

WELCOME TO THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR AT LACKAWANNA TRAIL ELEMENTARY CENTER

A Note from the PTO

Another school year is here again. On behalf of the PTO I would like to welcome all the new families coming to Trail and welcome back all the returning families!

When I became the parent of a Kindergartner I really had no idea what the PTO was. I went to my first meeting and was overwhelmed by the PTO's dire need to raise money and recruit volunteers. At the time I was too shy to ask what the hubbub was all about and why it was so necessary.

Six years later, I've learned a lot about the PTO. Without a PTO to raise funds and sponsor events, many children would be missing out on what many of us consider quintessential school experiences. I didn't realize that school budgets can't cover the full cost of field trips. I had no idea that special programs, such as Author's Day, are so much fun for the kids but can't fit in the school budget. I wasn't aware that school nurses don't have a slush fund to buy extra clothes for emergency needs or that teachers buy supplies with their own money.

This year's the PTO's proposed spending budget / fundraising goal is just over \$25,000. Although it is a large sum of money to raise in an uncertain economy, it funds some wonderful programs and opportunities for all the students at LTEC.

The PTO Fundraising Committee has laid out an event calendar that will be fun, practical and not a constant demand on your wallet. We are confident that working with all the fantastic families at LTEC we can meet our fundraising goals.

Although we have a great group of dedicated volunteers, we can always use more help and new ideas. We have tons of ways to volunteer. Whether it is sponsoring a food tray, helping out at Field Day, volunteering for an hour here or two hours there—we hope to see some new faces.

So don't be shy! Plan to attend the fun PTO-sponsored events like First Friday at the playground in August or one of our many Family Fun Nights throughout the year. Come to our monthly meeting the third Tuesday of every month and hear what's going on. And of course please support our fundraising drives whenever possible. No commitments are required, but all time and energy shared is greatly appreciated!

Here's to a great year!

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Get Involved! Meet People! Have Fun!

PTO PROGRAMS

Fire Prevention	Author's Day
Book Fair	Bunny Liaison
School Pictures	Field Day
Author's Day	Pick A Wonderful Story
Teacher's Wish List	Yearbook
Santa's Secret Workshop	6th Grade Recognition
Staff Recognition	Big G Box Tops
	Family Fun Nights

PTO MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all LTEC families and everyone is welcome!

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Library.

Our first meeting of the school year is:

Date: Tuesday, September 20th

Time: 7:30 PM

Where: LTEC Library

Topics: Welcome, Event Calendar, Budget

PTO members receive email updates with upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!

Hope to see you there!!!



LTPTO: Be a Part of it!

Myth: I can't make it to the PTO meetings so I can't be involved.

Fact: You don't have to be at the meetings to volunteer. PTO members receive emails with upcoming events & all kinds of ways to help out. We have a spot for every parent who'd like to get involved!

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PTO Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. So mark your calendar with the following dates:

September 20th	February 21st
October 18th	March 20th
November 15th	April 17th
December 20th	May 15th
January 17th	

We meet in the Library each month. There are snacks and refreshments.
Hope to see you there!

Volunteers get paid in six figures:

S-M-I-L-E-S!



We are here to assist parents, teachers, and students so please feel free to contact us at any time.

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2011/2012 Membership Form

It's our #1 goal -- *we'd like to make sure that every parent who'd like to get involved can do so.*

If you'd like to find a spot to get connected that fits your interests and availability, simply fill out the below and we'll get in touch to help you find a great event, committee or effort to help with. Provide your email so you'll be sure to receive updates on upcoming PTO events and volunteer opportunities!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Kids in Grade(s): _____

Email: _____
(used only for our email distribution and is not shared or sold!)

Fire Prevention

School Pictures

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Ice Cream Scoop Recess

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Fundraising

Please circle a committee or committees you'd like to help out with ("not sure" is OK; we'll help you figure it out):