



### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Welcome to the 2011-2012 Langston Hughes Middle School Community!

Over the summer, preparation for the school year began and the PTA board is very excited about what has been planned! This year, we have the opportunity to once again work together with the outstanding teachers, administrators and staff in support of all of our students. Our program includes opportunities to:

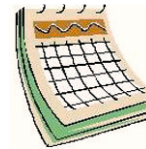
- support and recognize student achievement
- support use of technology by continuing to fund the purchase of new equipment for classroom use
- support additional learning opportunities for our students through our mini grants program
- encourage the extraordinary sense of community found at Hughes through a variety of fun and enriching special events throughout the year
- inform Hughes families about the events taking place within the LHMS community through the weekly Keep In Touch (KIT) messages, the monthly PTA meetings and newsletter, and our website, [www.lhmspta.com](http://www.lhmspta.com).

The list of goals we want to achieve is long, and success will be for the good of all of our students. As a PTA, we can make it happen. I encourage each of you to attend a PTA meeting, join a committee, or answer a call to help with an activity. Stay informed by reading the KIT, the newsletter, or by checking out our website. Support our fundraising by joining the Hughes PTA (fill out the PTA membership form), making a donation in support of our goals, clipping Boxtops, registering your grocery card, and purchasing bulbs and spirit wear this month.

No matter how you choose to become involved, by working together, we will make a difference in the life of our LHMS community. I'm looking forward to meeting you all at the first PTA meeting, Thursday, September 8 at 7 p.m.!

Kathy Joyner  
LHMS PTA President  
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### CALENDAR



#### Happenings At Hughes

- September 6 First Day of School
- September 8 PTA mtg, 7 p.m. Media Center
- September 15 Back To School Night, 6:30 p.m.
- September 23 Bulb Sale Orders due
- September 30 Spirit Wear Orders due
- October 10 Columbus Day, No School
- October 13 PTA meeting, 7 p.m. Media Center
- October 14 Skate Night at Skate Quest

**The PTA publishes a newsletter monthly.** In an effort to conserve resources, future editions will be posted to the website, [www.lhmspta.com](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## EARN (ALMOST) FREE MONEY FOR LHMS!

We are fortunate to share our community with several stores that sponsor programs which support local schools through monetary donations. At no additional cost to you, these stores will make contributions to our school based upon store purchases by customers who have signed up for the program and designated LHMS as the beneficiary. Last year our school earned more than \$2,300 through these programs!

These programs simply require that you designate with the store which school (or schools) should receive credit for your purchases each year. That's all you need to do. Friends, neighbors, grandparents and other family members may also participate by signing up too. **Even if you registered before, it is necessary to re-register every new school year.**

Registering is easy. Here's how:

- **Safeway Back to Schools:** You must sign up or renew by November 1. You can either link your Safeway Club Card at the Customer Service desk in the store, or visit the eScrip website at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). To renew, click on "YES RENEW!" and provide the requested information, or to sign up, click on "1-Sign Up" and enter your Club Card number. The LHMS program code is 6517998.



- **Harris Teeter Together in Education:** There are several ways to link your VIC card: at the register in the store, at the Customer Service desk in the store, by phone (1-800-432-6111), or at the Harris Teeter website, [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com). Select "TIE" at the bottom of the page under the "About Us" category, then click the link that says "Link to Your School" and provide the requested information. The LHMS program code is 5073.



- **Giant A+ BonusBucks:** To link your Giant card, visit [www.GiantFood.com/aplus](http://www.GiantFood.com/aplus). Click the link "Register Your Card" to designate LHMS as your donor school. Or, you can complete a school designation form at any customer service desk in the store. The LHMS program code is 01984.



- **Target Take Charge of Education:** To link your Target REDcard and designate our school, just visit [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142. The LHMS program code is 103740.

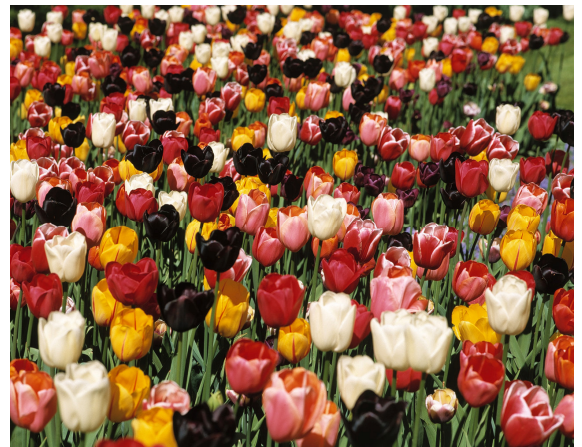


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**Please don't wait . . . Sign up or renew today!**

## IT'S TIME TO PLANT FALL BULBS

This year make sure you buy enough bulbs to make your Spring gardens burst with color! The LHMS PTA Bulb Sale is in bloom. Students will be bringing order forms home but you may also place orders online. Go to: <https://www.dutchbulbs.com/fg/lhms>. Orders are due September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Gardening!



## ABOUT REFLECTIONS

In its more than 40-year history, the Reflections program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in six arts areas:

- Dance choreography
- Film production
- Literature
- Musical composition
- Photography
- Visual arts



## REFLECTIONS THEME 2011-2012

**Reflections Theme 2011-2012 - "Diversity Means..."** - Each year, the National PTA Reflections Program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme." The 2011-2012 theme is "Diversity Means..."

**Student Participation** - Annually, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the Reflections program through their local PTAs. Student winners go on to compete at the district/regional and state levels, with the best-of-the-best entries going to National PTA to be considered for a National Reflections award. Each year, PTA gives the following awards at the national level:

- Outstanding Interpretation Awards
- Awards of Excellence
- Awards of Merit
- Honorable Mention

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## REFLECTIONS THEME SEARCH

Each program year, students create works of art inspired by a specific theme. That theme is selected from hundreds of ideas submitted by students to the PTA Reflections Program Theme Search Contest. National PTA is looking for a theme for the 2013-2014 Reflections Program year. The student who submits the winning entry will receive a cash award and his or her theme will be presented at the National PTA Convention.

## REFLECTIONS BASIC INFORMATION

The Langston Hughes Middle School Reflections due date is Monday, October 24, 2011.

Please bring your entries to the front office and place in the "Reflections Box" in Ms. Klein's office.

For more information on Reflections, entry forms, rules and regulations go to:

[www.ptareflections.org/cs/student\\_entry\\_form](http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/student_entry_form)

[www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)

[www.lhmspta.com](http://www.lhmspta.com)

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## **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](mailto:boxtops@lhmspta.com) with questions

Editors Note: Submissions for the LHMS PTA Newsletter may be emailed to: [johnsdjje@verizon.net](mailto:johnsdjje@verizon.net)