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LONE STAR TEXANS' MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2004

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Reta Reed, LSE PTA President - www.lsepta.org

President's Message!

Reta Reed/LSE PTA President

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a great summer break – it sure was a soggy one! Your PTA has been hard at work, rain AND shine, preparing for the 2004-2005 school year.

A change-over ceremony was held June 3 at Macaroni Grill to thank the out-going board members and to welcome returning and new board members. We have many board veterans returning this year providing a wealth of knowledge. We have only four positions left: **Carnival, Field Day, Room Reps, School Store**. Claim yours now! Contact a board member or see the website (www.lsepta.org) for more information on these positions or to volunteer to help on any committee.

You may notice some construction activity around the playgrounds. It's your fundraiser dollars at work providing much needed shelter for our little ones. Yes, the first of the awnings is going up! There will be more to come with your continued support of fundraisers and PTA activities such as the **Golf Tournament** and the **Carnival**.

Audit and fund-raising committees met over the summer to ensure we have accurate financial records and to decide on fund-raising programs which offer value and variety. We hope you enjoy these fundraisers this year. Your support is vital!

Seven PTA Board members went to the Texas PTA Convention and Seminar in Austin July 23-25. This is an education and training opportunity which allows us to stay abreast of legislative issues affecting the schools and apprized of new programs for parents and students. It is also an opportunity to see what other PTAs are doing across the state and to

brainstorm to find new ways to keep students healthy, happy, and always learning!

The PTA Executive Board met July 26 and established goals for this year:

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- MORE awnings for the playgrounds.
- Adopt the area between the school and park for nature exploration.
- Student participation in the newsletter articles/stories/pictures.
- Bounce houses for yearend parties.
- Wish list for teachers.

We hope you agree these are goals worth achieving. We look forward to working with you to accomplish these goals and more this year.

The most noticeable change you may see this year (aside from the beautiful playground awning) is that PTA General Assembly meetings, when held on a night with a student program, will be held in the LSE Library before the program. Watch for Family Fun activities in conjunction with General Assembly meetings when no student program is scheduled.

Your LSE PTA is ready to go! Please join this incredible group of hard-working volunteers in making this year one to remember! TT

CHAIR nOTES!

Safety

Welcome to the start of another school year. My name is Joseph Gallagher and I am the Safety Chairman for the Lone Star PTA. Currently, I have three children enrolled at Lone Star ranging in age from nine to five. Career wise I am Safety Analyst for a major airline. For this first article, I would like to share with you a few safety tips for driving in and around School Zones.

When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.



When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Slow down, watch for children walking or bicycling in the street, especially in neighborhoods without sidewalks

Watch for children playing or congregating near bus stops.

Be alert, children arriving late for the bus may dart out into the street without looking for traffic.

Obey all flashing lights of school busses. In Texas a motorist may be fined up to a \$1000.00 for passing a school bus whose lights are flashing.

Be alert, look for children, let the sight of a child be a warning sign for your senses that you may need to slow down or brake quickly.

Pay attention to the task at hand of driving. No eating, talking on the cell phone or other distractions. A school zone means you need to be at a heightened alert.

These tips along with others may be found on the National Traffic Safety Administration's web site, www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

Look for future Safety Articles in upcoming additions. If you have any questions or concerns with regard to safety please feel free to e-mail me at jrm3kids@joimail.com. And remember our children's safety is all of our responsibility. TT

Environmental

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Laura Gallagher, I am the Environmental Chairman for the Lone Star PTA. I currently have three children enrolled in Lone Star in the 4th grade, 1st grade and kindergarten. I have been on the PTA board for four years. In my spare time I am also a Flight Attendant for American Airlines. I will be working on behalf of the PTA with the parents, students and faculty this year to make Lone Star even more of an environmentally friendly school. For now though let me leave you with some recycling facts

Each ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees.

Using recycled material cuts down on the energy used during the manufacturing process.

When we recycle we keep trash out of landfills which saves both money and resources.

Since Fort Worth started it's new recycling program in March of 2003 it has increased the percentage of trash being recycled from 6% to 20% by volume.

The city of Fort Worth has earned \$540,000.00 since March of 2003 on recyclables. This money is put back into the General Waste fund saving taxpayers.

By recycling you are not only helping the environment you are also setting a good example for our children. TT



Under this section of Chair News, in this first issue of the 2004-2005 LSE PTA Texan Tales, we introduce to you many members of YOUR LSE PTA board.

Rick Simon/1st VP

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Welcome Back! Hello and welcome back to another fun-filled school year. As some of you may recall, last year I ran the Dining Out Nights Program. As 1st VP, it is my job to support our new President, Reta Reed, and work with her to ensure that all of our PTA goals are accomplished this year. I will also be mentoring five other positions on the PTA. These positions are Volunteers Chairperson, Scher Beltz; Dining Out Nights Chairperson, Alison McKee; Staff Appreciation Chairperson, Georgia Fleming; Historian, Lisa Burdick and Hospitality/Childcare Chairperson, Kerri Cooper. I welcome Alison back to the board and our new Board Chairpersons, Scher, Lisa, Georgia and Kerri. We are going to accomplish a lot this year and we will have a fun time. Look out LSE! This party has just begun.

Let me tell you a bit about myself. My wife, Sherry, is also a board member. She is the 4th VP this year. Look for her article in this newsletter. This is the first and last year that I will have all three of my kids enrolled at LSE. Cooper will be ending his 4th year at LSE as he enters and completes the 4th grade. Hannah will be entering 3rd grade and will be in the 3rd/4th grade-looping program. Avery will be going all day this year as she enters the 1st grade. She is also in the 1st/2nd grade-looping program. I am a Safety Engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration and we all relocated here in 2001 from Oklahoma City.

I congratulate Reta for accepting the President's position and know that she will do an awesome job. Reta has done a wonderful job in filling this board, but we still have a few open positions. Please feel free to contact Scher Beltz and volunteer to help out. Look for your volunteer form in the school packet or at the volunteer table at Meet the Teacher Night. Also you may volunteer from the link on the website, www.lsepta.org. It takes little time to volunteer, but the rewards are great! You will be helping our school and your children succeed! Keep an eye out for our wonderful Dining Out Nights events with Alison. Kerri and Georgia have some super great Hospitality and Staff Appreciation ideas for this year and Lisa is planning on documenting this year and creating an award winning Historian book. Please help me welcome all new and returning board members.

Judy Buchholz/2nd VP-Membership

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My husband, Bill and I have three daughters attending LSE this year. We are very excited about the upcoming year,

as this will be the only year all three of our girls will be in the same school. This is my second year on the PTA Board and I'm in charge of getting YOU to join PTA! PTA is a great organization geared to give parents and teachers a voice in the educational enhancements for our kids. That's a win-win situation! We have some awesome goals set up for this year so, join the party! Don't delay! Join your PTA today! Who doesn't love a party?!?!

Join the party, have some fun. This PTA has just begun, To fill the dreams of our Texan stars. Hear our voices. See who we are.

Support us now; it's worth your while. See the benefits for your child.

Join your PTA today! Do it now! Don't delay!

Sherry Simon/4th VP

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I'm Back...marking my third year on the Lone Star Elementary (LSE) PTA board and looking forward to another great year! For those who do not know me, I am a full-time working mom and wife. I work in Dallas at a hospital where I am the Food Service Director and a Registered Dietitian. I am originally from New Jersey but went to high school in Richardson, Texas. My college alma mater is the University of Texas at Austin (hook'em horns). Before moving to the Keller area about 3 years ago, I lived in Oklahoma City with my "Okie"/OU graduate husband for eight years. My children were all born in Oklahoma and for some unknown reason all claim to be Oklahomans. I am proud to be the mom, shuttle bus driver, lost sock finder, homework checker, etc of three wonderful children, all full-time LSE students: Avery in 1st grade; Hannah in 3rd grade; and Cooper in 4th grade. My husband, Rick, as well as being a great husband and dad, also serves as my esteemed LSE PTA colleague in the position of 1st Vice President.

This year I will be serving in the capacity of the 4th Vice President in charge of programs. I have two major responsibilities for this year. My first responsibility is to mentor other LSE executive board chair positions relating to programming. The chair positions I will be mentoring are: Banking, Safety, Environmental, Special Projects, Parent Education, Library/Media, Room Representative, and Field Day. My other major focus will be chairing the steering committee and planning the implementation of Lone Star After Dark.

Lone Star After Dark is an academic and arts enrichment program to be held one night a week from 6:00-7:30 pm at LSE. There will be four six-week sessions of Lone Star After Dark throughout the school year. This first session

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will begin the week of 8/23/04 with the following courses tentatively being planned: Chess Club (6:00-6:30 pm); Homework Club (6:00-6:30 pm); Balloon Art (6:30-7:30 pm); Sewing (6:30-7:30 pm); Dance (6:30-7:30 pm); Scrapbooking (6:30-7:30 pm); Martial Arts (6:30-7:30 pm); and Sport Skills (6:30-7:30 pm). Class sizes will be limited to 15 students on a first come first serve basis and age requirements may be specified for some of the classes. The cost of the course(s) will depend on the cost of the supplies needed for that class. Course ideas, instructors, and volunteers for future sessions are desired at this time.

Here's to another successful LSE PTA year with special thanks to Reta Reed for saying YES to the Presidency and for her desire to continue to make our PTA the best.

Jennifer Hammer/Treasurer

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Hello LSE Parents, students, and administrators! I am very excited to be working with the PTA and parent volunteers again this year. I have served as an officer of the LSE Executive Board for three years, and I have been a member of the Texas PTA for six years. Not only do I serve on the LSE PTA, I am also the Keller Council of PTA's Treasurer, and I serve on the Parkwood Hill Intermediate PTA board as well. My husband, Brian, and I have four wonderful children – Ashley (5th grade), Travis (2nd grade), Ethan (3 years), and Zarah (2 months).

My goal as your PTA Treasurer is to make sure that all funds are properly maintained and used in support of our students at Lone Star. If you have any questions about PTA reimbursement procedures or financial matters of the PTA, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or my home telephone. I look forward to making the 2004-2005 school year a tremendous success for all LSE students and parents!

Lisa Neilson/Parliamentarian

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I am married and have two children. I have had a child at LSE since the school opened! My daughter Heather, now a 7th grader, went to LSE for 3rd and 4th grade and my son Ian, a 4th grader, has gone to LSE since Kindergarten. I have been a member of LSE PTA every year since it opened and became involved with the executive board last school year, by finishing a term as Special Projects officer. I work as an Equipment Manager at BNSF Railroad and I am involved with church activities. I have had some experience with parliamentary procedure in past organizations that I have been involved with and hope to provide a solid understanding of rules for procedure and help the other officers with questions of rules as needed.

Lisa Burdick/Historian

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I'm so excited about this position. My official job and goal is to document all PTA events using pictures and memorabilia and then to place them in a photo safe album. Sounds like a lot of work, but to be quite honest I love scrapbooking, so this job was right up my alley! My husband and I have had wonderful experiences with LSE and although our nine year-old will be in the 4th grade, our four year-old will be starting in 2005, so we have six more to which to look forward. I am extremely involved in my community's HOA and also with Code Blue or Citizens on Patrol. When I was asked to take on this position my husband could only look at me and say, "Here she goes again." I look forward to the challenge and most of all meeting and making friends with more of our PTA family.

Deanna Arneson/Banking Chairperson

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I live with my husband, Bruce, and our six year old daughter, Brenna, who will be in 1st grade this school year. I am a certified teacher, with eight years teaching experience, but am enjoying substitute teaching now since this allows me more time to be wife and mom. This year I hope to see all of you adding cash to your savings accounts!

Wendy Jackson/Health

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I am married with two children, Emily and Matthew. Emily enters first grade this year in the Looping Program. I have been a nurse for 13 years now, six years of which have been at Cook Children's. My goals for this year are to provide monthly articles with topics that are informative and pertinent to you and your children. I hope you enjoy them!

Kerri Cooper/Hospitality/Childcare

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My committee provides the complimentary childcare service during the PTA meetings. This committee is ALWAYS in need of volunteer childcare attendants.

Cheri Baxter/Parenting Education

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I have been teaching at Lone Star since it opened in 2000. I'm excited about my position with Parent Education because just like you, my husband and I have children (two sweet boys, Harrison five, who is starting Kindergarten this year and our preschooler, Wyatt, age three! I know y'all are as busy as we are and would love to learn some parental tips for things like: time management, parenting, activities, and much more! Feel free to call or email me with your ideas!

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Daphne Lee/ Special Project

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I am married to Jeff Lee and have two wonderful boys, Michael age 5 and Andrew age 3. My husband works for Lockheed Martin as an engineer. I am very proud of my kids, their enthusiasm for learning and challenging new things amazes me every day. This is my first year on the PTA. I am very excited to be a part of the Executive Board and will do my best to ensure all the projects are successfully completed. I am looking forward to working with everybody in making Lone Star Elementary definitely the best place to be!

Teddi R. Zonker-Visser/Newsletter

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I'm excited to be a part of the LSE PTA once again for the third year in a row. My husband, Mathew, and I have two boys at LSE; Dirk, 4th grade and Luke, 3rd grade. They've been a part of LSE since they opened their doors! I am a UNT/Denton Alumni and remember attending Florence Elementary when their doors opened – ouch – dating myself a bit, hu? :o) My husband and I both work for the City of North Richland Hills. I look forward to accepting all of your newsletter articles and ads (from PTA, staff, students and parents) and providing a quality informational piece to everyone at LSE. Please feel free to provide comments and suggestions.

Scher Beltz/Volunteer Chairman

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I have a son entering second grade this year and my daughter is two years old. As volunteer chairman my goal is to get parents involved in LSE by providing teachers/staff and PTA with volunteers as needed during the year.

Allison Schlein/Yearbook

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I was born and raised on Long Island, New York. I graduated from S.U.N.Y @ Stony Brook and C.W. Post University. I have been married to my wonderful husband Michael for 22 years and we have five children who are the loves of our lives. Matthew (21) attends TCC, Amber,(16) our only princess is a Junior at CHS, Alec (10) is a 5th grader at Parkwood Hill, Marc (7) is a 2nd grader and Andrew (6) is a first grader. We lived in Boca Raton, Florida for 11 years before moving to Keller five years ago. TT

Upcoming Events/Calendar

8/2	Meet the teacher
8/3	School Starts, Tears and Cheers Reception for Kindergarten Parents, 9am and 1pm
8/5	4th Grade Orientation 6:30-7:30pm
8/9	3rd Grade Orientation 6:30-7:30pm
8/10	1st Grade Orientation 6:30-7:30pm
8/11	PPCD/Kindergarten Orientation 6:30-7:30pm
8/12	2nd Grade Orientation 6:30-7:30pm
8/16	PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:45pm
8/20	Picture Day
8/23	PTA General Assembly Meeting 6:30 p.m. and Family Fun Night
8/24-9/28	LSE After Dark Session I
8/26	PTA Sponsored Golf Outing 12:30pm tee time
8/30	Progress Reports



**WE NEED YOUR HELP! We would love to have you on our TEAM!
Carnival, Field Day, Room Representatives, School Store**



Counselor's Corner!

The teachers have decorated their rooms. The books have been delivered. All that's missing are the children, and LSE is ready for opening day! I cannot begin to tell you how very excited I am to be a part of this wonderful school!

Although this will be my first year at Lone Star, I thought you would want to know that I have been a counselor in Keller for the past thirteen years. I have a Masters degree in Education Counseling from Texas Woman's University and an undergraduate degree in education from Arizona State University. Along with my two beautiful daughters, precious granddaughter, and Lolli-Pup (my counseling buddy) the past 25 years of service in public education have been my passion. I look forward to adding many more as an integral part of the LSE family. Please come by the Counseling Center or call 817/744.5200, ext. 4116 if you have any questions, concerns, or insights that may help me better serve your child. Thank you for the privilege of sharing in your child's future.

Yours in the celebration of children, Judy K. Martin

School Activities/Events Information

KISD Board of Trustees Name Superintendent Finalist

The following is provided by a press release issued June 22, 2004 from Jason Meyer, Director of Communications of the KISD.

The Keller ISD Board of Trustees has selected Dr. James Veitenheimer of Canyon ISD as the finalist in its search for a new superintendent. Dr. Veitenheimer has been superintendent at Canyon ISD since 1999, and was area superintendent in Austin ISD supervising several high schools prior to moving to Canyon ISD.

During his time at Canyon ISD, Dr. Veitenheimer developed a code of ethics that emphasizes two-way communication among the Canyon ISD community, its board of trustees, central and campus administration, teachers and staff. The code of ethics was so successful that it has been adopted by West Texas A&M University. He also developed and managed the largest bond issue in Canyon ISD history to build new schools and provide equity to aging facilities.

For more information, please contact Bob Apetz, chairman of the KISD Superintendent Search Committee at: 817/266.9600. TT

KISD Bond Election/September 11, 2004

Citizens in the Keller ISD will get a chance to help the district maintain comfortable class sizes, provide well-equipped campuses and prepare for future growth. KISD's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to call a school bond referendum election on Saturday, September 11, 2004, to address the district's fast-paced growth. The \$152.3 million proposal addresses the following areas: · Enrollment growth · Improvements/additions to campuses and facilities · Land for future school sites.

The proposal earmarks \$129.2 million (85 percent of the bond total) for new construction to meet the high growth demands in the KISD community. This plan allows for four new elementary schools, a new intermediate school, a new middle school and plans to accommodate for a fourth high school. It also provides additions to Indian Springs Middle School and South Keller Intermediate, and classrooms to allow KISD to begin to phase in full-day Kindergarten.

In addition, the proposal includes \$23.1 million (15 percent of the bond total) in needed capital improvements to 10 elementary schools, two intermediate schools, four middle schools and all three high schools. It also provides improvements to the KISD Learning Center and several district facilities as well as land purchase for future school sites.

Maintenance Tax Authorization is the third item in this year's bond election. We must vote for this authorization for the District to sell the above bonds, so we can build these schools.

"The number of students in Keller ISD has more than doubled in the last 10 years, and that growth is only expected to continue," said Board President Richard Walker. "This bond will help us provide quality schools that comply with the KISD standard of education, and will help us be better prepared to serve our students and our community." TT

Parenting Section

All You Need to Know about Safety Seats...and more!

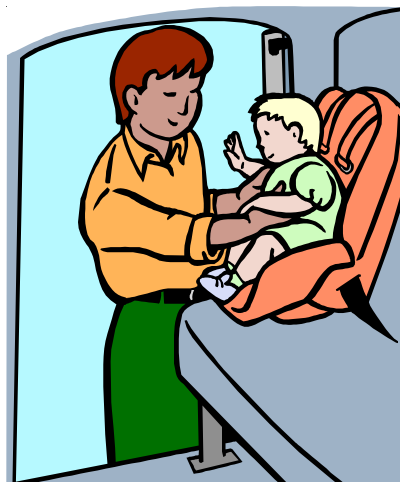
Did you know that ~70% of children that die in car accidents, would have survived the accident if they had been properly restrained? Per Texas Law, if your child is < 4 years old or < 36 inches, they need to be in a federally approved safety seat. If your child is 4-16 years old, they have to be in a seat belt. The fine if caught, is not less than \$100 nor greater than \$200 per incident. Much more important than the money, is our children's safety. Here are some guidelines and resources available.

Infants should always be in the back seat of the car, and be rear facing until they are one year old, AND 20 lbs. BOTH must be met to turn the car seat forward facing.

- infant seats must be at a 45 degree angle,
- the clip should be at armpit level,
- the shoulder straps should be at or below shoulder level,
- the handle should ALWAYS be down when traveling, and
- NEVER put the rear facing seat in the front seat with an airbag.

For convertible car seats (accommodates infants and toddlers), follow the above until infant is 20 lbs. and 1 year old. When you turn the seat forward facing, tilt the seat to the upright position. The harness straps should be at or above the shoulders, and the chest clip at armpit level. You can move your child to a booster seat when your child reaches 40 lbs. Now you can use your car's shoulder/lap belt with the booster seat. Most manufacturers do not recommend using the 5 point harness after 40 lbs. The car seat and harness are not strong enough to protect your child in an accident. Your child will be in a booster seat for a while. The general guideline to transition to a seat belt is when the child is 4 ft 9 in, and approximately 80 lbs. They must also be able to sit in the seat, and be able to bend their knees at the edge of the seat without slouching. The shoulder strap must come across the shoulder (NOT the neck) and the lap belt must come across the upper thighs or hip area (NOT the abdomen).

Now that you know what car seat is appropriate for the height/weight and age of your child, now you have to be sure it is installed properly. Be sure the seat belt is going through the proper car seat slot. Most are clearly labeled. The belt must be tight. Get in the car seat, push down, and pull the seat belt tight. If you have retractable seatbelts, pull them all the way out and retract as tightly



as you can. If you have the free sliding latch plate seat belts, you may have to use a locking clip. Locking clips are placed one inch from the latch plate. Most car seats have a clip on the back of the seat. If not, locking clips are sold at most stores where car seats are sold. Whatever belt you use, when you pull the car seat forward and move it from side to side, it should not move more than one inch. If it does, re-tighten and test again.

Not all car seats fit all cars. So, if you can not make it fit, try another spot in the car, or return the car seat and try a different kind. A car seat is only as good as how it is installed, and how the child is secured in it.

- The back seat is the safest place in the car for ALL children.
- Make you children ride in the proper restraint EVERYTIME, NO exceptions ever.
- Most accidents happen in close proximity to your home and at low speeds.
- Follow the manufacturers guidelines for your particular restraint device.
- Never allow your child to place the shoulder belt under their arm or behind their back.
- Air bags are detrimental to the survival of your child in the front seat.
- Remember Moms and Dads, be a role model and buckle up every time!!

Cook Childrens Hospital of Fort Worth offers a free Car Seat Safety check at the Hurst satellite location. A Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician will evaluate and install your car seat. Call 682/885.2634 for your appointment. Info obtained from: www.cookchildrens.com, www.nsc.com, www.car-safety.org, www.keepkidshealthy.com, and The Texas Department of Public Safety.

Joke of the month:

Patient: Doctor, I think I swallowed a pillow.

Doctor: How do you feel?

Patient: A little down in the mouth. TT

Parent Involvement Opportunities

Turn Tyson Products into big bucks for Lone Star Elementary!

If you eat Tyson products, you can help Lone Star earn money!

The LSE PTA has announced that the school is taking part in a national fund-raising program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. The program is called Project A+ and it works like this: There's a Project A+ label, worth 24¢, on various Tyson products that feature the Project A+ logo on the front of the package. Schools earn money from Tyson by collecting and redeeming the labels. Participating schools can earn up to \$12,000 per academic year, and there are no restrictions on how the funds are used. Our Tyson Project A+ coordinator, Dara Buntyn, has set up a collection site at the school where parents and others in the community can drop off their Tyson Project A+ redemption labels. If everyone out in the community clips and saves the Tyson Project A+ redemption labels, we can make this program a huge success for our school.

For more information on the Tyson Project A+ program, contact Dara Buntyn at dbuntyn@sbcglobal.net, or check out the Tyson Project A+ Web site, <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com>.



One easy way you can make a difference is to join the Box Tops Booster Club at boxtops4education.com. Not only will you get the chance to help our school earn cash, but you'll get wonderful rewards for your family, too. Money-saving coupons, easy mealtime solutions, children's book reviews, and family movie recommendations, just to name a few. You'll also get exclusive access to online shopping through the Box Tops Marketplace. Up to 8% of every qualifying purchase goes back to our school – at no additional cost to you.

For more information on how you can help our school earn cash through Box Tops for Education, contact Dara Buntyn, our Box Tops Coordinator, at dbuntyn@sbcglobal.net or visit boxtops4education.com.

Catalog Fundraiser

This year the PTA would like to do a catalog sale. Because of their superior products and commitment to quality, we prefer to use Kathryn Beich. The "Holiday Wishes" catalog includes items such as craft/cook books, candles, gourmet candy, spa sets, holiday giftware, wrapping paper and lots of items for the kids. **All participants will receive cumulative prizes and be invited to join us for a Lone Star Skate-O-Round Night at Skatetown in Grapevine.** With approval from the PTA membership, our kick off date would start August 24, 2004 and end September 3. More information will be sent out at a later date. Your support is needed in order to make this a successful fundraiser!

Make a Difference at Lone Star Elementary - Join the Box Tops Booster Club!

We've recently launched our 2004-2005

Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign.

This year we've set a goal of earning \$2000 through Box Tops to aid in accomplishing the goals set by the Lone Star Elementary PTA.



Since 1996, Box Tops has helped America's schools raise over \$100 million to buy the things they need like library books, computers, and playground equipment. The Box Tops for Education program offers school supporters three easy ways to earn cash for schools through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online, and making purchases with a credit card. School budgets are tighter than ever, and Lone Star Elementary is asking for the support of families and community members like you.

Lone Star
Skate-O
Round
Night!



PASSBOOK UPDATE!

Many people have asked about the passbooks and if we will be selling them this year. We are aware that many parents love the books and the wonderful savings they get from them. Again, with approval from the PTA membership, the PTA can make them available; however it would not be an official fundraiser. It would be just a courtesy provided by the PTA to give everyone the opportunity to purchase one and support LSE at the same time. Order forms will be sent home with your student. Thanks for your support in making Lone Star, "The Best That It Can Be"! TT

NEWSLETTER NEWS!



Welcome to the **TEXAN TALES**. - a monthly publication sponsored by Lone Star Elementary and the LSE PTA. As a member of the LSE PTA (only \$6/year) you may submit information to be reviewed for inclusion in the next issue. Articles must be received no later than the deadline listed below. If information is received following the deadline, it will be reviewed for publication the following month. **We greatly welcome your comments and ideas on how to make this publication a successful tool.** For details or to submit your articles, announcements, ads, a note to a teacher, staff, student...almost anything - please contact Teddi R. Zonker-Visser at tzonker@nrhtx.com.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Print</u>	Please be sure to submit your information no later than the deadline. Early submissions are gladly accepted. :o) In addition, please limit your text submissions to a maximum of one full page.
September	Aug 20	Sep 7	
October	Sep 24	Oct 4	
November	Oct 22	Nov 1	
December	Nov 19	Dec 6	

COUNCIL & STATE NEWS!

Awards/Recognition

During the 2003-2004 school year, Lone Star Elementary was recognized with the following awards/accomplishments: Outstanding Local Unit; Parent Involvement; Outstanding Website; Outstanding E-Newsletter. Congratulations!

Council/District News

Now that kids are learning about sex at school, on TV, in the movies, and on the web, what's left for parents to say? PLENTY! Texas PTA is excited to offer our members "Can We Talk," a fun, interactive workshop that helps parents enhance their role in their children's health and sexuality education. Parents learn how to talk to their kids about self-esteem, puberty and sexuality, mixed messages, peer pressure, and other real-life issues that they're dealing with every day. They learn how to make talks with their kids non-confrontational-and ongoing. The goal of the Can We Talk workshops is to provide parents with the resources and tools necessary to enhance their parenting skills. If you would like more information please contact Lacy Teeler at LTeeler@womenshelter.org or 817/548.0583, ext. 229; or Rebecca Farrow at RFarrow@womenshelter.org or at 817/548.0583, ext.224.

State/National PTA News

PTA members and their relatives are now eligible to join Alliantsm Credit Union, the nation's seventh-largest credit union offering one of the highest savings dividends in the country and some of the lowest loan rates available. National PTA and Alliant have made the unique benefits of credit union membership available to all PTA members, along with a special membership fee rebate intended to benefit the PTA. All it takes to become an Alliant Credit Union lifetime member is an initial \$30 deposit. Upon joining, Alliant will deposit the PTA membership fee rebate directly into the member's Alliant savings account. Visit the National PTA Proud Sponsors Web page at www.pta.org for more information on Alliant Credit Union and a link to the Alliant website for a Membership Enrollment Agreement, or call Alliant at 800/328.1935 (Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm CT). TT

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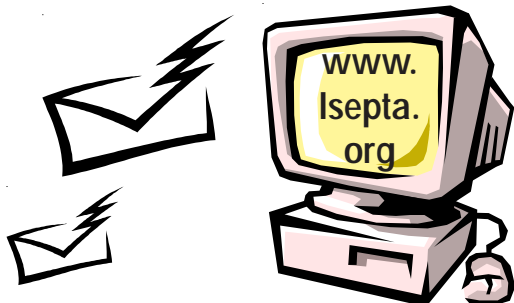
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please log on to the LSE PTA website!



CLASSIFIEDS!

Tooth Tree! Has your child lost any teeth this school year? Just drop a note to Wendy Jackson/Health at bubbaboobah@hotmail.com with the child's name and how many teeth lost, and a tooth will be placed on the "tooth tree" with their name on it! They also get a star for each tooth lost!

CHECK IT OUT TODAY! Visit www.lsepta.org. You'll be **AMAZED!** Print a **WEB COUPON** for free Wooley's Frozen Custard; sign up to receive Texan Tales EMAILED to you; view and sign the LSE PTA guest book; download the PTA membership form and many PTA forms; download past editions of the TT newsletter; contact board members via email; check out our sponsors; check out the Pack 195 scout activities; check out the LSE PTA calendar and much more! **This is definitely an AWARD WINNING WEBSITE in the making!** What are you waiting for - www.lsepta.org NOW!

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Special Fund-Raising Program for Lone Star/PTA! If you or anyone you know purchases a home and obtains a mortgage through TRISTAR MORTGAGE GROUP, Tristar will donate \$200 to a non-profit organization of the client's choice. In addition, by using Tristar Mortgage and an In-House Agent from Metrostar Realty, you can receive up to 1% cash back at closing*. Please call Britney at 817/300.4641 to get started raising money for our schools today! Tristar Mortgage Group, 425 Keller Parkway, Keller, TX 76248. 817/379.4203. TX MB #2869. * Some restrictions may apply.

The LSE After Dark Scrapbooking class is looking for anyone to donate their leftover scrapbooking supplies. Anything at all would be greatly appreciated! Please call Wendy Jackson at 817/428.1154, or email at bubbaboobah@hotmail.com.

MASSAGE! Teachers, PTA members, LSE PARENTS! - Receive 10% all services! Registered massage therapists, Sandy Woehrle and Naomi McDonald, located CLOSE to home at the North Richland Hills Recreation Center. **MENTION THIS AD FOR A SUPER SPECIAL - 1-1/2 hrs for \$60!** Regular price, \$90! Reflexology, Polarity, Reiki, Hot Stone Therapy, Pregnancy Massage, Raindrop Therapy, Crystal/Gem Reiki and Aromatherapy Massage! For details, please call Teddi R. Zonker-Visser for details, 817/427.6613. Telephone payment accepted/gift certificates may be sent to you at LSE! www.nrhtx.com.

LSE AFTER DARK NEEDS INSTRUCTORS; PARENT VOLUNTEERS; and STUDENT VOLUNTEERS. Do you have a special talent? Are you willing to volunteer for 1.5 hours on Thursday evenings for six weeks? We are looking for parent volunteers that have a passion for their talent and desire to share with the special kids of LSE. We are also looking for parent or student volunteers to assist our talented instructors during class times. WE NEED YOUR HELP for LSE After Dark to become the most successful program ever. Email Sherry Simon at ssimonok@aol.com with your program ideas and your desire to help.