



# PTA Paw Prints

London Towne  
Elementary PTA  
Newsletter

## PTA Lunch Program Update

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The PTA strives to make certain each student at London Towne can meet his/her full academic potential. In order to ensure that a child does not miss a meal due to a low account balance, we will be working with the LT Cafeteria Manager to notify parents by letter when the child's lunch fund is under \$8. This number was chosen so that parents will have enough time to update the account with respect to Tuesday folders. In addition to the letter, the student will receive a hand stamp reminder. Please send in cash or check (payable to London

Towne ES) at that time to replenish the account. Students who do not have any money in their accounts will receive Cheerios and milk. They will owe the PTA \$1.00, repayable in cash or money order only (no checks) for each meal provided. This is simply a stop-gap measure intended to provide a meal when the account is empty. Parents can still apply for free/reduced lunch through the school office or through their child's counselor. The PTA may also contact the counselor if we feel a child is in need of financial assistance.

### PTA Calendar:

**\*PTA Meeting - Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.**  
**Library - Kathy Smith, FC School Board**  
**Member presenting.**

**\*Movie Night, Jan. 22, 7-9**  
**Cafeteria K-2 ONLY!!!!**  
**Please no drop offs!**

### Looking for Summer Activities?

**TONIGHT: Tuesday, 1/12/10, 7-9 PM**, the Fairfax County Association of the Gifted will be hosting a **Summer Academics and Activities Fair** at Oakton High School; admission is free. Meet reps from summer enrichment programs, visit exhibits, ask questions, and see what your child can explore next summer. Some exhibitors are: Nysmith, Exploring Engineering, Camp Horizons.

**January 23-24, 10 AM—5 PM**, the Fair Oaks Mall will be hosting a **Camp and Activities Fair**. "Preview summer experiences that can have a positive impact on your child. Representatives from residential and day camps, recreational programs, athletic camps, summer schools, dance, theater, music and more will be there." For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcampfair.com](http://www.fairfaxcampfair.com)



Students practicing a Language Arts Project in Mr. Priester's Class.



## Fairfax County Budget Update

On January 7, 2010, "Superintendent Jack Dale released the school system's Proposed Budget of \$2.3 billion, which includes \$104.8 million in cuts and cost avoidances, \$3.4 million in new and increased fees, and a projected enrollment growth of 1,760 students. The proposed budget includes a class size increase of one student, and the elimination of the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) Program, general education summer school, all high school freshman sports, and 594 positions, including 81 in central office support for schools. The proposed budget also includes no salary increases for employees for the second consecutive year." - Fairfax County Public Schools website.

Dr. Dale will request an additional \$57.8 million in county transfer to preserve immersion programs, elementary band and strings, all-day kindergarten, and other county programs.

If you would like to sign up to speak at, or attend, one of the upcoming public forums (to be held on 1/25 & 1/26 at Jackson Middle School) visit: [www.fcps.edu/schlbd/requestspeak.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/schlbd/requestspeak.htm).

For complete information on the FCPS FY 2011 budget, including the budget calendar, visit: [www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm).



### 2009-2010 PTA Board

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### We Need Pictures!!

We are gearing up for the next edition of the London Towne Yearbook. This will be our 40th Anniversary edition and we are hoping to include more candid photos of the children. If you have school-related photos you would like to share, or if perhaps you were a former student and have some pictures from then, please share them!! E-mail your files to:

[Itesyearbook@yahoo.com](mailto:Itesyearbook@yahoo.com).

We can't wait to see what you have!



## 6th Grade Writing Contest

"Virginia PTA is proud to sponsor a Citizenship Essay Project. The 2010 theme is 'Strong Citizens - Strong Communities'. This Essay Project allows students to express their views and opinions on "Character or Citizenship". Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship and responsibility in the lives of our children—tomorrow's leaders."

**Criteria:** Students in grades 6 – 8 must write a **minimum of 500 words**, typed and double-spaced and using Times Roman, 12 Font, using 1" margins. Adherence to the theme, originality, clarity, thought, and skill in standard written English will be judged. The theme, "**Strong Citizens – Strong Communities**" must be used as the essay title and cannot be changed or altered in any way.

For more information go to: [www.novadistrictpta.org](http://www.novadistrictpta.org); or contact Lisa Raisbeck at: [traisbeck@verizon.net](mailto:traisbeck@verizon.net).

MOVIE NIGHT  
**JANUARY 22 at 7–9 p.m.**

**Grades K-2 ONLY**  
**Kids MUST be accompanied by a Parent**  
**NO DROP OFFS!**



Desafortunadamente no podemos traducir todo este boletín de noticias en español. Si usted está 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