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Fairfax County Public Schools Budget Discussions

As many of you are aware, the Fairfax County Public Schools budget for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2011) is again under scrutiny. There is currently a \$100-\$200 million dollar budget deficit and the School Board is looking at all programs to determine where cuts will be made. This will be the third consecutive year the budget, and therefore programs, will be cut.

Since many of these programs and near and dear to the hearts of London Towne students, parents, and faculty, the PTA is encouraging you to attend upcoming public forums.

The FCPS website states: "Citizens are invited to help school leaders determine the priorities for the next budget year. In partnership with Fairfax County government, FCPS is holding a series of budget community dialogues on six dates throughout the county, and in-

vites all citizens to attend and join in the budget discussions."

The November 14th session is full; FCPS has added an additional date of December 2, 2009, 7-9 pm at:

- Hayfield Secondary School
- Herndon High School
- Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Registration is required to attend the meetings. Register at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget or 703-324-2391. If you are unable to attend but would still like to have your input considered, fill out the Budget Feedback Form located on the same website.

The full listing of possible budget cuts can be found on the www.fcps.edu website.

The potential cut-backs could have an enormous impact on London Towne and your voice is our strongest weapon.

PTA Calendar:

*Silent Auction/Bingo Night: 11/13/09, 6-8 pm**

PTA Meeting: 11/17/09, dinner 6:30 pm

Share & Swap: 11/17/09

Spirit Night—Austin Grill: 11/18/09

*Fall Book Fair: 11/18/09—11/25/09**

*Thanksgiving Luncheon: 11/19/09**

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT:**

volunteercoordinator@londontownepta.com



Share & Swap

Swap items you no longer need and pick up some you do!! Please bring in gently used kids'/adults' clothes (separate by size please), sports equipment, toys, games, etc., Nov. 9th-13th. The *Swap* will be Nov. 17th, following the PTA Meeting. Please contact Karen Daly if you have any questions: karendaly75@hotmail.com or 703-928-0202.

November PTA Meeting

The November 17th PTA Meeting will be co-hosted by MAC and Principal Ryberg will be presenting.

Daycare will be provided.

Dinner will be served at 6:30—please RSVP to: president@londontownepta.com



Silent Auction/Bingo Night

The Silent Auction and Bingo is a great opportunity for our families, friends and community members to get together, play “rip roaring” bingo games, win prizes, and bid for terrific items like Disney tickets, local restaurant gift certificates, hotel rooms, wine tastings, music, summer camps, art and all kinds of fun items, available through the generous donations from local merchants and members of our school community. Proceeds earned at this event support field trips, assemblies, teacher continuing educa-

tion, student enrichment programs, and much more! This year, our goal is to raise over \$5,000 through the auction and bingo night to support these programs. But it takes your participation to achieve this goal. Please consider making a donation or asking your employer to donate to this worthy cause.

So be sure to mark your calendars for **Friday, November 13, 2009, 6–9 pm.**

See you then!

Volunteers Needed!

We have so many terrific events coming up, but we'll need YOUR help to make them a success!

Silent Auction/Bingo Night

Fall Book Fair

Thanksgiving Luncheon

If you have time in your schedule to help make these events fun and memorable for all London Towne families, please contact:

volunteercoordinator@londontownepta.com

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

REMINDER: Early Release November 11,

Desafortunadamente no podemos traducir todo este boletín de noticias en español. Si usted esta interesado en participar con la asociación de padres y maestros o tiene preguntas sobre este boletín, llame por favor a Maria Barraza a 703-227-5405. Gracias

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 returned to their owners.



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.



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