



We Need You!

London Towne
Elementary PTA
Newsletter



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It takes a village... have you done your part this year? We can't do it without you

LTES Parents,

Although we are more than halfway through the year, LT students still need your support! There are many opportunities still available that require your help! Just think if no one stepped forward; what would get done? We all have very busy lives, yet everyone is needed to ensure that our children have an enriching school year. This just isn't possible without you making it a priority to volunteer. Remember, you don't always have to come into the building to volunteer! There are things you can do from home. I would like to personally challenge every parent to do

their part. Please review a few options for volunteering and make a commitment today!

- *Read to a class
- *Help in the LT library
- *Copy/Cut/Glue for a teacher
- *Chaperone on a field trip
- *Help the PTA!

We are currently recruiting help for:

- *March 5, Arts Celebration
- *Nominations Committee
- *Field Day
- *Teacher Appreciation Week
- *Bylaws Committee
- *Spring Fun Fair/Intl Fest- May 22(SAVE THE DATE)
- *Spring After School Clubs

Contact your child's teacher, the school, or email the PTA volunteer@londontownpta.com

YOU make ALL the difference! Thank you!

Tabitha Morrison
PTA president



PTA Calendar:

- *February 17 & 24—"Matting Party" for artwork to be displayed on 3/5, LT Cafeteria, 4-6 PM*
- *February 23—PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 7 PM; join us for a presentation on internet safety.*
- *February 24 -Science Fair Information Night, LT Library, 6 PM*
- *March 5—Spring Fundraiser "Celebrating the Arts" 5-8:30 EVERY LT student will have work displayed!*
- *March 16—PTA Meeting, Library, 7pm Presenter: WHS principal Tim Thomas*
- *March 17—Spirit Night—McDonalds!!*
- *March 19—School Dance- Cafeteria 6-8 PM*

Girls On The Run

Girls on the Run is a 10-12 week before and after school program that uses the power of running to help prepare girls grades 3 through 8 for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

Each session is led by trained female coaches who guide and mentor using activities like running, playing games, and discussing topics such as body image and peer pressure. Along the way, the girls will train to walk or run a 5K running event and celebration.

London Towne PTA will be collecting registration forms for the Spring GotR session until **February 19th**; the program will begin **March 8th**.

For additional information and forms please visit: www.girlsontherunofnova.org.

Students working hard on math problems in Mr. Cook's class.



The Southwest Regional Planning Committee

In September, 2009, FCPS sent a letter to each of the 23 schools in the Southwestern region of the County requesting two representatives to be part of a unique community-led "think-tank" to consider a possible school closure (Clifton ES) and school over-crowding. London Towne ES is included in this region and is represented by John Morrison and Lisa Raisbeck.

The Planning Committee split into several sub-committees tasked with researching the specific scope of the study and whether or not it included the correct schools (should more be added or others dropped). On January 11th, the Planning Committee presented their findings to the School Board and requested that it add five schools to the scope.

As they enter Phase 2, the Planning Committee will once again split into sub-committees, some of the originals will combine, and one new sub-committee will be formed. These sub-committees will now research whether or not it is cost-effective to renovate Clifton ES or close it completely. They will also look at the schools within the scope to decide if over-crowding can be alleviated by combining certain school programs, possibly moving a center from one school to another, and reevaluating the current bus boundaries.

The purpose of the final report is to give the pros and cons of each idea the Planning Committee considers; it is not intended to be a set of solutions.

The sub-committees will meet bi-monthly until the final report is submitted to the School Board in May. They will begin holding community outreach sessions to include feedback from as many families as possible. These meetings will be announced within the next month.

The Southwest Regional Planning Committee is becoming a model for other school districts throughout the Country facing the same set of challenges and budgetary restrictions.

Please visit www.fcps.edu for additional information on the Southwest Regional Planning Committee, including all sub-committee reports.

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We STILL Need Pictures!!
 Some items we would love to include:

- € Mrs. Ferrara's baby shower
- € Field Trips
- € Classroom Activities
- € Concerts
- € PTA Events/After School Clubs
- € Pre-renovation photos if you're an "old timer"

E-mail your files to:
ltesyearbook@yahoo.com.



London Towne Turns 40!!

In honor of London Towne's 40th Birthday, the PTA will be hosting "Celebrating the Arts" - Art Show, Performance, and Dinner - on March 5th from 5-8:30 p.m. This is also the PTA's Spring Fundraiser! Every student has been working hard on their projects to show off on this spectacular evening of family and community celebration. Please come out and support our fundraising efforts as well as volunteer some time during the night to make this event special for everyone!

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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 703-227-5411. Gracias