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From the PTA President...

On behalf of the Laurel Park Elementary PTA Board, we would like to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. My name is Michele Hilmey and I am happy to be serving a second term as the Laurel Park Elementary PTA President. I took on this position because I strongly believe we have a wonderful school community whose involvement and willingness to help is extraordinary. We are fortunate to have a great support system that truly cares for the school and allows us to accomplish amazing things.

I'm excited to share we raised over \$30,000 during our Spring Boosterthon fundraiser alone! This is incredible! Funds raised will be used on new technology, software and program licensing that will impact student learning every day.

Our school spirit was on display with a packed house during our first annual Family Fun Night! It was wonderful to see the support and comradery of families coming together to help the school, while having a great time. This is what makes Laurel Park a special school.

Moving forward into the new school year, we are excited to add brand new soccer goals and play area for the children. This is all due to the support the PTA receives through parent involvement. We are so close to outfitting every classroom with a Smart Board or comparable device and know we can reach this goal with your support! We are also hoping to complete the new play area we are starting construction on this year, as well as installing additional shade structures for the children and teachers.

There are various ways in which you can help us meet our goals:

Join the PTA - It is now easier than ever! We are pleased to introduce our new online membership website allowing you to join our PTA with ease. When you join, you will have access to an online directory accessed by any device.

Connect with your classroom PTA liaison - Every class will have a designated parent who will share information from the PTA such as upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer - I know that so many of you would like to get involved but your time may be limited. We invite you to take a look at our new website and visit a comprehensive list of volunteer positions. These positions range from PTA Board positions to "one time" volunteering opportunities. Each description will help you asses the time commitment and hopefully, allow you to volunteer in something that suits your schedule.

Come to a meeting - We hold General PTA meetings once a quarter. This is a great time to hear what is happening, ask questions and get involved!

Follow us on Facebook - if you have not liked our page yet, please go and link yourself! We do our best to keep this current with the latest happenings.

Whether helping in the classroom, supporting a fundraiser, participating in a school event or attending a PTA meeting, the PTA hopes you find a way to be involved in our great school. We look forward to another great year!!

Stay informed, stay connected, and stay involved!

Sincerely,

Michele Hilmey, LPES PTA President

Update on the AC at our School:

Wake County is in the process of assessing the current system. The design work will be complete by October 9, 2016. Construction is set to begin on November 24, 2016 with a completion date of March 4, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Principal Raleigh Bame.

Do you have a Microwave to Donate?

Our teachers have requested a microwave for the staff to use during their lunch breaks. If you have a microwave you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Bame at rbame@wcpss.net

Thank you!

Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates!

PTA Membership and School Directory

We are pleased to announce that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Laurel Park PTA membership process will be paperless! You will be able to purchase your membership and enter your contact information in the PTA directory online.

The Laurel Park PTA will be launching web-based software provided by a company named MySchoolAnywhere (www.myschoolanywhere.com) to manage PTA membership and the PTA online directory. Using this company will provide several benefits for the PTA, LPES parents, and the school such as:

- Streamline the process and allow all LPES parents to enter their family's information directly into the directory database. Once it has been approved by the directory management team, it will be published in the online directory (you can opt out if desired).
- Only PTA members will enjoy additional features such as viewing the online directory from your PC, Laptop, or mobile device and can make edits to your own contact information. An excellent reason to join the PTA!

How do you access the new online PTA directory?

Once we have received and reviewed your family's information you will receive an email with login instructions. Our plan is to go live a few months after school starts!

What's so great about the online directory?

- It's secure – your family will have a unique login and password and the directory can't be lost or stolen.
- You can search by student's first name, grade, teacher and family last name.
- You can create your own custom list of frequently called families.
- You can access the family directory from any internet connected device: your computer, smart phone, iPad, etc.
- This is a directory of PTA families not a school directory. Only PTA members will be listed initially. We hope to expand to all families soon.

Is it secure?

YES! All data is stored behind secure firewalls and can only be accessed by authorized users with a validated username and encrypted password. All data is viewed and passed using SSL encryption.

How does it work?

To enter your information and join the Laurel Park PTA please go to the link below and follow the instructions. This is a secure form and you can print your submission for your records.

<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/new-family.a5w?fam=LaurelParkElementarySchool93296>

Annual PTA Activities Fair and PTA Meeting

August 18, 2016 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Learn more about upcoming activities, buy Spirit wear and enjoy free popcorn and door prizes!

In an effort to ensure that all students are able to safely participate in their PE Special, Mr. Edwards is in the process of creating a "PE Shoe Bank". If you have gently used tennis shoes that you are willing to part with, please drop them off in the main office or send them to school with your child.



Join your classmates for our annual
Laurel Park Elementary Night

At

COLDSTONE Creamery

Thursday, August 25th from 5:30-8:30 PM

Beaver Creek Commons, Apex

A portion of proceeds help benefit the LPES PTA

President: Michele Hilmey

Treasurer: Heather Shepard

Secretary: Claire Phillips

VP Fundraising: Stephanie Mitchell

VP Programs: Amy Sackaroff