

LANGSTON

HUGHES

PTA

News



SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Letter from the President

On behalf of the LHMS PTA, I'd like to welcome you to the 2010- 2011 school year!

Over the summer, PTA members have been actively planning for the upcoming year. Our program will include opportunities to recognize and support student achievement, to host fun activities for the Hughes community, to keep you aware of Hughes happenings, and of course to do our best to support the needs of all students and staff where we can, through both funding and our volunteer efforts.

This year marks a milestone for LHMS, as it was 30 years ago that Hughes opened its doors. To commemorate this occasion, there will be special events, new "limited edition" spirit wear, and an opportunity, later this fall, for all of us to "Invest in Hughes" which will result in the gift of technology to LHMS, as they prepare our children, some of the last born in the 20th century, for their 21st century lives.

I am very thankful for the terrific volunteers who make our PTA goals become reality. I encourage you to be involved – join the PTA, attend the monthly meetings, sign up for Keep In Touch and read the weekly postings, browse the monthly newsletter, check out the website, volunteer where you can. A few hours of your time really will help to make a difference in the life of the LHMS community.

Here's looking forward to another year of Panther Pride at LHMS!

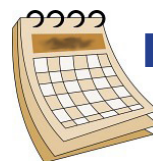
Kathy Joyner, President
president@lhmspta.com

The PTA will publish the newsletter monthly. In an effort to conserve resources, future editions will be posted to the website, www.lhmspta.com. If you would prefer, or need, a hard copy, please fill out the following and return to the school office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Calendar



Happenings at Hughes

- September 9 PTA meeting
7 pm
- September 16 Back To School
Night
6:30 pm
- September 27 Bulb Sale
orders due
- September 30 Spirit Wear
orders due
- October 7 PTA meeting
7 pm
- October 11 Columbus Day
No School
- October 21 & 22 School Picture
Days

? Did you know that your PTA supports ALL students, regardless of their parents' participation?

*Sign up and be part of something extraordinary!
Join the PTA today to get involved to help support YOUR LHMS Panthers.*

Remember 1980??

Do you remember where you were in September of 1980? Were you a Hughes Panther, waiting for the November day when the doors to LHMS would finally open? On that day, the only Apple product students carried with them came from an orchard, notebooks were filled with lined paper rather than semiconductors, and the only Windows in the school were made of glass. Things have sure changed! Watch for more details for upcoming 30th anniversary news, and if you were there, or if you would like to work with the committee planning for our 30th, we'd love to hear from you!



Contact president@lhmspta.com

See page 3 for information on Spirit Gear and how to purchase apparel featuring the limited edition 30th Anniversary Design!

The 2010-2011 LHMS Student Directory is coming soon!!

Be on the lookout in your back-to-school packet for information about the student directory including how to purchase personal messages and business advertisements that will be printed in the directory. Messages and ads help defray our printing costs, so please help and buy an ad... and spread the word and have your friends buy an ad! The Student Directory includes names of LHMS students, addresses, parent phone numbers and parent email addresses — perfect for keeping in contact! — be on the lookout for information on how to opt-in/out of the handbook.

Box Tops for Education at Hughes

Once again, LHMS is collecting Box Tops for Education!



Thank you for continuing to clip and send in the box tops. Our fall deadline for sending in our first batch of box tops is at the end of October, so please send in any other box tops that you have at home. There's a small collection box in the library and one in the office. The school receives 10¢ for each box top that we collect and that money goes to programs for our children.

Here's what you can do to help!

1. Clip "Box Tops for Education" labels and put in a baggie. See the list of participating brands.
2. Send the box tops to school and have your child place them in the box in the library.
3. Contact boxtops@lhmspta.com with questions

Participating Brands

Desserts

Betty Crocker Cookie & brownie mixes
Betty Crocker Frosting
Bisquick Baking Mix
Boxes
Gold Medal Flour

Beverages

Nestle Juicy Juice

Cereal

Cheerios (many varieties)
Chex, Cocoa Puffs
Cereals
Cookie Crisp & Kix
Cereal
Disney's Cereals
Fiber One Cereals
Cinnamon Toast Crunch
Lucky Charm Cereals
Total & Wheaties Cereals

Meals & Sides

Hamburger Helper
Old El Paso tortillas & taco shells

Refrigerated & Dairy

Pillsbury Rolls
Yoplait Go-Gurt & kids' yogurt

Snacks

Cheerios Snack Mix
Chex Mix Bars & snack mix
Fruit-flavored shapes (Scooby Doo, Shark Bites...)

Frozen

Green Giant Vegetables
Pillsbury Microwave biscuits
Totino's Pizza Rolls

Baby & Child Care

Cottonelle products
Goodnites products
Huggies (wipes, diapers, little swimmers...)

School & Office Supplies

Hi-Liter Highlighters
Avery products
Marks-A-Lot Perm. Markers

Storage & Waste Bags

Ziploc Bags (many kinds)
Hefty waste bags
Hefty Crystal disposable cups

T-Shirts Sweatshirts Drawstring Backbag

SPIRIT GEAR

This year we will be offering t-shirts and sweatshirts in two designs — our Classic line and new this year, a limited edition, 30th Anniversary Design.

Get yours while you can!

Also new this year, we are offering the ever-popular drawstring backbag. Smaller than a backpack, it's a perfect size for your student to carry his/her essentials around.

LHMS Spirit Gear will be available to purchase (*cash or checks only, please*) at Back to School Night (Sept 16). You may also order Spirit Gear by filling out the order form below and returning it to school with your child.

Orders must be placed no later than September 30, 2010.

Any questions regarding Spirit Gear can be addressed to Shari True, volunteer Spirit Gear Co-ordinator at acsshari@aol.com

ORDER FORM *LHMS Spirit Gear*

Car Magnet - \$5 each Drawstring Bag (black with logo) - \$10 each

APPAREL – TWO Styles to Choose from!

1 CLASSIC LINE – Limited quantities, while supplies last!

T-shirt (Navy/Grey Logo on Ash) - \$12 each ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

Sweatshirt (Grey Logo on Royal Blue) - \$25 each ___ M ___ L ___ XL

2 NEW! – Limited Edition 30TH ANNIVERSARY DESIGN

Be a part of LHMS History – Get Yours Today!

T-Shirt (Black) - \$12 each ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

Sweatshirt (Black) - \$25 each ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

★ Special Offers!

Save \$2! Purchase a T-shirt (Classic or 30th Anniversary Style) and a Drawstring Bag - \$20

Please indicate shirt style _____ and size _____

Freebie! Purchase a Sweatshirt (Classic or 30th Anniversary Style) and a Drawstring Bag and receive a **FREE** car magnet! - \$35

Please indicate shirt style _____ and size _____

Make Checks Payable to LHMS PTA

Student's Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Parent's Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone #: _____

All orders MUST be placed no later than September 30, 2010

Payment received on _____

Your School Needs You to Join the PTA

Why: to help provide our children's classrooms with new technology, support guest lectures, help further development of our teachers and help our school remain one of the top schools in our area *despite* ongoing budget cuts.

How: Joining is easy. Send in your PTA membership envelop or pay your dues (only \$10.00) online at: <http://www.lhmspta.com/>

Tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated.

What: not only will your dues be used to support our school it also provides you with the option to be heard, to enjoy great resources and receive discounts from businesses like HP academy store, South West Airlines vacations and T-mobile.

Be a Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on their education.

Volunteers Needed

There are a still a few openings available on our slate of volunteers for the year. The PTA is in need of a Special Education Liaison, a Hispanic Outreach Coordinator, an 8th Grade Celebration Committee Chair, and volunteers to help coordinate 30th Anniversary plans. If you are interested in any of those positions, let us know!

Contact –
president@lhmspta.com

Langston Hughes Middle

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“Look Ever Upward at the Sun and Stars ...”

“But march ever forward, breaking down bars. Look ever upward at the sun and the stars.”

– The Negro Mother, Langston Hughes.

Let these words of Langston Hughes inspire you to **nominate a child to be a Hughes Star!** Throughout the year we will be posting brightly colored stars in the front hall and locker commons highlighting the many and diverse achievements of our stUdents. What makes a child a star? As Langston Hughes suggests, it’s all about marching forward, breaking down bars, and aspiring to be the best you can be! Here are some examples:

- ★ Participation or achievement in athletics at school or out in the community (ex: team sport, individual sport, athletic event)
- ★ Participation or achievement in academics (ex: Math Olympiad, essay contest, spelling bee)
- ★ Participation or achievement in the arts (ex: poetry contest, music competition, art show, theater, literary magazine)
- ★ Something accomplished in conjunction with a school-based club, activity or organization (ex: Odyssey of the Mind, Lego League, chess club)
- ★ Something accomplished in conjunction with an outside club, activity or organization (ex: Boy/Girl Scouts, service clubs, dance teams)

- ★ Something accomplished in conjunction with your family, neighborhood, or community (ex: helped someone in need; organized a neighborhood event; volunteered at RCC to help with Martin Luther King Day celebration)
- ★ Participation in an event devoted to raising money or awareness for a cause (ex: Walked in Relay for life, raised money for hurricane relief)

By the end of the year we would like to have every Langston Hughes student represented by at least one star, and preferably more than one! So whether you are a teacher, a staff member, or a parent – don’t wait! Nominate a LHMS student TODAY for something they did over the summer or since the school year began by filling out the form below or by sending an email with the student’s name, your name, your relationship to the student and a one-sentence description of their achievement to stars@lhmspta.com. (Have a student who is shy about their accomplishments? Instead of using the student’s name, we can print the student’s initials or even “a 7th (or 8th) grade student” — just let us know!)

Thanks in advance for helping us showcase the achievements of our amazing students!

“Langston Hughes Stars” Student Recognition Program

NOMINATION FORM

“But march ever forward, breaking down bars./Look ever upward at the sun and the stars.”

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Student names & accomplishments will be posted in the “Hall of Stars”
(between the gym & cafeteria) throughout the year.
Our goal is to ensure that every LHMS student is recognized for their accomplishments!

STUDENT NAME (or initials): _____

YOUR NAME: _____

Relationship to child (i.e., parent, teacher, guidance counselor): _____

Short (~ one sentence) description of student’s achievement: _____

Please return completed nomination forms to PTA box in mailroom or
mail your nominations to stars@lhmspta.com

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