world’s most dangerous half-Japanese/half-Scottish solo improvisational taiko artist – studies, performs, and teaches taiko, a dynamic form of full-body drumming based in Japanese tradition”)
- Students will enjoy it - gigantic drums and really loud.

Yearbook - Anita Cheng

- Thank you to all the parents who have helped gather photos
- Yearbook cover layout still being discussed
- Booster Ads have been closed. We ended up with 4 available spots left, which will be left open for last minute parents, until layout is finalized.
- Group photos are being coordinated by Anita and 3 to 4 other parents
- Currently at 50% sales - push for more advertisement

Field Day - Jennifer Thomas

- Scheduled Friday, June 9th
- Coach Worsham working hard to have some awesome activities for the students even with construction going on.
- We’ll have both indoor & outdoor activities/obstacle courses.
- Possibly will be using a different snow cone machine vendor.
- Expecting opportunities for parent volunteers.
- More to come, still in early stages.

6th Grade Celebration - Lynde Herzbach presenting for Shannon Aimone

- Also scheduled Friday, June 9th
- Location secured & fundraising events coming up.
- If you have questions, please reach out to Shannon at sixthgradecelebration@louiseacherpta.org

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Questions/Comments

1. Thank you to Michelle/Jen for all the flexibility in working with construction teams.

Look out for more information on the following upcoming events:

- Stock the Fridge (April)
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May)
- 5K Volunteer sign-up

Next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, March 21

Call meeting to close : 8:37pm