



# PTA Paw Prints

London Towne  
Elementary PTA  
Newsletter

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## A Few Questions for Mrs. Fennessy

This summer, London Towne had the great fortune to add Assistant Principal Mrs. Fennessy to our outstanding team of administrators. I was recently able to ask her a few questions about herself as a way of introducing her to our school:

**Where did you work before coming to London Towne?** *This is my fourth school in Fairfax County. I began working as an ESOL teacher at Timber Lane ES and Oak View ES. Then I taught both 5th and 6th grades at Oak View. For the past two years, I was a Spanish Teacher at South Lakes High School in Reston.*  
**Why did you decide to leave that job and come to this one?** *I wanted to become an assistant principal to learn another aspect of the educational puzzle. I also believe that my role is to help children reach academic goals and I do this by supporting the faculty in their efforts.*

**Do you have kids? How old are they?** *I have two children. My daughter Kelley is a Senior at Virginia Tech where she is majoring in*

*Hospitality & Tourism and History. My son Grant is a Sophomore at Virginia Tech and he is majoring in Computer Science.*

**What are some surprises you have encountered at London Towne?** *The best surprise is how friendly the staff is and how motivated they are to ensure that all students succeed.*

**What have you learned at London Towne?** *That we are all learners!*

**Where did you go to school?** *I graduated from Fresno State (California) with a degree in Spanish. I also have an MBA.*

**What is one "tip for success" you can share with our students?** *Always try your best and if you don't understand something, ask. As a teacher, my goal was to help students become self-advocates in the learning process.*

Thank you, Mrs. Fennessy. It's great to have you at London Towne!

### PTA Calendar:

*Reflections Deadline: 10/22/09*

*LTES Beautification Day 8-1 : 10/24/09*

*Fall Fundraiser Limo Ride: 11/10/09*

*Silent Auction/Bingo Night/Share and Swap -11/13*

*Thanksgiving Luncheon 11/19*

*PTA meeting 7 p.m., Presenter: Ms. Ryberg, LT Principal: 11/17/09*

*Fall Book Fair: 11/18/09—11/25/09*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT:**

[volunteercoordinator@londontownepta.com](mailto:volunteercoordinator@londontownepta.com)



*Got questions? Need a membership form? Go to [londontownepta.com](http://londontownepta.com)*

*Have you joined the PTA!? What are you waiting for? Join Today!!*

## All After School Clubs are Full !

Due to the overwhelming response to the after school clubs we can no longer accept any new registration forms. These clubs include: Chess, Green Team, Robotics, and Odyssey of the Mind.

Please remember that in order to fully participate in a club, all participants must adhere to club rules and regulations. Parents, we need your help! In order to have clubs we need parents willing to help run them! Want to help? Contact:

[president@londontownepta.com](mailto:president@londontownepta.com)



## Fall Fundraiser Final Tally

Thank you for supporting the Fall Fundraiser! All orders have been submitted and to date we have collected approximately \$22,500 toward our budget goal of \$24,000.

While that does seem like a lot of money, it is short of our goal. If the PTA is unable to raise the required funds, we will be unable to fully support all of our budg-

eted student-based programs. The funds are used for programs such as paying for field trip buses assemblies, and covering student lunches.

If you still have an order you would like to place, you can do so on-line at [www.shoplavenders.com](http://www.shoplavenders.com)!

Questions? Contact:

[twhittington4@verizon.net](mailto:twhittington4@verizon.net)

### Reminder:

Please check the *Lost and Found* for missing clothing. The bin is already filling up and we know those items belong to our students.

Remember to label all jackets, lunch boxes, backpacks, gloves, etc. so that the items can be re-

## Volunteers Needed!

The **Thanksgiving Luncheon** will soon be upon us and we are currently searching for volunteers. This can be worked around your child's lunch schedule.

Please take the time to make this event enjoyable for everyone! Contact:

[volunteercoordinator@londontownepta.com](mailto:volunteercoordinator@londontownepta.com).

No email? Please send in your completed "Volunteer Corner" forms with your child.

### REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH CARD BALANCE! TWO WAYS TO PAY:

1) Pay by cash or check in the school cafeteria or send in an envelope with your child's name marked "Lunch money."

2) [www.mylunchmoney.com](http://www.mylunchmoney.com).



### FUNDRAISING FROM HOME!

**Box Tops Contest:** Remember to send in your Box Tops to your child's teacher! The class that collects the most Box Tops by December 22<sup>nd</sup> wins a party at Pump It Up in Manassas! Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a list of eligible products.

It's not too late to register your **Giant Shopping Card** for the **A+ Bonus Bucks** program! You must re-designate London Towne Elementary each year for our school to earn points. Log on to [www.giantfood/aplus](http://www.giantfood/aplus) and use school ID 01855.

**Did you KNOW?** At **Ace Hardware** on Westfields Blvd. You can Shop for the Students. It's as easy as 1-2-3...

1. Whenever you shop at Sully Station Ace Hardware, ask for a duplicate receipt.
2. Before you leave the store, drop the receipt into your school's receipt container
3. Every month, we'll tally the receipts and send your organization a check for 1% of the total sales shown on the receipts. [www.PitkinsAceHardware.com](http://www.PitkinsAceHardware.com)

Shop at **Target**? Don't forget to designate London Towne Elementary when you use your **Target Credit or Debit Card**. Just visit [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) to designate our school. School ID 103669. Use your Target card and earn money for London Towne!

**How can you help London Towne?** Shop at over 1,000 of your favorite online merchants and earn up to 16% for our school.

1. **Enroll** with [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
2. **Click** on the **Online Mall** logo at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
3. **Shop** at your favorite brand name stores and automatically earn money for London Towne!

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