



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a busy month for the Hughes community! Along with the start of school, after school activities and new fall schedules, the PTA has also been quite busy.

Thanks to all who were able to make it to the first PTA meeting, even after a quick date change. We had a great turnout for a fun and informative evening. Our next meeting takes place on Thursday, October 13. That night, at 6:30 p.m., the Hughes administration will host a discussion on our student's rights and responsibilities at FCPS, followed by our regular meeting at 7 p.m. These are great forums to both hear about what is happening at school, and to ask any general questions you may have in a smaller group setting.

On a related note, our membership drive is ongoing with special thanks to Lilian vanEk, Membership chair. If you haven't had the opportunity to join, or aren't sure if PTA membership is for you, please go to the PTA website (www.lhmspta.com) to view our budget, and the many ways that our dues and donations are being put to work on behalf of Hughes students. The membership form can be found here: http://www.lhmspta.com/BTS_2011/Membership%20Flyer%202011.pdf and can be returned to the school office.

This year, our funding will include:

- Student programs, including programs for the arts, student achievement recognition, positive behavior recognition, diversity awareness, and opportunities for student community service.
- New technology for our student's classrooms, helping ensure that our kids are using modern equipment to prepare them for their place in the 21st century.
- Staff Mini Grants through which teachers/staff can further enrich the classroom experience with special events and speakers.

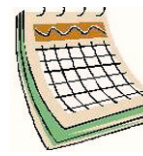
It is my sincere hope that in addition to the great work we do to support the school financially, the PTA is also a place where parents can come together to experience the sense of community found while volunteering and participating whenever those opportunities arise.

As always, if you have any questions related to the Hughes PTA, contact information for all the board members is on our website, or you can email me at president@lhmspta.com.

Sincerely,

Kathy Joyner
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Editors Note: Submissions for the LHMS PTA Newsletter may be emailed to: johnsdjje@verizon.net



CALENDAR

Happenings At Hughes

- October 10 Columbus Day, No School
- October 13 Student Rights & Responsibilities Discussion 6:30 p.m.
- October 13 PTA meeting 7 p.m. Media Center
- October 14 Skate Night 7:30—9:30 p.m. Skate Quest
- November 10 PTA meeting 7 p.m.
- November 11 Touch Base Day & Teacher Brunch

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

Name: _____
 Address: _____

HUGHES NEWS

October 2011



8th Grade Celebration Fundraiser

Calling all 8th grade parents to assist us with our first **Frozen Yogurt Float Social** to be held during lunch periods in the cafeteria (9:45 am – 12:45 pm). The first event is being held Wed. 10/12/11. How frequently we conduct this event depends on the success we see with this one, so please support our efforts.

This fund raiser is to help defray the cost of hosting the end of year 8th Grade Celebration. Local vendors are donating paper goods and gift cards to help decrease our event expenses.

What we really need are 4-5 volunteers to assist with putting on these socials. If you can help, please send us an email and phone number so we can start scheduling folks. We're hoping this will be a fun event for the students, teachers and parents.

Can't wait to hear from you!!!!!!!

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Skate Night is Coming Soon!

Time to pull your ice skates out of storage! This year's LHMS Skate Night at SkateQuest is **SOON**, on Friday, October 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.!! Put this on your calendar!! Look for upcoming notices with event details! For more information, contact Molly O'Boyle, mollyboyle@gmail.com.



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South Lakes High School's All Night Grad Fundraiser

South Lakes High School's All Night Grad Party 2012 Committee has Merrifield Garden Gift Certificates available for sale! They are for \$50, do not expire, and are available NOW ~ during fall planting season! Contact Molly O'Boyle at mollyboyle@gmail.com for more details.

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Notice: REFLECTIONS DEADLINE OCTOBER 24

The Reflections dead line is Monday, October 24. Please bring all entries to Mrs. Klein in the front office. For more information on Reflections please check www.lhmspta.com . Click on the Reflections tab.

Thank you,

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Reflections Chairs



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Support LHMS – Store Receipts Programs

It's not too late, but please don't wait any longer to designate Langston Hughes Middle School as the beneficiary of stores in our community that have programs in place to benefit local schools! Signing up for these programs is a quick and easy way for families to support Langston Hughes Middle School. Last year our school earned over \$2,300 through these programs!

There is no additional cost to you for participating; all you need to do is link your store cards to our school. To link your cards, you can either stop by the customer service desk at the stores or you may designate Langston Hughes through the stores' websites.

- **Safeway** - www.escrip.com. LHMS eScrip program code is 6517998. (Sign up by Nov. 1)
- **Giant Food** - www.giantfood.com/aplus. LHMS A+ Bonus Bucks code is 01984.
- **Harris Teeter** - www.harristeeter.com. LHMS Together in Education program code is 5073.
- **Target** - www.target.com. LHMS Take Charge of Education program code is 103740.
- **Office Depot**: www.officedepot.com. LHMS 5% Back to Schools program code is 70104583. There is no need to link a card for the school to benefit from the Office Depot program; just mention our school code whenever you shop online, by phone or at the store.

Please note: even if you signed up for these programs last year, you must sign up or renew again this school year in order for our school to benefit from the programs this year. Sign up or renew today!



The PTA sponsored Fall fundraisers are coming to an end, but our gratitude is ongoing...



The **Bulb Sale** was a great success – thanks to Linda Gainer for putting so much energy into getting the word out and managing this sale – for the second year!

Our **Spirit Wear** co-chairs are getting ready to place the final order for the 2011/12 Hughes gear. Thanks to Beth McNamara and Susan Miller for taking the lead on running the sale, and for the great redesign and new items, including tie-dye shirts and flannel pants. Many of you have probably already received your orders, others will soon be on the way!

We recognize that our terrific committee chairs couldn't do all of this on their own; these sales are successful because of your support, and we appreciate every order we've received!

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.
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.