



June 2011

London Towne Elementary

The Lions Roar

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Sometimes, in conversations with my own family, school, or community members I often hear folks refer to the school year, "winding down". On the contrary, the next few weeks will be days filled with critical tests, continued learning, celebrations, field day, concerts, end of year parties, and of course...meetings, meetings, meetings! Amidst the flurry of all the culminating school activity, it is easy to lose the moments of learning and wonder that have occurred throughout the year and are worth remembering. As we "Rev-up...to Wind-down", we invite you to join us in thinking about all the remarkable moments and savor each one as contributions to a wonderful school year in the life of your child. Successful events such as the fall International Night, Thanksgiving Day luncheon, the Spirit Nights, Reflection contest, Book Fairs, the Volleyball Game, and of course, Boosterthon have all provided positive, fun memories and have established the 2010-2011 school year as a grand success!

I attribute so much of this success to our wonderful PTA board members. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Maria Baylock for her kind leadership and vision. Her contributions have resulted in new partnerships between school and parents and I am thrilled that she has agreed to a second year as our PTA President.

As we round out the school year and the weather warms up, students sometimes get distracted and lose focus. However, as a teaching staff, we still have curriculum and skills to cover before the summer break. We ask for your support in maintaining routines at home, helping your child to balance play with homework and re-enforce the notion that academics and good citizenship are top priorities. Thank you for your help with this!

We are so proud of our school and the amazing children that make up our learning environment. They deserve the best, and we are already beginning to plan our programs and events for next year devoting our efforts toward continual improvement. We're excited! But in the meantime, have a safe, healthy, joyful summer!

Take care,

Sigrid Ryberg

Principal

A Letter from the PTA President

Sometimes I have to remind myself to let my kids know how proud I am of them, since I can take it for granted that they "just know." Well, even if they do know, it's always nice to hear, and it is an important thing to express regularly. **Therefore, I'm going to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of the PTA and of our school!**

This has been a wonderful year, full of opportunities to enhance the academic success of our students and provide families with meaningful school involvement. The PTA sponsored family events throughout the school year, such as International Night, Movie Night, Bingo Night, Volleyball game, and Spring Fair. The PTA also sponsored enrichment activities such as the fall after-school classes and field trips. Teachers have received grants to purchase needed items for their classrooms. The 2010-11 LTES Yearbook looks fantastic, and we provided volunteer support for many, many school events. And last but not least, due to the outstanding support for the Boosterthon Fun Run this spring, the PTA will not be asking parents to sell gift-wrap in the fall!

In looking ahead to next fall, there are a number of committees and events that need your leadership and support, and now is a great time to let me know of your interest. *In particular, the fall After School Program and the International Night both occur in October, and are best planned over of the summer months.* Please see the full list of openings in this newsletter.

London Towne and the LTES PTA are only a success with your full support – please do whatever you can to offer your time and energy to ensure another wonderful year in 2011-12.

Best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful summer!

Maria Baylock
PTA President, 2011-12



Theme for the 2011-2012 School Year Reflections contest is... "Diversity Is..."

Start planning fall entries over the summer! Think about what DIVERSITY means to you. Then create an original piece of artwork in one of six categories: ~Musical Composition ~Dance Choreography ~Film/Video Production ~Literature ~Visual Arts ~Photography. Express your thoughts and creativity and earn recognition. To view a gallery of last year's national award-winning entries, visit <http://www.pta.org/reflections/gallery>

Contact Faith Portillo or Nicole Caputo at reflections@londontownepta.com for more information!

LET'S KEEP COLLECTING!

This school year is almost over, but collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education is not! While you enjoy your summer, keep on collecting for our school! All Box Tops and Labels for Education collected over the summer break can be used toward our goals for the 2011-2012 school year! Have a wonderful summer!



Our Labels for Education program earned 3,830 point this year! We use these points to purchase equipment or supplies for our school.

Our Box Tops contest winners were:

1st place Pump It Up Party Winners:
Olmeda - 690 Box Tops

2nd place Pizza Party Winners:
Wilcox - 501 Box Tops

3rd place Free Ice Cream Winners:
Rosenblatt - 486 Box Tops

London Towne collected a total of 6,478 Box Tops during the Spring contest so that makes us **all** winners!!



the difference
I can make.

Look for Box Tops on the following products:
General Mills cereals, Old El Paso, Brita, Hefty, Green Giant, Betty Crocker, Fiber One, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Scott, Cottonelle, Nature Valley, Welches, Land 'O Lakes, Yoplait, Juicy Juice, Ziploc, and many more!
Clip and collect!



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Look for the "Labels for Education" UPC on the following products:
Post cereals, Campbell's soups, V8 beverages, Pepperidge Farms, Goldfish, BIC, Spaghetti-Os, Pop Secret, and many more! Clip and collect!

*Product participants for these important fund raising programs continues to grow!
So keep your eyes out for those logos, and LET'S KEEP COLLECTING!*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Main Office hours at London Towne during the summer will be 9AM - 3PM.

YEARBOOKS!!

Yearbooks are still available for purchase, \$20 cash only. Don't forget to get yours before they are all gone!

PTA Event and Committee Chair position openings for 2011-2012:

Enrichment Committee
Minority Achievement Committee
Silent Fundraiser Committee (Boxtops, Giant BonusBucks)
International Night Committee
Beautification/Grounds Committee
Special Education Committee
After School Program
Spiritwear Sales
Spirit Nights at local restaurants
Staff Volleyball Game

THANK YOU to all those who submitted PTA surveys. We received 62 surveys, and many helpful comments for our planning of next year's priorities and goals. We'd love to get some MORE, so it's not too late to submit them. Check the PTA website for a copy of the survey, or email Amy Scipione at membership@londontownepta.com

String and Band News

Sixteen strings students from London Towne participated in the 2011 District XI Solo & Ensemble Festival this year held at Washington Irving Middle School. After months of preparing pieces alone (solo) or with a partner (duet), these students were given just one chance to perform for a judge. The judges at the festival deemed all of our London Towne student performances "Superior" and "Excellent" (the highest two ratings possible). These students will receive program recognition and a medal at the end of the year. Congratulations to:

- Gerardo Abaunza
- Michael Baylock
- Natalie Caputo
- Lydia Carrie
- Brandon Do
- Ashley Hewett
- Hira Ikram
- Seung Jun Kim
- Julia Murray
- Tatiana Nikolaev
- Brandon Perry
- Stephanie Perry
- Davian Powell
- Rina Rivera
- Sophia Rodriguez
- Charles Vera



**Congratulations
London Towne students!**



On April 30th, seven London Towne Band Students participated in the 2011 District XI Solo and Ensemble Festival at Irving Middle School. They each performed in front of a judge for comments and a rating. All of them received a perfect score from the judges. Congratulations to all that were involved!!

"Celebrating 15 Years of Rewarding Students"

Bowl America

Now B's Earn You Free Games Too!!

"Proud To Support The Community, Its School Systems, And Most Of All Its Students, Through The Rolling Rewards Honor Roll Program!"

Rolling Rewards Honor Roll Program

Bowl America's Rolling Rewards Program salutes those students whose hard work and dedication have earned them the highest marks in the classroom. In celebration of our 15th year of rewarding students, Bowl America will reward you with one FREE* game of bowling for each "A", AND NOW "B", (or the equivalent grade) that appears on your final 2010-2011 school year report card.

You also will be automatically enrolled in the Rolling Rewards Honor Roll Program, which encourages you to keep up the good work and lets you enjoy FREE** bowling throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

So get the ball rolling by working hard in the classroom. Bring your final 2010-2011 report card to the Bowl America nearest you. Then get ready to enjoy the rewards, The Rolling Rewards, only at Bowl America!

HIT The Books!

THEN HIT THE LANES FREE... ALL YEAR LONG!

*Students must present their own original final 2010-2011 school year report card at time of redemption. No photocopies or duplications of any kind accepted. Offer is limited to the student whose name is on report card and is not transferable. Each "A", "B", or the equivalent grade entitles the bearer to one free game one time only. Limit 5 free games may be redeemed per visit. Lanes subject to availability. Not good for league, tournament or Cosmic Bowling. Cannot be combined with any other discount or special offers. Rolling Rewards free games expire September 5, 2011.

**Rolling Rewards Honor Roll Program begins September 6, 2011 and entitles Rolling Rewards Honor Roll Members to one free game per visit to any Bowl America location through April 30, 2012. Offer is valid for Honor Roll Member only and is not transferable. Lanes subject to availability. Not good for league, tournament or Cosmic Bowling. Cannot be combined with any other discount or special offers.

Visit www.bowl-america.com/rollingrewards For More Details!

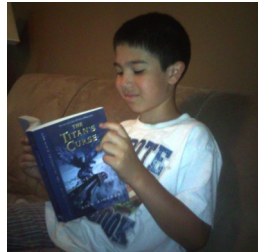
Fairfax County Library
2011 Summer Reading Program

June 21 - Sept 3

Get ready to enjoy "Amazing Tales" during the 2011 Summer Reading Program at the Fairfax County Public Library. You can register online (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or in person at your local library branch beginning June 21.

Preschoolers through high schoolers earn a coupon book with great prizes including free and discounted items by completing their reading and going to their local library branch by September 3.

Activities are planned for families, preschoolers, school-age youngsters, teens and adults throughout the summer. Pick up a copy of the Summer Reading Program calendar at your local branch or search the calendar of events on the website.



Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 7	7:00 p.m.	Strings Concert
Thursday, June 9	7:00 p.m.	Chorus Concert
Friday, June 10		Field Day
Friday, June 17		End of Year Class Parties
Tuesday, June 21	Dismissal at 10:50 a.m.	Last Day of School Spirit Night - Chuck E Cheese

2010-2011 PTA Board Members

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2011-2012 Newly Elected PTA Officers

President	Maria Baylock
Vice President, Internal Affairs	Kathy Siragusa
Vice President, External Affairs	Donna Garcia
Vice President, Volunteers	Geneva Ardalan
Treasurer	Cynthia Stewart
Secretary	Ed Hau

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