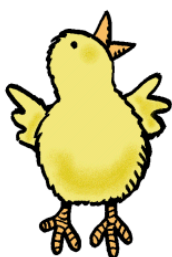




Letter from the President



Spring is in the air!

In addition to school commitments, spring sports and outdoor activities are starting up again – and as I study my calendar, I do believe I see that Spring Break is finally around the corner!

For the PTA, Spring brings some joyous events, and opportunities to celebrate within the Hughes community. This month, we'll recognize our artists with a reception at the USGS, which is also another opportunity to hear the smooth sounds of Hughes own Jazz Band. Preparations are also underway to celebrate our teachers, as we host a lunch in their honor in early May.

I continue to encourage you to participate in the everyday life at Hughes, by joining in some of the upcoming events, keeping informed by reading the weekly and informative PTA and Hughes KITs, and by taking an hour to attend one of the remaining PTA meetings to hear from the committees about the different activities. On a broader scale, reading the FCPS news releases as they pop into your inbox, is a fantastic way to stay abreast of information related to all county schools.

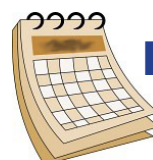
Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm in the Media Center. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kathy Joyner, President
president@lhmspta.com



Calendar



Happenings at Hughes

Look for more details on many of these events within this issue!

April 7 Thursday	PTA meeting – 7:00 pm
April 14 Wednesday	USGS Art Show 7:00 pm
April 18 - 22 Monday-Friday	Spring Break no school
May 1 Sunday	Last day for Online Yearbook Orders
May 5 Thursday	Teacher's Appreciation Lunch
May 12 Thursday	PTA meeting; elections 7:00 pm

Teacher Appreciation

At Hughes, we are fortunate to have families with backgrounds from all over the world!

On Thursday, May 5th the PTA will be hosting an appreciation lunch with a "Taste of Home" flair. Do you have a dish that represents your family that you would like to share as we thank our teachers and staff for all their efforts on behalf of our students? Whether your dish represents a place near or far – if you have a family favorite entrée, side dish, or dessert to share for this event, please **contact Jody Rosenblatt at jrmva@gmail.com** with your donation information!

Annual Art Show at USGS

Join Us — On the evening of Thursday, April 14, for a reception with the artists, the LHMS jazz band, and food from the Home Ec Department.

The LHMS PTA is assisting the Art Department with their annual Art Show at the US Geological Survey in Reston.

Our students' art will be on display at the USGS on Sunrise Valley Drive for the month of April.



Volunteer to **donate treats** for the reception on April 14 (they can be brought to school that morning).

Volunteers are also needed to load up the art to deliver to USGS, set up the art displays, and the same in reverse at the end of the month.

Please contact

Molly O'Boyle at mollyboyle@gmail.com or 703-758-9885 to volunteer.

8th Grade Party

"New York City 2011"

The streets will come alive in the city that never sleeps.

Be a Part of It!

Planning is underway for the 8th Grade Party — we need volunteers to help make this a night to remember.

Please contact us if you are willing to:

- Take a lead role in the area of Food, Donations or Promotions
- Solicit donations from local merchants for food and door prizes
- Help create the fabulous cityscape
- Chaperone the night of the party (June 17th)
- Participate in planning the event
- Lend us any large scale NYC props, such as a Statue of Liberty!



Thank you!

Contact us at

Rosemary Daum — rosedaum@msn.com

Tara Allen — taralallen@aol.com



LHMS BASKETBALL GAME

LHMS vs Herndon

Thanks to all of the students, parents, faculty and staff that made the basketball game between Langston Hughes vs Herndon Middle School a big success. Both the 7th grade and 8th grade teams beat their Herndon counterparts in a fun filled night. The event was coordinated by Donna Carrens and Mary Shedlock along with many volunteers, and a great time was had by all! Please support the sponsors that helped make the night a financial success — **Flippin Pizza**, **Chick Fil A** and **Tisseront Orthodontics**.

Great Job Panthers !!!

Hughes MS yearbook

Panther Tracks

PANTHER TRACKS, the 2010-2011 Hughes MS yearbook, can be ordered online now at <https://www.ybpay.com/>. The yearbook is \$25. Deadline to order online is May 1. Deadline to order by mail is April 15. If you wish to pay by check, pick up an order form in the office or from Mrs. Belvin in room 104.

Forms are also on the Hughes MS website at http://www.fcps.edu/HughesMS/misc/Mail-In-Form_99784.pdf.

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Hughes in the News!

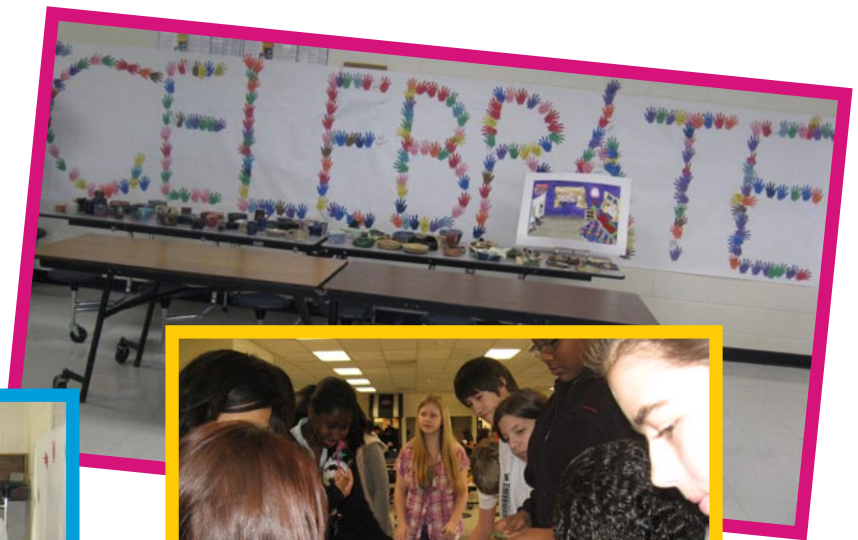
Recently, The Connection newspaper ran a feature article about LHMS – [click here](#) to read it!

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=349239&paper=71&cat=104>.

Diversity Week

“A great way for our community to celebrate one of its greatest strengths!”

– Hughes principal Aimee Monticchio



Hughes students, staff, and families participated in our first **Celebrating Diversity Week** event held March 21st through 25th. The celebration began with guest speakers who shared their thoughts about how they define diversity based on their life experiences during Monday morning ATL. Students posed questions to the speakers and then wrote their own reflections about diversity on “what diversity means to me” cards that were posted to the **Celebrating Diversity Wall** in the school hallway. Throughout the week, students and staff continued to reflect on the topic of diversity through music, poetry readings, and

a gallery walk of student art at “Diversity Café” during lunch. Students, staff, and families participated in a diversity celebration on Thursday after-school where they were entertained by the talents showcased by the Hughes Self-Defense Club, Jazz Band, and a dance performance by Essence, a dance troupe from SLHS that featured dance from a variety of cultures. Cultural foods, prepared by Hughes families and donated by several local restaurants concluded the afternoon’s celebration. The week’s celebration culminated on Friday with cake that was shared with students and staff during “Diversity Café” at lunch.

Appreciation goes out to Lisa Gordon for coordinating “Celebrating Diversity Week”, along with many Hughes staff members and a team of PTA volunteers.

Langston Hughes Stars

Langston Hughes STARS Student Recognition Program would like to recognize the following students for achievements, honors, and volunteerism gained or performed from the beginning of the school year until now:

Amy Zhao has been practicing folk dances for six years and performs them for the elderly and for local community festivals.

Angelique Nicholson volunteered all day at the Women in Aviation and Space event at the National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center.

Please continue to send STARS nominations to:
studentrecognitionstars@lhmspta.com.

We are very proud of our LHMS students!

Nominate a Student Star...

see page 5 for nomination form

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

Support Hughes PTA... without writing a check!

Box Tops for Education

We have the opportunity to give to Hughes PTA by saving the boxtops from items you regularly purchase. Each Box Top that you cut out and turn in is worth 10¢ to the PTA. It sounds small, but adds up very quickly, and is easy to do. Clip them, save them, and send them in with your student to deposit in the box in the office or in the school library.

If you've got some, or think you can find some in your pantry, please send them in, and we can watch the dimes turn to dollars for LHMS PTA!



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

“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:



- ★ 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)

- ★ 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)

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 studentrecognitionstars@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.”
– *The Negro Mother*, Langston Hughes

Let these words of Langston Hughes inspire you to **nominate a child to be a Hughes Star!**

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 studentrecognitionstars@lhmspta.com

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