

LHMS PTA NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Apr 1 – LHMS Art Show at U.S. Geological Survey (through end of April)

Apr 4 – End of 3rd Quarter

Apr 5 – Saturday Academy

Apr 7 – Teacher workday

Apr 10 – Community Adopt-a-Spot cleanup

Apr 10 – Principal Chat & April PTA Meeting

Apr 11 – LHMS Art Show Reception at U.S. Geological Survey

Apr 11 – Joint LHMS/SLHS Jazz Concert at Reston Community Center

Apr 12 – Saturday Academy

Apr 19 – Saturday Academy

Apr 22 – Dining for Dollars at Chick-Fil-A

Apr 24-26 – Hughes Theater Department presents Seussical Jr.

Apr 26 – Saturday Academy

May 7 – Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Dear Langston Hughes Middle School Parents and Families,

.I hope you all had a relaxing Spring Break and you are recharged and ready for the last three months of school. It hardly seems possible that April is upon us and summer is in the not too distant future.

This is the time of year when our PTA begins preparing for the 2008-2009 academic year. Our **Nominating Committee** has begun their search for next year's PTA officers. If you are interested in holding a board position as a **committee chair**, please contact our PTA President Joan Burkhart at president@lhmspta.com.

This month's **PTA meeting will take place April 10th** and be held in the Library/Media center. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:30 p.m. Principal Chat. We hope you can attend.

This same day our **Adopt-A-Spot Community Service club** will conduct a clean up activity immediately after school until 4:00 p.m. Those participating must have a permission slip on file. Permission slips can be printed from the PTA website. For more information contact Dawn Dzurilla at communityservice@lhmspta.com.

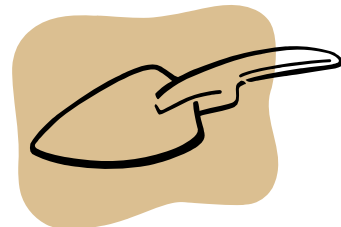
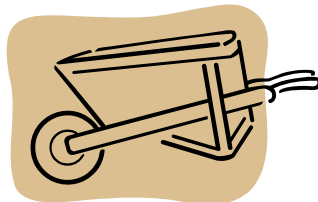
Our PTA has also scheduled a **Dining for Dollars** evening at **Chick-Fil-A** on **April 22**. This school spirit event will take place from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., so please plan to drop by and eat-in or take-out dinner from Chick-Fil-A and support our PTA. (The Chick-Fil-A flyer must be presented to the cashier for our school to receive credit for your purchase).

On April 23 we will be recognizing our school's **administrative staff**. Please stop by the office and let them know what a great job they are doing.

Joan Burkhart

PTA President

president@lhmspta.com



Espero que haya tenido un lindo . Spring Break y este preparado para los tres ultimos meses de ano escolar. El PTA esta buscado personas que puedan ayudar en la mesa directiva de 2008-2009 si esta interesado en ser parte de uno de los comités *por favor contacte al presidente del* PTA Joan Burkhart a president@lhmspta.com.

- La próxima reunión del **PTA será April 10th** en la biblioteca. A las 7:00 p.m. A las 6:30 p.m. hablara la directora de la escuela
- En abril 10 **Adopt A Spot Community Service club** tendrá una reunión para hacer limpieza a las 4:00 p.m. Se requiere formas de permiso usted las puede encontrar en el pta web. Mas información contacte Dawn Dzurilla a communityservice@lhmspta.com.
- **Dining for Dollars** cena en **Chick Fil A** en **Abril 22** de las 5:00 a 9:00 p.m
- April 23 se reconocerá el personal administrativo **por favor pase a saludarlos**

Joan Burkhart

PTA President
president@lhmspta.co

Chat with Principal Aimee Monticchio ...
and then stay for the April PTA meeting!

Our agenda for April will include discussion of the following:

- ... spring SOL testing
- ... presentation of slate of PTA officers for 2008-2009
- ... new mini-grant funding requests
- ... end-of-year events such as Panther Field Day and the 8th Grade Celebration

5:30pm Principal Chat * 6:30pm PTA meeting * LHMS Media Center



**Congratulations to our
Hughes Panther Basketball
teams for playing three
great games against the
Herndon Hawks in the
March Hughes v. Herndon
basketball tournament!**

USGS ART SHOW COMING IN APRIL

Sponsored by the PTA and hosted by long-time Hughes business partner US Geological Survey, the USGS art show provides an opportunity for Hughes artists to exhibit their work in the community.

During the month of April, works of art by over 50+ Hughes students will be displayed in the USGS Visitors Center.

An open house and reception in honor of the artists will be held the evening of April 11. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of art, music (provided by the Hughes orchestra), and food (presented and served by students currently enrolled in Hughes' Family and Consumer Sciences program).

Volunteers are currently being sought to provide food for the April 11 reception. If you can help, please contact Diane Ellor at artshow@lhmspta.com.

Many thanks to PTA Art Show Chair Diane Ellor for helping to organize this great event!

DINING FOR DOLLARS AT CHICK-FIL-A

Don't miss our next dining for dollars event at Chick-Fil-A on April 22!

Note that this event will be a little different in that families must present a Hughes Dining for Dollars Flyer to the cashier when placing their order. Don't worry about forgetting your flyer at home, however, because Hughes volunteers will be on hand at Chick-Fil-A that evening to pass out flyers to families as they arrive!

8th GRADE CELEBRATION PLANNING UNDERWAY

It's time to start planning this year's 8th grade celebration, scheduled for the evening of June 13.

Parents, we need your participation to make this event a success! We are looking for volunteers to help plan the event as well as oversee decorations, refreshments, and entertainment. Last year's theme was James Bond: License to Succeed ... what will this year's theme be?!

Please contact Joan Burkhart at president@lhmspta.com or 703-758-7952 to help plan this special celebration. Our next planning meeting is April 22 at 6:30 in the LHMS library.

BASKETBALL GAME UPDATE

Thanks to all the volunteers, staff and students who turned out to make the Hughes basketball game a success!

Not only did the event build school spirit, but it also raised over \$2500 for each school, making this one of our most important fundraisers of the year!

A special thanks to PTA Basketball co-chairs Eric Smith and Jeanette Thomas for organizing this challenging but rewarding event!

REDISTRICTING NEWS

The Fairfax County School Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation of the west county boundary study at its business meeting on Thursday, February 28. The new boundaries will relieve crowding at Chantilly and Westfield High Schools, balance enrollments at South Lakes High School, and eliminate the Madison High School attendance island.

In addition, the boundary study will result in the transfer of some students from Wolftrap E.S. to Sunrise Valley E.S., and from Thoreau M.S. to Hughes M.S. It is anticipated that Hughes will receive about a dozen new students as a result of the redistricting.

The boundary changes will not impact students currently enrolled in the affected

schools; the changes will become effective in the 2008-09 school year and will be phased in, beginning with freshmen, during the next four school years.

A map of the approved boundary changes can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/westcoboundary/scenarios/scenario1-1-2-08.pdf>

More information can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/boundary2.htm>

SPECIAL ED LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A report from our PTA Special Education Liaison, Mary Nell Clark:

Hopefully, you have all been following the latest on VDOE's proposed revision of Virginia's special education regulations. These regulations roll back important parental rights and protections. For example, the proposed regulations would end the requirement that parents must consent to the termination of any special education services.

The regulations are presently at the Governor's Office awaiting approval before entering a 90 day official public comment period. VDOE is currently tallying comments on the proposed regulations, for and against, provision by provision.

To view the consensus opinion of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA) on February 4, 2008 with respect to these changes, please visit www.fccpta.org/special_ed/va_spec_ed_regs_menu.htm.

The FCCPTA believes the best outcome of offering comment would be for VDOE to overhaul the entire proposal, making it necessary to give the public another revision and an opportunity to comment further.

What to do? Here are two possible actions:

1. Email these comments as an attachment to ReviseSpedRegs@doe.virginia.gov. Provide your name and address, and include the following statement in the body of your email:

"I support the attached comments and am submitting them as my own."

2. If you want to include more personal detail, or additional information, feel free to use the FCCPTA comments as a model and make them your own. Then, submit your written comments to the email address above, or via one of the methods outlined below.

FAX: (804) 786-8520

MAIL: Special Education Regulations Revision Process
Office of Dispute Resolution & Admin Services
Virginia Department of Education
P.O. Box 2120
Richmond, VA 23218-2120

FCPS BUDGET UPDATE

The ninth edition in a series of weekly updates on the FY 2009 Fairfax County Public Schools budget was posted on March 14 at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2009.htm>

For an analysis of the budget, visit the Fairfax County Council of PTAs website at http://fccpta.org/budgets/budget_2008.pdf.

How will the budget deliberations impact Hughes? Principal Monticchio shared the following information at our March PTA meeting:

- ♦ Summer school will be offered at Hughes but in a modified format; stay tuned for additional information
- ♦ Funding for reading and math remediation classes will be impacted, though she will do her utmost to find funding for these important course offerings
- ♦ Model campus funding will not be impacted.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN GRANT TO FUND NEW TECHNOLOGY

A generous \$10,000 grant from Hughes corporate partner Northrop Grumman will be used to upgrade outdated computers in one of the school's two computer labs. It is hoped that the new technology will be in place in time for the 2008-2009 school year.

Many, many thanks to Northrop Grumman for their generous and continuing support of our school!

MINIGRANT UPDATE

At the March PTA meeting, a quorum approved a \$500 grant to rent wireless microphones for the theater department's upcoming production of *Seussical Jr.*

Be sure to attend the show April 24-26 and enjoy our students' amplified performances!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTU- NITIES IN MARCH & APRIL

HUGHES ART SHOW. Volunteers are needed to help hang student artwork in preparation for the month-long exhibition of student art at the Geological Survey. Installation is scheduled for April 1, 2-4:30pm. Volunteers are asked to follow signs to the U.S. Geological Survey visitor center, and need not stay the entire time - any help would be gratefully appreciated!

In addition, volunteers are requested to supply baked goods, appetizers, etc. for the formal Art Show reception on April 11 Contact Diane Ellor at artshow@lhmspta.com if you can help provide goodies for this event.

8th GRADE CELEBRATION. Volunteers are needed to help plan this year's 8th grade celebration. If you would be interested in helping with planning, food, decorations, or entertainment, please contact Joan Burkhart at president@lhmspta.com for more information.

PTA BOARDS & COMMITTEES. We continue to seek volunteers to chair & support

our many PTA committees for the upcoming school year. If you are a 7th grade parent who will be here next year, or if you have a rising 6th grader who will be attending Hughes next year, please consider volunteering to support one of our many great activities or initiatives! A list of available positions is enclosed in this edition of the Hughes News, or for more information contact Joan Burkhart, PTA President, at president@lhmspta.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN MARCH & APRIL

COMMUNITY ADOPT-A-SPOT CLEANUP DAYS – April 10, after school. LHMS students will earn community service hours by clearing trash & debris from an area adjacent to the school that has been “adopted” by LHMS. Students will be done in time to return home on late busses. A signed field trip form is necessary to participate in this activity. For further information, contact PTA Community Service Committee chair Dawn Dzurilla at jddzurilla@cavtel.net



STARS SHINE OVER HUGHES

Come see our STARS! In February the PTA Student Recognition Committee, chaired by Dana Kennedy, posted the first installation of “Hughes Stars” in the “Hall of Stars” (adjacent to the cafeteria).

These posters pay tribute to the accomplishments of Hughes students inside and outside of the school. Just some of the activities include:

- ♦ Participation in individual and team sports competitions, races, and advancement/certification programs (boy scouts, Race for the Cure, CPR training, football, soccer, wrestling, etc.)
- ♦ Volunteer work with children, senior citizens, charities & schools
- ♦ Teaching/mentoring
- ♦ Music and theater arts competition and performance participation
- ♦ Art exhibits and competitions
- ♦ Student government
- ♦ Lego League & Odyssey of the Mind
- ♦ Reflections

Additional installations will occur throughout the year. Our goal is to recognize EVERY Hughes student at least once by the end of the year! Nominate a student you know today, by sending an email to: stars@lhmspta.com and include: Student name, your name and relationship to the student, and a brief description of the student's accomplishment.

LEGO LEAGUE AT HUGHES?

Is your child a Legomaniac? Have they expressed an interest in learning more about robotics, or participated in Lego League while at elementary school and remain interested continuing at the middle school level? Then we need to hear from you!

The PTA is in the process of attempting to measure interest in forming a Lego League club/team at Hughes Middle School. However, to establish this activity will require committed students as well as adult leaders.

If you are interested in collaborating to establish a Lego League team at Hughes, or if you have related questions, please contact Pat Buteux at newtohughes@lhmspta.com.

SLHS Dinner & A Show!

Lucia's Italian Ristorante +
Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday, April 16
6pm - 9pm



*Dinner & Show tickets
must be purchased separately:*

Dinner Tickets (seatings at 6pm & 7:30pm)
\$10 for adults
\$5 for children under 10
Purchase at www.SeahawkBoosters.com

Show Tickets*
\$10 presale
\$12 at the door
Purchase at www.SLTheatreArts.com
**Please choose 6pm dinner seating*

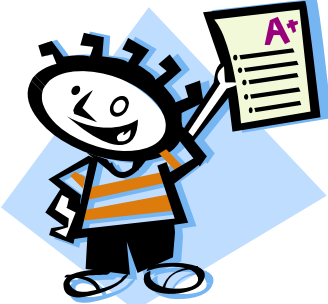
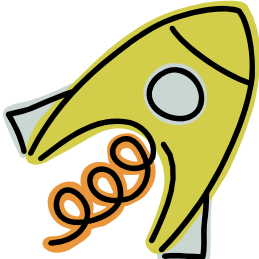

**Disney's Beauty & the Beast produced by
the South Lakes Theatre Arts Department**



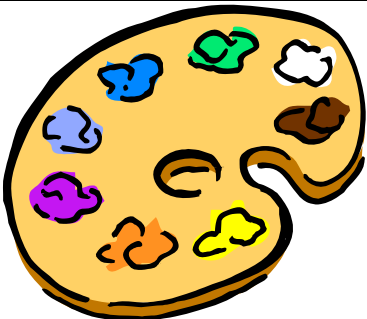
**Dinner catered by
Lucia's Italian Ristorante:**
Homemade Lasagna & Meatballs
Garden Salad with Vinegar & Oil Dressing
Homemade Bread
Drinks
Desserts sold by '08 ANGP

*Proceeds will benefit the South Lakes
Booster Club OR '08 ANGP.*

GOOD NEWS FROM HUGHES!!

A roundup of some of the cool things that have been happening at Hughes since the start of the school year!

<p><i>Out of the 800+ students who attend Hughes, over 450 students achieved All A, A/B and/or B Honor roll in the 2nd quarter!</i></p>		<p>The B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) program distributed prizes to 50+ students who brought up their grades from the first to second quarter. A total of 156 students participated in the drawing.</p>
<p>Hughes students got hands-on engineering lessons when employees of ExxonMobil visited the school to lead a variety of hands-on activities and demonstrations</p>	<p>Hughes students learned more about “green” cities and architectural trends at the National Building Museum last month</p>	<p>The Hughes Math Team earned second place in their division in the recent statewide competition!</p>
<p>Three Hughes students were part of a combined Hughes/Kilmer Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team that won their division at a recent TJ Invitational.</p>	<p><i>7 Hughes students earned recognition in the Science Olympiad competition. These students will advance to the Virginia State Competition at the end of April.</i></p>	
<p><i>. Our after-school program continues to grow! New clubs for the 3rd quarter include Sewing Club, Hermanos, Soccer Club and Step Team. Over 140 students regularly participate in after school activities every day.</i></p>	<p>LHMS student enrollment is anticipated to grow by 50+ students for the 2008-2009 school year, pushing total school enrollment to slightly over 900 students total.</p>	<p><i>Over 70 entries were received in the annual Hughes Poetry contest. Winners will be announced in May.</i></p>
	<p>The Spring book fair raised almost \$700 to help purchase new books and materials for our library</p>	<p><i>Several Hughes ESOL students were winners in a recent ESOL essay contest sponsored by the Colonial Dames Association.</i></p>

<p>Approximately 20 students attended a Peer Mediation conference at George Mason University earlier this month.</p>	<p>Our first school dance in several years was a great success! Over 200 students enjoyed line dancing, spending times with friends, & hitting the refreshment table!</p>	
	<p>All three of our Hughes Panthers basketball teams played hard against the Herndon Hawks last month, and our faculty team emerged with their 3rd victory in a row!</p>	<p>Thanks to a grant from Recpac, our Hughes cheerleaders debuted gorgeous new uniforms at the Hughes v. Herndon basketball game.</p>
<p>Hughes art students recently designed new school logos. Students have voted on their favorites and the winning logo will be debuted at the Art Show Reception on April 11!</p>	<p>Many Hughes artists appeared in an art exhibition sponsored by GRACE (Greater Reston Arts Council) in recognition of Teen Art Month.</p>	<p><i>A great time was had by all at the Hughes Multicultural Fair! Attendees enjoyed performances, art and food representing the diverse cultures and heritages of our school community.</i></p>
<p>In the recent Reflections competition, two Hughes students won recognition at the council level and one student won recognition at the district level.</p>		<p>Hughes' upcoming presentation of Suessical Jr. will include at least 50+ students in the cast and crew</p>

THE WAYS TO THE MEANS

News from the PTA VP-Ways & Means – Suzanne White

Thanks to all the families that have supported our fundraising activities throughout the year! Thanks to your support, many of our activities have brought in more than the budgeted amounts.

Your support and donations make possible the many things that the PTA does for Hughes, such as fund scholarships, field trips, technology and teacher grants and support student recognition programs.

This may be your last chance to order Hughes teeshirts featuring our current logo! Soon we will be replacing our current logo with a new, student-designed logo. So if you want a teeshirt with our current logo, be sure to order one right away!

Here are a few other reminders:

- ♦ **Take advantage of our convenient new “Click & Pledge” system to access many of our fundraising activities ONLINE.** Simply visit the Hughes PTA website at www.lhmspta.com, click on the “Click & Pledge” link, and pay for all your purchases via one simple credit card transaction. What could be easier?
 - ♦ **07-08 PTA membership signups continue to lag far behind totals for 06-07!** Please take the time to log on to Click & Pledge and support the PTA.
 - ♦ **Help ... grocery store rebate program proceeds are dwindling!** Many families do not realize that you must re-enroll in these programs every new year. Please take the time now to log onto the websites noted the table to refresh your enrollment information. Free money is definitely the best kind of money ... but we need you to make this happen!
- ♦ **PRICES FOR STUDENT DIRECTORIES, TEE SHIRTS AND LHMS PANTHER DISCOUNT CARD HAVE DROPPED ... you can't afford not to purchase them now!**

ON GOING PTA FUNDRAISERS

NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH CLICK & PLEDGE

LHMS teeshirts	\$8
LHMS sweatshirts	
S, M, L, XL	\$25
XXL	\$28
LHMS car magnets	\$5
LHMS merchant discount card	\$5
Crest Drycleaner discount card	\$25
LHMS PTA membership	\$10
LHMS student directories	\$2
Friends of Hughes	discretionary

OTHER FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Safeway rebate program

www.escrip.com, LHMS = 6517998

Giant rebate program

www.giantfood.com/aplus, LHMS = 01984

Harris Teeter rebate program

www.harristeeter.com, LHMS = 5073

Boxtops for Education (drop off boxtops in collection box in library)

Raise Your Hand and Take an Active Role!

Are you interested in becoming involved in the 2008-2009 Langston Hughes Middle School PTA?

Run for office! Chair a Committee! LHMS PTA needs You!

Please indicate your interest in holding a PTA office or chairing or co chairing a committee. Check each position you would consider volunteering for during the 2008-2009 academic year. You will be contacted regarding your choices.

Name _____
Child's Name _____ 2008-09 Grade _____
Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

PTA Office

- _____ President
- _____ Vice President Communications
- _____ Vice President Ways and Means
- _____ Secretary
- _____ Treasurer

PTA Committee Chair

- _____ **Art Show** (help the art department coordinate the USGS Art Exhibit - spring)
- _____ **Bulletin Board** (display student art on PTA bulletin board monthly)
- _____ **Community Service** (coordinate several service projects during the Year)
- _____ **County Council Representative** (attend monthly FCCPTA Meetings)
- _____ **Directory** (early fall)
- _____ **Directory Advertising** (summer and early fall)
- _____ **Diversity Academic Achievement** (attend monthly meetings)
- _____ **Eighth grade Celebration** (spring)
- _____ **Hispanic Outreach** (mail our ESOL families a translated abridged newsletter and provide Spanish translation of several newsletter articles. Monthly)
- _____ **Hospitality** (Staff breakfast, Career Day snacks, Touch Base Lunch, Holiday Sweet Treats, Teacher Appreciation Lunch)
- _____ **Keep In Touch/email Administrator** (sending out weekly information to those signed up For Keep In Touch)
- _____ **Membership**
- _____ **Model Campus Representative** (serve on the school Model Campus Committee)
- _____ **Multicultural Fair** (overall PTA representative)
 - _____ coordinate costume modeling
 - _____ coordinate display tables
 - _____ coordinate food
 - _____ coordinate talent
- _____ **New to Hughes** (help welcome new teachers to LHMS.)
- _____ **Outside Message Board** (post upcoming dates on the school/outside message board. Generally a monthly activity)
- _____ **Panther End of Yr. Field Day** (PTA representative to this school)

Committee. Spring)

- _____ **Parent Workshops** (coordinate several workshops before PTA Meetings)
- _____ **Photographer** (attend school events, take photographs and coordinate with Publicity to get photos into the newspaper)
- _____ **Poetry Contest** (coordinate this spring contest)
- _____ **PTA Newsletter** (prepare information monthly for the PTA Newsletter in *The Hughes News*)
- _____ **Publicity** (serve as a link between the school and our local community, businesses, schools and newspapers)
- _____ **Reflections** (coordinate this fall National PTA program for LHMS. We host a reception in the spring)
- _____ **Special Education Representative Liaison** (attend FCCPTA Special Education Committee meetings and report back)
- _____ **Student Recognition Programs** (BUG and Hughes Stars)
- _____ **Superintendent's Parent Advisory Rep.** (attend meetings and report back)
- _____ **Teacher Mini Grants**
- _____ **Volunteer Coordinator** (compile data regarding parent volunteer selections and provide this information to committee chairs)
- _____ **Website Administrator** (update the PTA website on a monthly or as needed basis)

Ways and Means subcommittee chairs

- _____ Basketball Game (coordinate tickets, concessions and other sales with Herndon Middle school Rep. – spring)
- _____ Box Tops for Education
- _____ Bulb Sale (September)
- _____ Discount Card (update and prepare the discount card. Summer)
- _____ Grocery Receipts
- _____ Pizza Sales (coordinate weekly sales to students on Wed after school)
- _____ Skate Night
- _____ Dining for Dollars (organize dinners at local restaurants in our area)
- _____ Spirit Wear sales (on and off throughout the year)

Summer Assistance

- _____ Collate the summer back to school mailer in late August

Parent Education workshop topics you would like to hear

Please contact Joan Burkhart President@lhmspta.com with your questions.

This form can be mailed to, or dropped off, at the Langston Hughes office:

11401 Ridge Heights Road

Reston, VA 20191

DID YOU KNOW ... Hughes students perform over 7000 hours of community service every year?



SLHS IN THE NEWS!

This feature is produced in cooperation with the SLHS PTSA as a service to our 8th grade families who will be transitioning to SLHS next year.

- At the end of April the FCPS School Board voted to approve a redistricting proposal that will eventually increase enrollment at SLHS by approximately 900 students. Increased enrollment will allow the school to offer improved course selection, scheduling flexibility, athletic and extracurricular activities over the course of the next decade.
 - Two SLHS students will be among the 37 chosen to participate in this year's All State Orchestra. The all-state orchestra will perform at Harrisonburg High School in Harrisonburg at 1 p.m. on April 5.
 - The South Lakes Drama department will sponsor Dinner & A Show on April 16. Enjoy dinner catered by Lucia's Italian Ristorante followed by the SLHS Theater Arts production of "Beauty and the Beast." The event is sure to be a sell-out, so reserve your tickets early! Purchase dinner tickets (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10) at www.SeahawkBoosters.com. Purchase theater tickets at www.SLTheatreArts.com.
 - Just after spring break the final major renovation area was completed and unveiled. Students are now moving out of trailers and into new classrooms equipped with ergonomic desks and chairs, computer projectors, smart boards, and other state-of-the-art features. Just after spring break the school's last major renovation area was unveiled and occupied. An impressive new Theatre now houses music and drama performances. Additionally, new Special Education, Math, and Career and Technology Education Department areas have been debuted. Soon, all trailers will be removed and work will begin on landscaping the exterior of the school.
- Two SLHS students have been chosen to participate in the 2008 all state Chorus, which will perform in Harrisonburg on April 24-26.
 - Fundraising continues for the SLHS Class of 2008 All Night Grad Party. ANGP is a chaperoned, alcohol & drug-free event featuring dancing, games, contests and fun. South Lakes was the first high school in FCPS to host this event, which is now a staple at most local high schools. Donations of cash or prizes may be forwarded to Friends of the Class of 2008, c/o South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston VA 20191
- **SLHS contacts**
 - **SLHS website,** www.fcps.k12.va.us/SouthLakesHS
 - **SLHS PTSA/Academic Boosters,** www.southlakesptsa.org
 - **SLHS Band,** www.southlakesband.org
 - **SLHS Theater,** www.sltheatrearts.com
 - **SLHS Athletic Boosters,** www.seahawkboosters.com



By Joan Burkhart, PTA President

Thanks this month go out to ...

- To our **students** who worked hard and brought up their grades from the previous grading period.
- To all the parents and community members who participated in Read Across America Day
- To Jody Wolfe, Suzanne White and Kelly Kroll, who have agreed to serve on the **Nominating Committee** charged with assembling a slate of officers for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Dana Kennedy, for ably administering our **Bringing Up Grades** (B.U.G.) program
- To our **Multicultural Fair** committee and all who helped with and attended this wonderful family event.
- To our students who participated in our March **Adopt A Spot community service** activity and those who will participate in this activity on April 10; and to Dawn Dzurilla for organizing this great community service opportunity
- To our terrific Langston Hughes 7th, 8th, and faculty **basketball teams** and all who helped make our annual Hughes v. Herndon basketball game a success!
- To everyone who signed up to chair or co-chair a 2008 -2009 **PTA committee**
- Our fabulous **Administrative Staff**: Henrietta Pantzer, Sofia Rondon, Staci Ruffa, Barbara Kauneckas, Marianna Mannino, Hazel Johnson, Dan Keating, Mimi Gaskins and Janice Perreault. Thank you for helping to keep our school running smoothly.

LHMS's 07-08 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Joan Burkhart
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Newsletter Submissions:

The PTA Newsletter is published once per month in coordination with the Hughes News.

SUBMISSIONS: Articles or article ideas should be submitted electronically to ptanewsletter@lhmspta.com

DEADLINES: In general, the deadline for each month's edition is 5 business days after the previous month's PTA meeting. Actual deadlines will be announced at each month's PTA meeting.