



Louise Archer PTA

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Louise Archer Elementary School

PTA GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 2024

April 17, 2024 @ 8:00pm

Board Members:

- Nausheen Khan - President
 - Steve Soliday - Treasurer
 - Tooba Malik - Vice President
 - Katie Nevitt - Secretary
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Call to Order: 8:04 pm

School Principal & VP Report..... Michelle Makrigiorgos & Jennifer Condra

- We are currently in the fourth quarter, with 8 weeks remaining in the school year.
- The main office, music, art, band, strings, counselor, 3rd graders, and other auxiliary classes have all relocated to the new addition successfully.
- We are thrilled that all the students were able to safely witness a part of the solar eclipse.
- Field trip season is here, with many farms, meadows, and parks lined up for outdoor learning adventures. Every grade is scheduled for at least one field trip, so if your child hasn't experienced one yet, keep an eye out for upcoming information.
- As the new school year approaches, we invite parents to participate in the "Class Assignment Parent Survey." Your feedback will assist us in arranging class assignments. The survey is available on our Louise Archer website. Once completed, the information will be sent to me and shared with the grade level teachers for class placement. Kindly submit the online form by May 6, 2024.
- Spring Assessments:
 - Kindergarten:
 - Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)
 - Early Mathematics Assessment System (EMAS)
 - Child Behavior Rating Scale (CBRS)
 - First Grade:
 - Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA)
 - iReady
 - Second Grade:
 - Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA)
 - iReady

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- Third Grade:
 - Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA)
 - iReady
 - Local Alternative Assessments (LAA)
 - Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests
 - Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) - ONLY for students taught on an adapted curriculum
- Fourth Grade
 - Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA)
 - iReady
 - Local Alternative Assessments (LAA)
 - Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests
 - Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) - ONLY for students taught on an adapted curriculum
- Fifth Grade
 - Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA)
 - Division Benchmarking Assessment - G5 Science
 - iReady
 - Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests
 - Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) - ONLY for students taught on an adapted curriculum
- Sixth Grade
 - Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA)
 - Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test (IAAT) - ONLY for students in the Advanced Mathematics 6 course (Spring date for make-up only)
 - iReady
 - Local Alternative Assessments (LAA)
 - Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests
 - Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) - ONLY for students taught on an adapted curriculum
- SOL Schedule
 - Please save the following dates for our Spring SOL Schedule. Fifth grade families, please note the Integrated Reading and Writing (IRW) SOL is a part of the Reading SOL and will be administered in April. All other SOLs are administered in May.

3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading SOL, May 16• Math SOL, May 21
4th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading SOL, May 15• Math SOL, May 20

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5th Grade

- IRW SOL, April 16
- Reading SOL, May 14
- Science SOL, May 17
- Math SOL, May 23

6th Grade

- Reading SOL, May 13
- Math SOL, May 22

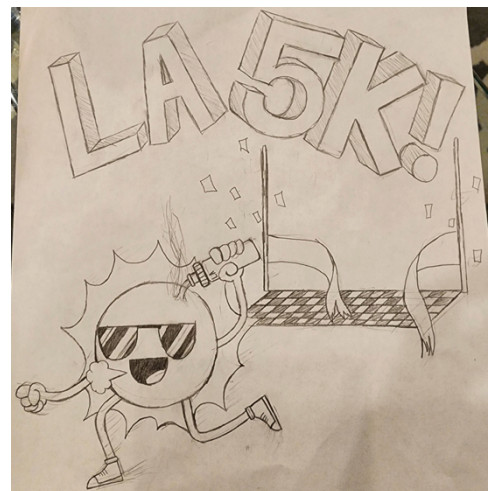
Treasurer's Report.....Steve Soliday

- Our total revenue is \$28,285, compared to a budget of \$36,100, meaning we have received 78% of the expected income. This includes an additional \$9,000 from the Read-a-thon, which was not initially planned for in the budget.
- We have already spent \$24,000 out of the nearly \$45,000 we anticipated. However, there are still numerous outstanding expenses that we anticipate.

Current Bank Balance	\$29,085.15
Expected Revenue	\$ 7,814.12
Expected Expenses	-\$20,780.96
Projected Ending Balance	\$16,118.31

LA5K & Sun Run.....Liz Young

- The race is just a week away on Sunday.
- Appreciation to the board members for serving as judges in the t-shirt contest with 18 impressive submissions.
- You still have time to register. Registration closes Tuesday for the LA5k or Sun Run.
- For in-person registration and bib pickup, head to the Chic-Fil-a Dining for Dollars event.
- You can also pick up your packet and register at the school on Friday, or in-person on Saturday at the Potomac River Running Store on Maple.
- While we have enough volunteers for packet pickup, additional volunteers are needed for race day, especially at specific street corners.



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- Erin has excelled in fundraising, details are on the t-shirt, and sponsors are listed on our website.
- The Sun Run is a 1K, equivalent to 2 laps around the track, with a "Beat the Sun" theme. Liz's husband will don the sun costume for the event.

International Night.....Gila Hashkes

- May 17th – Friday in the LAES cafeteria 6-8PM (5pm booths setup).
- Thirteen families/countries will be showcased: Switzerland, Korea, Pakistan, Palestine, Mexico, Laos, Georgia, Colombia, Iran, India, the Netherlands, Kosovo, and Turkey.
- We will coordinate with Pam to set up a flyer table during pizza bingo night for advertising purposes.

Pizza Bingo.....Pam Bombardi

Please join us for Pizza Bingo on Friday, April 19th. Pizza will be available for sale (cash or credit card) in the cafeteria starting at 5:30pm and bingo in the gym will be from 6-7pm.

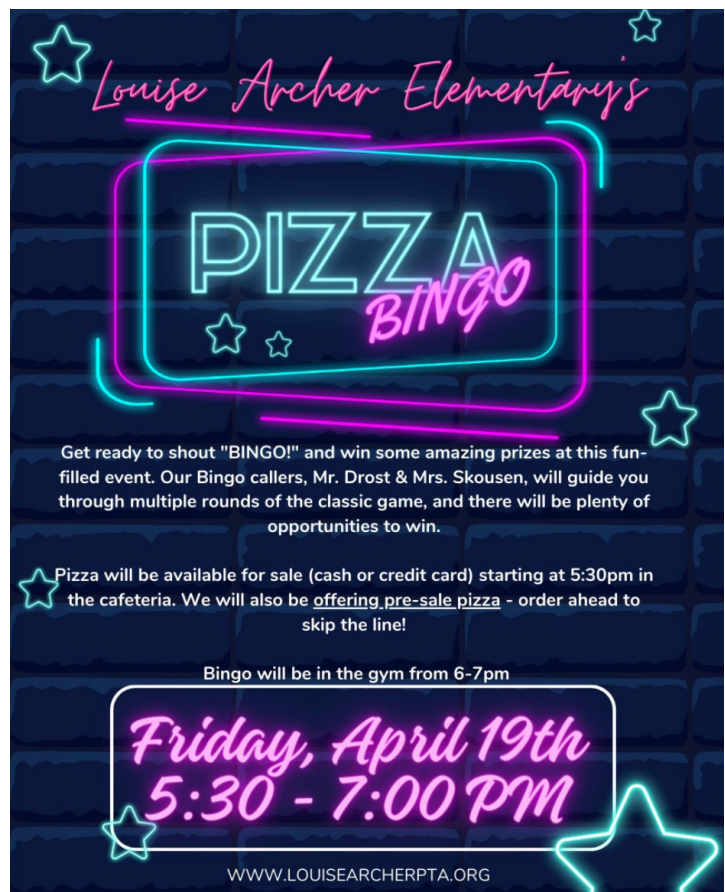
NEW for this year – Pre-order pizza and skip the line! A large cheese or pepperoni pizza and 4 drinks (water or soda) for \$20. Single pizzas are \$12 each. Pre-order until April 11th.

Mr. Drost and Mrs. Skousen will be calling the numbers again this year! Lots of prizes and everyone can be a winner!

Please bring a blanket and/or cushion for your family to sit on in the gym for bingo. Bingo is free for all but please consider a PTA donation.

Please RSVP by April 12th so we have enough pizza and prizes! Look in your email for the Pizza Bingo Evite!

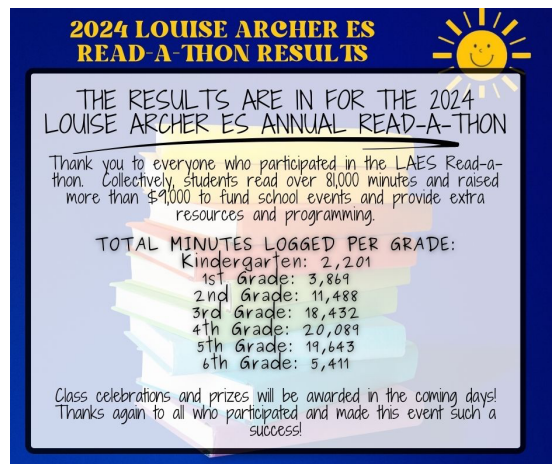
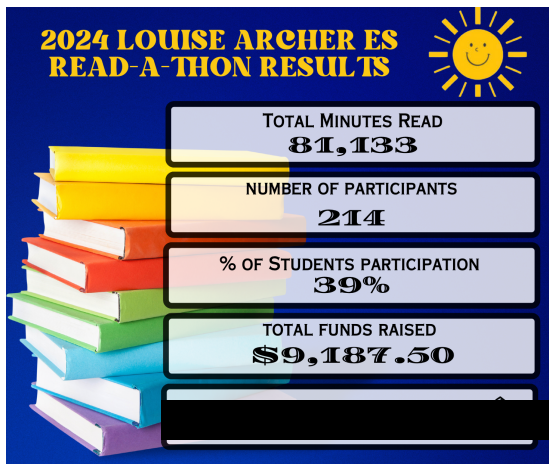
We need your help! Please help make Pizza Bingo a success by volunteering



Yearbook.....Anita Cheng

- This is the final week to order! Sales end FRIDAY, April 19th!
- Place your order using school code 717957. Order TODAY to ensure your child will have a copy.
- Email yearbook@louisearcherpta.org if you have any questions.
- We welcome any parents who are slightly interested in any parts of the yearbook to shadow us now since both Steph & Janel will not be returning next year. I'll be back next year to give any future co-chairs guidance.

Read-a-thon.....(Nausheen/Steve speak for Katie)



Read-a-thon Breakdown & Prize Distribution.

(Readers have NOT been notified yet, therefore winners not listed)

All Participants

- ▶ \$10 book credit at Scrawl Books (Reston)

Individual Prizes

- Top Readers in each class (24 classes)
- Prizes vary (see below sponsors)
 - Top Readers by grade (7 winners)
- Prizes vary (see below sponsors)
 - Top Readers overall - grades K-3 (1 winner)
- Vienna Fire Department Tour
 - Top Readers overall - grades 4-6 (1 winner)
- Vienna Police "Drive to School"

Class Prizes:

- Class with most minutes read overall - grade K-3
- Ice Cream Party (Bruster's)
 - Class with most minutes read overall - grade 4-6
- Pizza Party (Pizza Vienna)

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As a reminder, the platform we used, Read-a-thon.com, hosts a student reward store in which readers earn 15% of their individual donations to spend on prizes. These [read-a-thon.com](https://www.read-a-thon.com) prizes are separate from the prizes above.

Original Works.....(Nausheen speak for Cathy)

- The Original Works orders have arrived! Your child should have brought them home last week.
- If you did not get a chance to place an order (or just want to order more), our Original Works gallery will remain open through April 22nd. You can continue to place orders during this period with free shipping. Contact Cathy Chen if you need your child's code or help with ordering.
- <https://store.originalworks.com/gallerylogin> - Enter the school code: LOARC
- Keep in mind the products make great gifts for any time of the year! Thank you so much for your support of the art program. We raised \$1,055 for the PTA!

Teacher Appreciation Week.....Tooba Malik

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- Teacher Appreciate Week agenda –
 - Please note the exciting items we have planned. We ask your help in bringing in fruit and flowers on Monday and Tuesday. The PTA will handle the rest!
 - Sunday 5/5
 - Chalk the sidewalk.
 - Monday 5/6
 - Stock the teacher lounges with Fruit. Please note there will be baskets at the doors for students to place their fruits in!
 - Tuesday 5/7
 - Letters and Flowers (Please send flowers and notes for your child's teacher- they can give them the flowers directly).
 - Wednesday 5/8
 - Lunch provided by the PTA
 - Thursday 5/9
 - Coffee and Donuts/Bagels provided by the PTA

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- Friday 5/10
 - Gift Card Bingo taking place in the morning!
 - Popup party (Nat'l pretzel day)

Superintendent Family Connection Group.....Tooba Malik

- Discussed ensuring that any incidents in schools are reported and necessary resources are supplied.
- Communication with parents - determining the most effective platform.
- If there are any concerns regarding you child(s) school day, kindly inform Tooba, and she will pass them on Superintendent Reid during the next meeting.

Presidents Report & Program Notes.....Nausheen Khan

▶ Picture Day:

- Individual and class photos will be taken on April 18th.
- Three volunteers for the afternoon 12:00-3:15pm shift are still needed – as of yesterday, we have no one signed up. If you are available to help, please email [Kathy Cutri](mailto:Kathy.Cutri).
- Next year LAES will be returning to Lifetouch and more reasonable prices. We were told that the prices for Legacy would be comparable to Lifetouch, among other things, which was not the case. We extend our apologies for the high prices this year.

▶ Recruiting

- The Louise Archer PTA is 100% volunteer run. Everything we do is in support of our students. Everything from organizing programs to this meeting - is done by volunteers.
- Virginia State Law requires that three officers are always in place for the PTA to operate as a legal entity — President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If we have a vacant position then we cannot accept or spend money until those positions are filled.
- Critical need for essential volunteer role – President
 - President - We are looking for a volunteer who is interested in being PTA President starting in the fall for a two-year term. If you have any questions or may be interested, please feel free to email president@louisearcherpta.org or anyone on the PTA board.
- Board members will be voted in during our next PTA meeting, May 14.

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- Open positions for next year – we have many volunteer opportunities for next school year, if you have any interest in volunteering, please feel free to contact us.
 - Just a few of the open positions include:
 - Yearbook
 - School Supplies
 - Reflections
 - Odyssey of the Mind
 - Nominating Committee
 - Summer Playdates coordinator (grades K &3)
 - Silent Auction
 - Sunshine Times

▶ Summer Sports Camp Registration

- These camps will be taught by your favorite PE teachers and the Sports & Games LLC staff. We will run three sessions: June 17-21, June 24-28, and August 5-9.
- Registration is now open on Homeroom and will stay open until the sessions are full.
- Note that due to school renovations, the sports camp will be held at Vienna Adventist Academy this summer. Camp will run from 9am – 2pm.

▶ Summer Playdates

- The PTA typically organizes summer playdates for rising Kindergarteners and rising third graders.
- It's a great way for rising kindergarteners to get to get comfortable around their new classmates and for new 3rd grade AAP students to meet the rest of the rising Louise Archer 3rd graders.
- We are looking for a volunteer to organize these playdates.
- Also, if parents from other grades would like to organize summer playdates, the PTA is happy to help. Please contact me or Katie.

Questions / Comment :

- ▶ How many families registered for kindergarten for the upcoming school year?
 - Low 40's so we are anticipating two classes.
- ▶ When is the 6th grade celebration typically scheduled?
 - It's scheduled on the morning of the last day of school.
- ▶ Will preschoolers be attending LAES next year?
 - No, delayed another year due to construction however the following year looks promising.

Call Meeting to Close: 8:49pm

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Upcoming Events:

April

- 17 PTA Meeting (Zoom)
- 18 Spring Pictures with Classes (are volunteers still needed?)
- 19 Pizza Bingo
- 24 Dining for Dollars: Chick-fil-a (5-8pm; code: ARCHER)
- 28 LA5K & Sun Run
- 30 Picture Day (Staff & 6th Grade panoramic)

May

- 3 Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)
- 6 Dining for Dollars: PizzaVienna (time/online TBD)
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 14 PTA Meeting (In Person)
- 15 Volunteer Appreciation
- 17 International Night (6-8pm)
- 27 Student Holiday (Memorial Day)

June* TBD: Pop-up Party

- 7 6th Grade Celebration @ JMHS
- 12 Early Release; Last Day of School