



Letter from the President



The school year is down to the last few weeks, and so I reflect on all that we have accomplished as a PTA this year.

It was my goal last year at this time to have some fun while doing good for the Hughes community through the efforts of the PTA. When I look back over the year, it seems that we've done both.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who have worked enthusiastically on so many different events and activities! Each month, there was something going on – and that something had volunteers behind it bringing the event to life. We've celebrated the students and the staff, we've raised funds to provide additional technology, we've supported student recognition programs, and through our mini grants, we were able to support Hughes through funding speakers, Fairfax Symphony musicians, and supporting events like Peace Week and the fall Anti-Bullying campaign. This year has been a great collaboration between the PTA and the school – teachers, administration and staff.

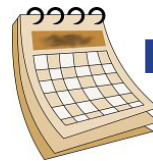
No look back at our year would be complete without mentioning our celebration of Hughes' first thirty years. And celebrate we did! With parades, new spirit wear, the Invest in Hughes campaign, and most importantly through highlighting the good works of our students, who have exceeded the 30 Good Deeds we set as our goal. Our students have shared their spirit and talents in nearly 40 different group activities throughout our community – whether by collecting food and coats, by sharing artistic and musical talents, or by any of the many ways that benefit our community. The list is long, and speaks well of the students in the Hughes community.

Please plan to join us at our final meeting of the 2010-11 school year, on June 9 at 7 pm. This meeting will be a celebration featuring some special student guests and our PTA volunteers, and a welcome to the new officers and committee chairs for the 2011-12 year. 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!

June 9: 6:30 pm

Thursday meet and greet for parents of rising 7th grade students

7:00 pm

PTA meeting/celebration

June 17: 7 - 9 pm

Friday 8th grade party "New York City"

June 21: Last Day of School, early dismissal



**Have
a Safe,
Happy
Summer!!**

8th Grade Celebration will be a night to remember!



Invitations for the 8th grade celebration (below) will be distributed to students on June 6.

New York City 2011

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

Be a Part of It!

**Friday, June 17, 2011
7:00-9:00 pm**

Open to LHMS
8th Grade students only

\$5 tickets, good for all party activities and snacks, can be purchased in advance starting June 15th, or at the door.

Parents interested in helping with this event should contact:

**Rosemary Daum —
rosedaum@msn.com**

Thank you!



8TH GRADE PARTY

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
LHMS GYM**

Open to LHMS
Eighth Graders

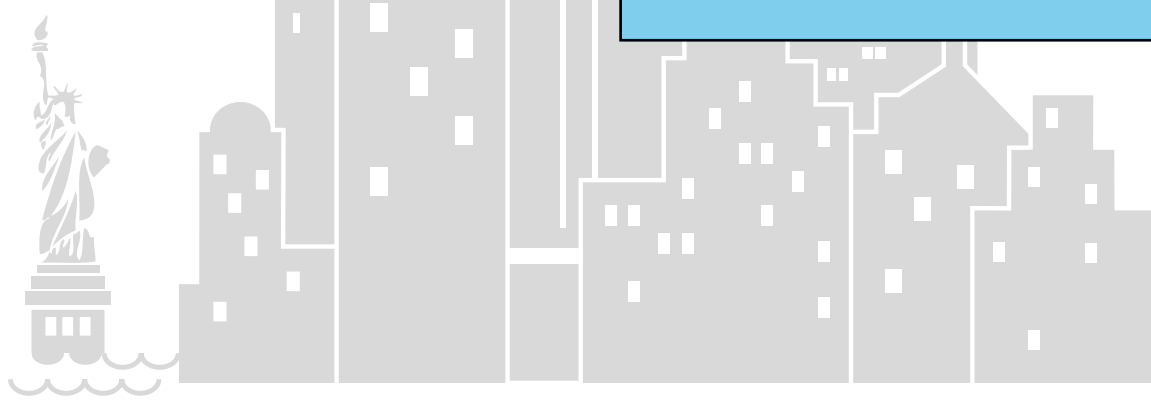
Times Square Celebration!

DJ — DANCING PHOTO BOOTH STREET VENDORS

Be a Part of It!

\$5 Ticket Includes All party activities/snacks
On sale during lunch:
June 15, 16, and 17

Dress for a night on the town
(and appropriate for school)



Langston Hughes Stars

STARS RECOGNITIONS – Langston Hughes STARS Student Recognition Program would like to recognize three LHMS Panthers for their wonderful achievements performed throughout the school year!



Johnny Doley completed the Marine Corps Marathon 10K race on October 31, 2010 for the second time. He finished 10th in his division (males up to age 15) with a time of 50.16 minutes.



Brandon Coplen, a 7th grader, helped the Hearts of Reston Giving Circle via a fundraiser for Alternative House, made 12 blankets for Project Linus DC, and provided child care for Reston Interfaith. He also participated in Brick Magic in Raleigh, NC, with the Washington DC Metro Area Lego Train Club by displaying and demonstrating the operations of 4 trains, 2 building and several vehicles, all created with Legos.



John Hughes, 7th grader, completed his first triathlon, competing in the Reston Youth Triathlon. John finished near the top of his age group.

Poetry Contest Winners

April was National Poetry Month, and, in honor of the occasion, we celebrated with a school-wide poetry contest.

1st, 2nd and 3rd and Honorable Mention Place Winners were determined for each grade by a group of student judges from South Lakes IB English Class. We are going to recognize them at the PTA meeting in June and publish winning poems in a book.

8th Grade Winners:

1st Place - "Dance"

by Ashley Birman

2nd Place - Narrative Poem by

Mark Bouwmeester

3rd Place - "Someday"

by Madhu Umashankar

8th Grade Honorable Mention

"She Is The Bell"

by Kelleen Moriarty

"Together We Can"

by Kayvon Tabrizi

"Tanning"

by Taylor Mauceri

7th Grade Winners:

1st Place - "Star"

by Mark Pavlichenko

2nd Place - "Memories"

by Justin Spiegel

3rd Place - "Glacier"

by Oliver Gainer

7th Grade - Honorable Mention

"I Am A Story"

by Kati Imel

"Can You See Behind My Smile"

by Adriana Trigo

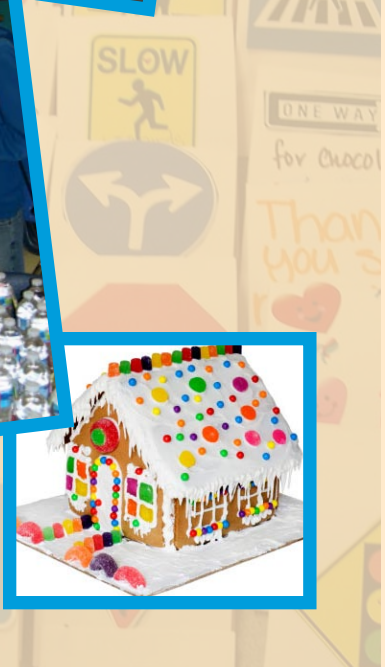
"Opinions"

by Evie Nims

LHMS Gives Back

During the year LHMS Students were busy 'giving back' to the Local Community for 30 Years of Outstanding Support.

1. SLHS Homecoming Parade
2. School grounds clean-up (Fall & Spring)
3. Handmade Veteran's Cards for local vets
4. Scouting for Food
5. RCC Thanksgiving Food Drive (NJHS)
6. Reston Town Center Holiday Parade
7. Northrup-Grumman Year-end Party (Orchestra)
8. Tall Oaks Assisted Living holiday musical performance
9. Candy Cane sales raising funds for needy families at the holidays (Hermanas)
10. Sorting & wrapping donated Christmas gifts (GS Troop 4255)
11. Holiday Party for children at Laurel Learning Center (GS Troop 525)
12. Baked goods for holiday 'Sweets Shop' for staff
13. Gingerbread House donations (Home Ec)
14. Coat Drive (Cheerleaders)
15. Collection for Save the Children

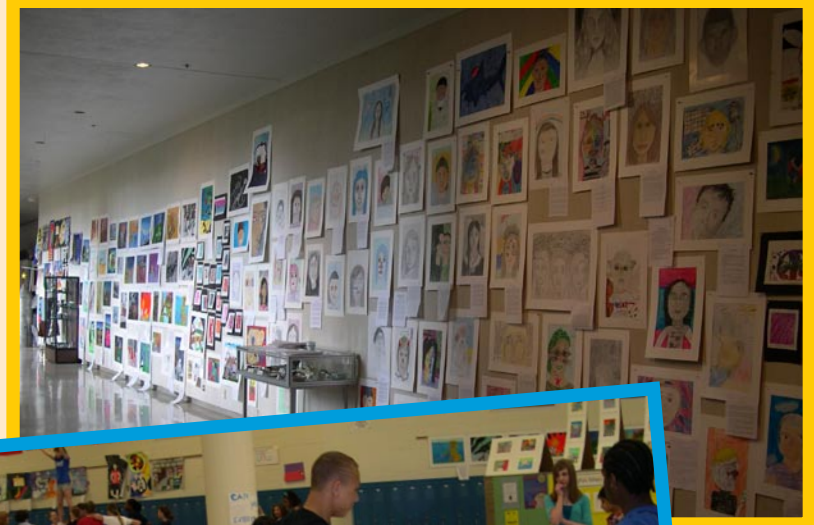


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16. Art Show at RCC-Lake Anne
17. Martin Luther King Day activities at RCC-Hunters Woods
18. Handmade Valentines for officers at Reston Police Substation
19. CANgineering canned food drive
20. Advertising & ticket sales for Hunters Woods ES Skate Night (GS Troop 4255)
21. Forest Edge ES Family Fun Fair
22. Reading to students at Terraset ES for Read Across America Day (GRACE)
23. Spring Snack Sacks for staff (Peer Mediation)
24. Electives' Tea for local senior citizens
25. Books of Hope
26. Art Show & reception at USGS
27. Earthforce club received Reston Association award for outstanding community service
28. FCPS Rising Stars Luncheon (Advanced Women's Chorus)
29. Jazz & Dessert fundraiser at RCC-Hunters Woods (Jazz Band)
30. Appreciation Receptions for all 2010-2011 community & parent volunteers (upcoming)



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