



Lorton Station Express

News from Lorton Station Elementary School and the PTA

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Call Sheet

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Your support is essential

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

Buried somewhere amid all the noise and banter there are things that really count. Here are some of them:

- Children need to know how much you care before they care how much you know.
- Resilience develops when we face the difficult and work to succeed.
- Success is more about effort than luck or talent.
- The measures of success are varied. No one measure tells all.
- When all is said and done, what we do will mean more than what we say.
- Take the high road.
- The habits of youth are the habits of life. Help children develop good ones.

PTA needs you to volunteer

By SANDI FEDORSHIK
PTA President

As May approaches, another school year is rapidly coming to a close. Standards of Learning tests, known as SOLs, are scheduled throughout the month for grades 3-6, and a host of end-of-year activities are scheduled.

One very important activity will occur at the May 9 PTA meeting, when the Nominating Committee presents a slate of officers for the 2006-07 school year. Three positions — President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President — are available, and we need parents to step up for a number of committee chairs that will be open next year as well.

Volunteers are critical to our school's

From the Principal Susan B. Garrison

- You will see yourself in your children. Mind your manners and words.
- Seek first to understand and then to be understood. That is respect.
- Give what you want to get from respect to praise.
- When it matters, speak to support and encourage not to demean and defeat.

We are soon beginning our Standards of Learning Assessments. Your positive support is essential. These tests really count. Encourage your children. Let them know you believe in them and that "we know we can."

Together we can encourage them best by not being silent. See you at school!

success, and we can't do it without your help and support.

Unfortunately, we are having to cancel spring bingo this year, in part because we have not been able to find someone to take charge of this very popular event. We hope that someone will step up for this position for next year as well as the other committees that are available.

The PTA will hold its spring book fair May 8-10. Family Event Night will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. May 8, which gives you an opportunity to stop by the library and purchase books for your child or your child's classroom.

Also, we hope you will attend Family Movie Night on May 19 and participate in the other end-of-year events. The year will be over before you know it!

School Hours

Grades K-6

Mondays: 9:05 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Tues-Fri: 9:05 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Children should arrive at school no earlier than 8:40 a.m. We cannot assume responsibility for their supervision before this time.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Attendance Line

571-642-6060

Transportation

Information about transportation is available at the school or by calling 703-329-3600.

School Age Child Care

Before and after school-age child care (SACC) is available. For more information, visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/service/ofc/sacc.htm

Cafeteria Prices

Breakfast:

Student \$1

Lunch:

Student \$1.90

Adults \$2.75

2nd Entree with Lunch. \$1

Available as a daily menu choice:

Yogurt with Pretzel, a Deli, and Chef's Salad. A la carte items also will be available daily.

Meal cards are available for purchase.

How to Reach PTA Committee Chairs

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SOL tests ongoing throughout May

May will be filled with testing! Please be aware that Standards of Learning testing occurs throughout the month for students in grades 3-6. Thank you.

Buy 1, get 1 free

Spring Scholastic Book Fair to be held May 8-10

By VICKI HOUGH
PTA Book Fair Chairperson

With summer just around the corner, Lorton Station's Book Fair is the event you've been waiting for to purchase books for summer reading.

From May 8-10, Lorton Station will host a spring Scholastic Book Fair where you can find plenty of books and items to entertain your children.

This year, we have a special treat for all who purchase an item at the fair. You may purchase one item and get another item of same or lesser value for free.

Book Fair hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 8-10. Books also will be sold during Family Event Night, planned for 5 to 8 p.m. May 8.

We hope this will encourage students to read more than one book over the summer and fill classroom libraries. The fair is open each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our Family Event Night is scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 8. Everyone is welcome. When you visit the book fair, be sure to look for the Classroom

Wish List display to see how you can help build your child's classroom library.

For more information about the book fair, please call me at (703) 493-9019 or e-mail at vickihough@verizon.net.

Be sure your kids are supervised after school

Staff not in charge of oversight once class day ends

By MRS. GARRISON
LSES Principal

With the warmer weather upon us, it is only natural that more students will want to play on school grounds after the school day is over.

Although we want our playgrounds to remain available as a resource for the entire community, we are concerned about the safety risks of unsupervised play once the school day ends at 3:40. We have already found that an increasing number of parents are telling their children to remain at school, rather than making after-school childcare arrangements.

To help ensure your child's safety, it is important for parents to know that:

■ Staff members generally leave shortly after students are dismissed for the day.

■ Those staff members who remain at school after that time to handle other responsibilities are not available to supervise playgrounds.

■ Parents are encouraged to make arrangements so that their children are supervised by an adult after school.

■ Children who are not participating in school or county-sponsored activities after school, but remain on or return to school grounds, do so at their own risk.

2006-07 PTA leadership positions

A number of PTA executive committee and board positions are open for 2006-07 at Lorton Station Elementary School.

The Nominating Committee will take names of prospective officers and committee chairs to the May 9 PTA meeting.

If you are interested in any of the positions please contact Christie Thornett at (703) 690-2921 or at rnc-thornett@aol.com or Jill Cook at (571) 642-0032 or thecooksiii@earthlink.net.

Executive Committee Positions

President: Oversees overall operations of PTA, conducts meetings, represents PTA at various functions.

First Vice President: Responsible for all PTA programs except fundraising; assists the president; takes over if president is unable to fulfill his/her duties.

Second Vice President: Responsible for PTA's fundraising efforts.

PTA Board Chairs

- Bingo
- Book Fair
- Cultural Arts
- Fall Fundraiser
- Girls on the Run Coordinator
- Historian
- Hospitality
- Membership
- Parliamentarian
- Reflections
- Shop and Earn Fundraising
- Special Education Representative
- Teacher Appreciation
- Theater Arts Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- WATCH D.O.G.S.

Want to know more?

For more information on the PTA, contact one of the officers listed on Page 1 of this newsletter or visit the PTA section of the LSES website.

Calendar of Events

May 4

- Volunteer luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Night of Greek plays, 7 p.m.

May 5-10

- PTA Book Fair in the library

May 8

- Registration for kindergarten, 2 p.m.

May 8-12

- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8-31

- SOL Tests for grades 3-6

May 9

- PTA meeting, 7 p.m. in the library

May 19

- Family Movie Night, 7 p.m.

May 26

- New to GT Center meeting, 9:30 a.m.

May 29

- Memorial Day Holiday

June 5

- Band/Strings Concert, 7 p.m.

June 8

- Spring Musical, 7 p.m.

June 9

- Frontier Day-Sixth Grade

June 13

- Field Day, 5th and 6th grades
- PTA meeting, 7 p.m. in the library

June 14

- Field Day, 3rd and 4th grades
- Kindergarten show, 6:30 p.m.

June 15

- Field Day, grades K-2
- Sixth Grade Reception, 7 p.m.

June 16

- Awards Assembly, 9:15 a.m.

June 20

- Last day of 2006-07 school year; 11:35 a.m. early dismissal for all students.

LSES Chess Club makes great strides

Students earn top 5 finish in tournament

Lorton Station Elementary School's Chess Club is growing and thriving as it competes against other schools from the Greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

The team won both of its matches and finished in the top five of all schools participating in the Elementary Team League tournament that was played March 25 at the U.S. Chess Center in Washington. It was the club's best ranking in the tournament to date; more than one-third of the entire team participated.

LSES also competed April 24 in the White Oaks Challenge, an invitational chess tournament hosted by White Oaks Elementary School in Burke. Eight Fairfax County schools participated in the tournament and the winning school will qualify for the Fairfax County Championship in June.

Results were not available in time for this edition of the Express, but each school sends its top 12 players to compete. Mr. Terry, our chess instructor, chose students according to their current ranking

Thanks to the following students for spending at least one Saturday afternoon (and sometimes more) in D.C. playing chess:

- Alexander Churchill
- Ryan Rodriguez
- William Fairbanks
- Serena Lei
- Sean Lei
- Michael Limache
- Emil Limache
- Thomas Coppeans
- James Verdan
- William Prowse
- Matthew Bridges
- Colin Moore
- Benjamin Trans
- Paul Laquindanum
- Parker Lessley
- Michael Berghold
- Alex Orsino
- Edward Fortunato
- Sydney Hyson
- Zach Stoner

in Chess Club. More information about the tournament will be included in next month's newsletter.



Kindergarten registration set for May 8

Kindergarten registration for Lorton Station for the 2006-07 school year will be held at 2 p.m. May 8 in the school cafeteria. If you have received information about registration, please call the school office at (571) 642-6000. Provide your name and address and information will be sent to you.

If you know of a neighbor who has a child ready to start school, please ask him or her to call the school. A child must be age 5 by September 30 to begin kindergarten in the 2006-2007 school year.