

London Towne Elementary PTA



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"PTA" es la asociación de los padres y maestras de la escuela de London Towne. Si usted está interesada a participar con la asociación o tiene preguntas sobre este boletín, llame por favor a Maria Barraza a 703-227-5405. Gracias

A Letter from your new PTA President

Dear London Towne Families,

We are proud to announce that London Towne Elementary School made a fantastic showing in this years 2008 Fall Fundraiser and we thank all of our students, parents and volunteers for participating in this event! We raised approximately \$28,000 from the sale of holiday items, online sales, magazine subscriptions, and flower bulbs. Fifty percent of these proceeds will go to the sponsoring company, LAVENDER, and we are thankful for their participation in this event. We also raised over \$800.00 from in-kind donations. We appreciate your donations.

Special thanks to **Tina Whittington and Lisa Raisbeck** for their diligence in coordinating this event and their dedication in working from start to finish on this project. From direct contact with the sponsoring company to distributing order forms to teachers, assuring timely submission of orders, maintaining accurate record of funds and ending with the final coordination of the merchandise pick up process. We are grateful and appreciative to have their active PTA support.

We must give recognition to our TOPSELLERS of this fundraising event and they are as follows:

1st TOPSELLER- Maria Jose-Hurtado-3rd Grade ~ Items Sold: 87 items ~ Total Sales: \$916.50

2nd TOPSELLER- Alonzo Pierre Richardson-2nd Grade ~ Items Sold: 74 items ~ Total Sales: \$782.50

3rd TOPSELLER- Robyn Walker -6th Grade~ Items Sold: 42 Items ~ Total Sales: 456.50

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ **NEXT PTA MEETING- LONDON TOWNE LIBRARY- NOVEMBER 11**
- ❖ **THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON- NOVEMBER 20TH**
- ❖ **MOVIE NIGHT- NOVEMBER 21ST**
- ❖ **LIMO LUNCHEON-FALL FUNDRAISER WINNERS- NOVEMBER 25TH**

PAST EVENTS:

- ❖ **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- OCTOBER 27th ~ Theme: Bullying Presented by: MerMan Productions.**

PTA provided ballots for Local Legislative Initiatives- Thanks for Voting!!!!

October 13th – 17th During Custodian Appreciation Week, the PTA provided the Custodial Staff with a catered dinner from Ruby Tuesdays to show our appreciation for their many efforts in maintaining a pleasant , clean, and safe school environment.

The mission of the PTA is to work together with Parents, Teachers, and Community Members to help London Towne Elementary become a "School of Excellence".

Through careful consideration and the observable need for change, the PTA Executive Committee developed a plan to help drive our mission. This plan required the development of new ideas and programs which would better meet the needs of the students and teachers, families, and the surrounding London Towne community.

❖ New Programs introduced at October 7th PTA meeting were:

- *VIP- Village Improvement Project as a new resource to London Towne parents and school*
- *Teacher/Classroom Educational Enrichment Grants-Funds will be provided to teachers through an application process for curriculum-based instructional materials. The current curriculum-based instructional materials supplier is Lakeshore.*
- *Cafeteria Monitoring Program- Volunteers who are willing to come into the school during lunchtime and assist with the monitoring of the students for 1 hour are offered the incentive of dining with their child free of charge on behalf of the PTA. You may volunteer as many times as you wish. cafeteriamonitor@londontownepta.com.*
- *Room Parents Program- Two or three parents volunteer to assist their child's teacher with administrative duties within the classroom. These duties include copying, folder stuffing, calling parents on class list to request items for special class projects, assisting with special projects, taking photos of students engaged in instruction. roomparents@londontownepta.com.*
- *Spirit Day Program- One day each month students, teachers, and support staff will wear their London Towne Elementary shirts as a symbol of school pride. Each individual will be provided with one shirt compliments of the PTA. spiritdayprogram@londontownepta.com.*

If you would like to volunteer for any of these programs, please contact one of our Volunteer Coordinaters or write to the email address listed above:

Rachel Terry rachel@londontownepta.com
Tina Lewis tinalewis@londontownepta.com

Thank you to all new and returning members who support the PTA and its efforts to provide programs that help to enrich student learning, families, the school, the community and for attending the 1st PTA meeting.

Your continued input and feedback is vital to the PTA successfully fulfilling its commitment to London Towne Elementary school's students, teachers, and parents. Please feel free to contact me at tiyanna@londontownepta.com or (703) 277-5400.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PTA. THANK YOU TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR ALL OF YOUR BEHIND-THE-SCENES WORK WHICH HELPS TO KEEP THE PTA MOVING FORWARD.

Tiyanna Brooks, *President*
London Towne PTA, 2008-2009