

LPES PTA NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the LPES PTA



WELCOME FROM PTA PRESIDENT, JULIE NEILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 16:**
General PTA Meeting
- **Fun Run**
- **Sept. 27:**
Panera Spirit Night

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Welcome back to the 2023-24 school year! The LPES PTA is excited for the year ahead. We have a wonderful new board who is here to support the activities happening throughout the year. Together, we are planning fantastic events and fundraisers throughout the year to continue to support our children and our school. If you aren't a member of the PTA, please consider joining. Your contributions have a lasting impact on the lives of our children, our teachers, and our school. Last year, with the help and support of our community, we raised over \$65,000 for outdoor enhancements including shade structures, teacher grants, and cultural arts programs. Whether you have an hour of time or would like to consider a longer-term commitment, we welcome all! Please visit [Givebacks](#) (previously MemberHub) to join or renew your membership for 2023-24. This is the best way to stay informed of activities throughout the year.

Keep an eye on this newsletter, our social media channels, and announcements to stay up to date on events as well as volunteer needs that we have. We can't do this without your support!

Julie Neild
LPES PTA President

MEET THE NEW BOARD

President - Julie Neild

Treasurer - Kelly McGowan

Secretary - Abbey Kruse

Programs - Tracy Zimmermann

Fundraising - Becky Davidson

To see a full list of chairs, please visit our website [here](#).

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE PTA

Your Child Benefits

- We help teachers purchase classroom resources to engage students in learning.
- We provide fun activities throughout the year that strengthen your child's mind, body, and creativity.

Feel Involved

- Be in the know! Find out what is going on in the school via PTA newsletters and quarterly meetings and get to know the staff better!
- It's a great way to share some of your child's school related experiences with them.

Make a Difference

- We learn about current educational policies and how to make a positive change at the county and state level.
- Raise your concerns, suggest ideas, and use your vote to determine how funds are spent.

Keep our PTA Going

- Our PTA is made up of all volunteers. We are advocates for every child at Laurel Park ES. We cannot operate at our best without a group of diverse volunteers.



Apex Leadership Fun Run 2023

I joined the PTA to actively support my children's education through volunteering, attending events and fundraising for better resources and opportunities for all students. It's been a fulfilling experience, strengthening my bond with my kids and contributing meaningfully to the school community."
-Fatemeh (Pari) Vosoughi

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun Run

Our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Tracks 1 & 2: August 7th - August 18th

Tracks 3 & 4: August 21st - September 1st

Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).



General PTA Meeting

August 16th

6:30pm to 7:30pm

The Media Center

Meet other PTA members and hear about fundraising and programming initiatives!

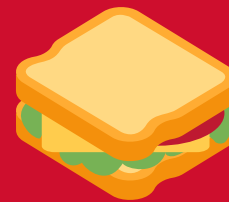


Spirit Night at Panera

Join us at Panera on September 27

anytime from 4:00pm to 8:00PM

2002 Kildaire Farm Rd, Cary, NC 27518



Trunk or Treat

Save the date!

Saturday, October 14

We will need volunteers to staff the event, trunks, and candy donations!



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS NEEDED

- **Spirit Wear:** Selling t-shirts and other spirit apparel from the school store.
- **Spirit Nights & Passive Fundraising:** Arranging 3-4 events throughout the year at restaurants/businesses to promote community within the school.
- **Spirit Rock:** Assist with Spirit Rock rentals and payment processing
- **Fun Run:** Our biggest fundraiser! Volunteers needed for day of event. Sign up to volunteer between 1-3 hours.
- **Go Play Save:** Responsible for organization and delivery of all books/envelopes to students.
- **Staff Appreciation / Snack Cart:** Help show our appreciation to our wonderful teachers and admins!
- **Trunk or Treat:** A fun Halloween tradition! We will need a committee to plan the event, and day of volunteers to help the event run smoothly!
- **Spring Family Fun Night:** Assist with planning and day of events. Will work directly with Fundraising VP and other committee members as a team.
- **Communications:** Help support the communications committee with newsletter design and graphics.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please consider volunteering with the PTA this school year!

Get started by clicking the red button and fill out the Volunteer Interest Form. Completing this form does not commit you to any volunteer hours.

[Volunteer Form](#)

Based on the information you provide, a PTA volunteer will reach out to discuss volunteer opportunities available. We have a number of positions available, from very short time commitment to longer term opportunities.

As a reminder, all individuals who volunteer with children in the school will need to be an approved volunteer. Wake County Public Schools has a new process to submit and renew your volunteer application that is completely online. More information is available [here](#).