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EAGLE NEWS

President's Message

Hello Eagles,

I am so excited that I was re-elected as the PTO President for the upcoming school year. I'd like to thank Laurie Sale and Becky Beaty for remaining in their positions as Vice President and Treasurer. I look forward to working with you again next school year. Please welcome Tammy Pittman as our new Secretary, Lisa we are going to miss you!

This month we are having our 3rd annual Family Fun Fair but with a twist on health. We have tons to offer our community...it is going to be great!

If any parents have any Keurig K cups they would be willing to donate to the teachers lounge, please send them in with your child (singles or packs are appreciated).

Have a great May!

Amy Buchanan

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May 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/6 DOMINO'S PIZZA
LGES SPIRIT NIGHT
- 5/7 SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY
SCA TWINS DAY
- 5/10 PTO MEETING
7:00 LIBRARY
- 5/11 MARKET DAY
PICK-UP 5:00-6:00
- 5/15 FUN FAMILY HEALTH
FAIR 10:00-2:00
- 5/21 SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY

LGES RECOGNIZED: *Showcases for Success*

LGES was recognized in the 2010 edition of the Virginia School Boards Association's (VSBA) *Showcases for Success* publication for its reading incentive program, "Join the Band – Read like a Rock Star."

Implemented in 2008-09, the program is a parent-teacher collaborative to promote student participation, enjoyment and stamina in reading at school and home while fostering lifelong

reading habits. Goals are established for students in kindergarten through second grade for the number of books read, and for third and fourth graders for the number of tests they can pass in the Scholastic Reading Counts program. The students work on achieving the goals for three ten-week periods throughout the school year. At the end of the first incentive period this year, 75 percent of the students had earned a "Reading Rocks" wrist-

band!

Mr. Magruder credited Priscilla Kowasic, reading specialist and program coordinator, for the success of the program. Its success also can be attributed to the hard work of a reading program oversight committee of teachers and parents as well as to the collaboration of the entire LGES faculty and staff!

Just another testament to how GREAT our school is!! **ROCK ON Eagles!!**

LGES Garden News by Bette Winter

Seeds and bulbs are growing, dirt is being prepared and our Flower Power fundraiser was a great success. Flower Power raised \$800.00 for the Garden Project. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser. The children and Faculty at LGES really appreciate it.

The PTO-garden project has purchased two 9'

umbrellas with this year's funds. That makes a total of 4...one for each table in the garden area. Come and check them out the next time you stop by the school.

The Garden Project is seeking a caretaker for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested, please contact Bette Winter at hokulani42@comcast.net.

**Teacher
Appreciation
Week
May 3-7
Family Fun
Health Fair
May 15**

Mother's Day

LGES Extreme Workroom Improvement from Lisa Story

At the March LGES PTO Board meeting, we voted to surprise the LGES staff with upgrades to their teacher workroom.

After a fun shopping trip to IKEA, the LGES PTO sponsored transformation got underway during the few days of Spring Break.

We would like to give a huge Thanks to All-Star Painting for donating the paint and the labor to make this Extreme Improvement happen!

With paint, new tables and chairs and a lot of TLC, the new workroom is FANTASTIC!



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YOUR \$\$\$ AT WORK:

April 1 - April 30, 2010

Die Cuts	\$ 405.60
Garden Umbrellas	\$ 422.18
Kindergarten Butterfly Unit	\$ 120.18
Teacher Workroom Coffee	\$ 170.53
Fun Fair Jump Ropes	\$ 300.00
Fun Fair Prizes	\$ 249.40
Teacher Workroom Renovation	\$ 1,404.57
Teacher Breakfast	\$ 49.60
Third Grade Field Trip	\$ 1,468.00
Fourth Grade Field Trip	\$ 1,000.00
50/50 Raffle Winner	\$ 282.50
Flower Power Fundraiser	\$ 1,023.00



Join us for LGES Pizza Spirit Nights

Take a night off from cooking while supporting LGES!

Who: LGES & Domino's Pizza

What: LGES Spirit Night

When: The 1st THURSDAY of every month

May 6

June 3

- Place your order by at 540-972-3811 (Domino's across from LOW) on the 1st Thursday of every month to start raising money for your school

- Tell them the order is for LGES Spirit Night **(coupon 5)**

- \$2.00 from your order is donated back to LGES.

Contact Lisa Story at
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for 2010-2011 advertising rates.

FAMILY FUN!

The purpose of our Family Fun section is to share some fun ideas to do with your family. It's easy to get stuck in a rut and caught up in our hectic schedules, but it's also nice to do something different.

We would love to hear from you! If you have any craft ideas, activities, etc. that you would like to share, please e-mail them to Lisa Story at lisa.story@comcast.net. Space will be limited, so there is no guarantee that each entry will be published.

Chore Card
(www.familyfun.go.com)

Total time needed: 1 hour

Kids can pledge to help Mom or Dad around the house with this flowery card.

Materials Needed:

- 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of heavyweight paper
- Construction paper or card stock
- Glue
- Con-tact paper, optional

Instructions:

1. Fold in half an 8 1/2- by 11- inch sheet of heavyweight paper so that the shorter ends match up.
2. Cut a flowerpot shape from colored construction paper or card stock and glue it to the lower portion of the card face. Attach only the bottom and side edges and leave the top unglued.
3. Cut out a bunch of colored flowers and thick green stems and then glue the stem tops to the backs of the blossoms.
4. Once the glue dries, print a

different chore (such as "fold the laundry" or "walk the dog") on the back of each stem.

5. Inscribe the inside of the card with the words "Pick a flower and you will see the jobs you'll pick this week for me" and sign it. All that's left to do is to "plant" the flowers in the pot and present the card.



Featured Recipe from "Eagles Can Cook"

Microwave Caramel Corn

Submitted by Kim Wynn

- 1 stick margarine
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda

1 cup popcorn - popped

Melt margarine in a 1 quart measuring cup. Add sugar, syrup, and salt. Bring to a boil. Boil for 2 minutes. Add baking soda and stir. Put popcorn in large double strength brown paper grocery

bag. Pour hot syrup over popped corn. Roll down top and shake bag. Microwave 1 minute on high remove and shake. Repeat 2 times. Microwave again 30 seconds. Repeat twice. Pour into bowl.

What's Happening in... Art & Library?



Art: What's cookin' at ART's Diner? We are sculpting our way to May! In ART's Diner terms, we are rolling in the "dough!" Lots of it! And "S'MORES" to some, as Henry Moore, the English sculptor, is our inspiration. We are learning about abstract sculptures that have form and negative space. We learned this song about Henry Moore to the tune of Jingle Bells. We will exhibit some of these at TEAC in May in the showcase. We just finished a one day Annual Student Art Show for the Fine Arts Festival. Photos of the exhibit as well as some photos of Mr. Finger's Orff ensemble can be viewed on the following

site: <http://gallery.me.com/mrcheckers>. This same art and more will be in the "Young Visions" Annual Student Art Show for the whole month at the Arts Center in Orange in May. You will be notified of that. Also, on the same days our thoughtful PTO was creating that fabulous teachers' lounge for us, I was turning ART's Diner upside down and inside out. It is still a work in progress but come by and see the new and improved ART's Diner sometime in May. That's it for now. Thanks for all those wonderful little artists.

Library: The LGES 2010 Spring Bookfair was a great success! Close to \$1,700.00 of RC Points were redeemed to place hundreds of free books into the hands of over 200 Locust Grove Elementary School students. Kudos to Laura Moore and the PTO for soliciting helpers. And of course a huge "Thank You" goes out to all the volunteers and parents, for without you; the Bookfair quite literally could not function. Looking forward to the LGES 2010 Fall Bookfair in October.

LGES Connect Team

SCA NEWS

The next SCA spirit day is Twins Day on Friday, May 7th.

SCA Members will help conduct our annual preschool tours for LOW Church on Tuesday, May 4th and Lake Co-op on Friday, May 28th.

The SCA sponsored Relief for Haiti and Chile drive ended on April 30th. Over \$200 will be given to the American Red Cross. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

The SCA Recycling Team 2 has collected and separated many plastic and aluminum items that are now at the recycling center. Team 3 will take over for the remainder of the school year.

The SCA voted to give LGES some school supplies as their annual school gift.

Delany Johnson, Secretary

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