



# Bruin Voices

Lake Braddock Secondary

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## Newsletter of the LBSS Parent\*\*Teacher\*\*Student\*\* Association

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### Message from the President

Hi, everyone!

Fall is upon us and it looks like we're off to a great start to the new school year. Fall sports are in full swing, the kids are back to the regular routine, and they seem to be adjusting well to the new Bruin Block. Students report finding that the opportunity to get extra help with their subjects, or to get a head start on their homework, has real benefits. And the teacher collaboration period is giving teachers a chance to coordinate their curriculum and share effective subject-specific teaching skills. We all look forward to receiving a progress report on the new programs from the administration at our February General Membership Meeting.

And once again, the PTSA is doing well with membership, with just over 1600 members so far. We're hopeful that, with continued growth this year, we may be eligible for another Local Unit Achievement Award. Last year, our PTSA was one of only 339 units nationwide to receive such an award.

And finally, a special word of thanks to the Great Harvest Bread Company for sponsoring our recent fundraiser and providing 100% of the proceeds to the PTSA. The event was a huge success. We sold all the bread that was baked by our hosts, and our kids, teachers and parents will reap the benefit of the generosity of Jules and Nicky Verster and their hard-working crew.

John Long, PTSA President 07-09  
[lbptsapres@verizon.net](mailto:lbptsapres@verizon.net)

### Mark your calendar!

**Oct 25**

Annual Craft Fair  
9 am to 3 pm

**Oct 31**

End of Quarter

**Nov 7**

Nominations for Teacher  
of the Year due

**Nov 3-4**

Teacher Work Days  
No school for students

**Nov 5**

Second Quarter begins

**Nov 10**

Winter Sports begin

**Nov 26**

2-hour Early Release

**Nov 27-28**

Thanksgiving Holiday

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"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort."

Jesse Owens

## **Membership Matters...Nickels...**



What can 5 cents a day get you? (By the way, the once common cent sign is gone from our computer keyboards because it is so rarely used in these days of dollars.)

**Pride** - knowing you funded educational programs at Lake Braddock like Science Olympiad, Drive to Survive, Reflections, scholarships, and teacher grants. And more!

**Confidence** - PTSA members have the same goals as you - you can relax knowing this body is working for a safe environment, an enjoyable experience, and an effective education for our students. And more!

**Opportunity** - a chance to be a role model for students at Lake Braddock, demonstrating that school and education is important enough for you to be involved. It also offers a forum for you to voice concerns, ideas and comments with folks who are in the same place as you. And More!

**Resources** - PTSA meetings, Parent Library, Mentorworks, Career Center, E-news, Bruin Voices newsletter, lbspspta.org website, Parent Liaison groups. And you can contact any board member with questions. And more!

It is not too late to join the Lake Braddock PTSA. For less than a nickel a day, you too can have all these great things and more. We have more than 1600 members and each one helps to make us a success. Use the form on the back page!

For more information, contact Elizabeth Hurst at [eahurst@cox.net](mailto:eahurst@cox.net) or 703-440-0868.

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## **Subscribe to PTSA Enews!**

LBSS PTSA's weekly enews provides information on Lake Braddock and PTSA events. Email a photo of Bruin pride moments--parents, students, or teachers--and it may be featured as Photo of the Week! All PTSA members should receive enews as part of membership. If you are not receiving your copy, email [ptsanews@verizon.net](mailto:ptsanews@verizon.net).

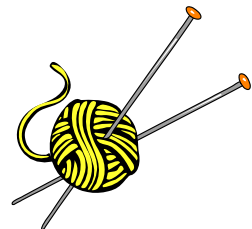


**LBSS PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase  
October 25  
CALLING ALL BRUINS!**

Come join us for a fun day of shopping and camaraderie at our annual Arts & Crafts Showcase on Saturday, October 25 from 9 am to 3 pm.

With approximately 100 booths, you will find a large variety of handmade jewelry, decorative items, personalized gift items, quilted and knitted items, pottery, woodcrafts, photography, original artwork, food specialty items (for people and for pets), and much more. We even have one booth where children can create their own sand art. While many of your favorite crafters are returning, many talented first-time exhibitors will also be here selling their wares. School clubs will be participating and selling Lake Braddock merchandise, food items, etc. Each crafter is donating one of his/her handcrafted items to our Silent Auction. Bring the family and enjoy a delicious lunch at our concession stand. This event will be held at the school in the cafeteria and adjoining hallways.

Admission is \$3, seniors 65+ \$2, no charge for those under 18. There will also be door prizes throughout the day. The proceeds help the PTSA support the students and teachers of Lake Braddock. Visit the PTSA website ([www.lbssptsa.org](http://www.lbssptsa.org)), send an e-mail to [Lbsscrafter-show@yahoo.com](mailto:Lbsscrafter-show@yahoo.com) or call Bonnie Conte at 703-425-5652 for more information.



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## Teacher of the Year



How do you thank a teacher for all the effort made on your behalf? Nominate your favorite teacher for the Agnes Meyer "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" Award. This award is sponsored by PTSA, Fairfax County Public Schools, and the *Washington Post*.

Write a letter explaining why your teacher should be recognized as "outstanding." All nominations are due by November 7 to Suzanne Klein at [vakleins@cox.net](mailto:vakleins@cox.net) or mail to 7725 Gingerbread Lane, Fairfax Station, VA 22039.

In 2008, Mr. Roy Holder, LBSS band director, was a Teacher of the Year Finalist!