



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are at the end of the first quarter, and the beginning of November! As I look back over the first part of the 2011/12 year, I am happy to report that, despite flooding rains on the nights of both the September and October meetings, our PTA spirit was not dampened, as we weathered both of the storms with flying colors, and are off to a great start!

By now, the bulbs and the spirit wear you ordered in September have been delivered, a terrific Skate Night has been enjoyed by over 125 Hughes students, and your membership donations are already being put to excellent use for the benefit of our kids.

On the topic of fundraising and memberships, I am very pleased and excited to report that at the October PTA meeting, our members voted to draw down our existing excess cash balance, resulting in a donation of \$5500 which will be used to purchase state of the art technology to be used in classrooms throughout the school. Combined with the \$3000 we originally budgeted, \$8500 worth of equipment will soon be appearing in classrooms throughout the building to enhance the learning experience! To learn more about this new purchase, and how technology is used in the Hughes' classrooms, please come to a special forum at 6:30 p.m. on November 10 (one half hour before the regular PTA meeting) which will be devoted to discussion and demonstrations of "Technology Use at LHMS."

The good news doesn't stop with our funding successes. This month, I am especially pleased to announce that three new volunteers have confirmed their willingness to fill formerly open committee chair positions. Thanks to Mary Nell Clark, our new Special Education Representative, Valerie Lister, who will be restarting our "New to Hughes" Program for those teachers that are new to Hughes classrooms, and Natalya DuMont who has offered to chair the Art Show which takes place in the spring. Each of our board members brings something special to the Hughes community, and I'd like to offer a special welcome to these, our newest members!

If you are considering joining the PTA, or are curious about what is happening at LHMS, I encourage you to join us at our November 10 PTA meeting at 7 p.m. (or 6:30 p.m. to learn about technology enhancements), to read the weekly KIT, to stop and see us at the PTA table on Touch Base Day, to leaf through the newsletter, and to visit our website,

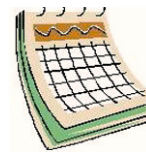
www.lhmspta.com.

It's been a great start to a promising year!

Sincerely,

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CALENDAR

Happenings At Hughes

- November 7, 8** No school, Teacher Work Days
- November 10** 6:30 p.m. "Technology Use at LHMS" forum and demonstrations
7:00 p.m. PTA meeting
- November 11** Touch Base Day 7:30 – 10 a.m.
Touch Base Staff brunch 10 a.m.
School starts at 11 a.m. for students
- November 23** 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- Nov. 24, 25** No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

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