



Lebanon Elementary School - PTA

Phil Johnson, President

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President's Corner

The PTA sent out a survey last spring asking many tough questions about how we as a PTA are doing and what you would like from the PTA in the future. One question asked was regarding the "Ladybug Ball" event and if more of these type of events should occur. Resoundingly, the answer was yes. So as the Executive Board prepared for this year, we milled over ways how to best make this happen. Thus, the Family Events Committee was born. The sole purpose of this committee is to find low or no cost ways, like the Ladybug Ball, for family's to **have fun**. Whether it's a family movie night, a dance like the Ladybug Ball, or something else, this is the committee for it. And if you have any great ideas to share, it would be a low risk way to start getting involved with the LES PTA. We would love to hear your ideas. This is a white wall and it needs painters. Are you one of them?

Meet the PTA Executive Board

Phil Johnson, President

I have a son in 4th grade and a daughter in 8th. I have served on the LES PTA board for 6 years as Treasurer, Vice President and now President. I introduced the SCRIP program to the PTA 2 years ago and am the SCRIP Committee Chairperson. I am an Eagle Scout and now a Webelo Den Leader in Cub Scouts. I also coach Lebanon baseball and soccer. I was born in Chicago, IL and moved to Connecticut 18 years ago. I moved to Lebanon 7 years ago and have been a supportive voice at the town budget meetings for the schools.

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Reflections 2007-2008

Reflections is a nationwide program encouraging children to explore through art, music, dance, film and photography. This is a new program for our school, but has been a great success in other communities for quite some time. It helps children to express themselves in areas that are not always readily available at this age level. Reflections has different grade levels for judging: Primary K-2nd Grade, Intermediate 3rd-5th Grade, Middle/Junior 6th-8th Grade, and Senior 9th-12th Grade. We hope that this program will gain in popularity and filter into all of our Lebanon Schools over the next few years.

This year's Reflections theme was " I can make a difference by..." We had eight entries in all, four visual arts, three literature and one musical composition. The art was displayed near the LES gym for all to see on Thursday January 10, 2008. We had two winners in visual arts due to the different grade divisions: Clover Leep, a first grader and Elias Ricard, a third grader. The literature winner is Nicole Handfield, a fourth grader. And the musical composition winner is Nadia Jalal, a third grader. All of their work will be submitted to the state by February 1st for state-wide judging.

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Health and Safety Fair

The PTA is tentatively scheduling a Health and Safety Fair on Saturday May 17, 2008 at LES. Planning is underway for this very valuable program. If anyone would like to be involved or has resources they would like to share please contact Carrie Goins at peecan@hotmail.com or 642-6695 (email is preferred).

Upcoming Events:

Date	Time	Program	Location
Mon, Jan 21st and Tues Jan 22	8:00 AM	LES School Vacation	
Fri Jan 25th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Order	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Fri, Feb 1st	3:30 PM	SCRIP Pickup	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Mon, Feb 4th	6:30 PM	LES PTA Regular Meeting	LES Café

Reflections 2007-2008 (continued)

CT PTA is looking for a Reflections Program theme for 2009-2010. Forms are available at www.pta.org/reflections. \$100 is given to the student whose theme is chosen. If you need more information on this program please use the web site listed above or contact Carrie Goins at peecan@hotmail.com.

Campbell's Labels for Education

Here is a update of whats been happing with the program. We recently purchased and received a video camera for the school in late October 2007. Our current balance as of January 2008 is 5,780 pts. We continue to collect UPCs and lids through out the school year. Normally 2 or 3 deposits are made per school year. At the end of December 2007 we made a deposit of 4,110 UPC's. We are waiting for this deposit to post to our account. Please feel free to visit the web site <http://www.labelsforeducation.com> . The collection bucket is located outside the Staff Lounge. Please keep in mind we are saving the UPC's now, the lids from V8 drinks and Prego spaghetti sauce. Be careful when cutting the label and try not to cut through the UPC. Continue to save those UPC's and help earn free stuff for our school.

SCRIP\Gift Cards

The next order date for the SCRIP program is January 25th with pick up on Friday February 1st or at the LES PTA Regular Meeting on February 4th. Order forms are available in the LES office or off the PTA website at <http://www.les-pta.org>. Don't forget!! Several cards are held in inventory for quick access. Inventory holders are Laurie Shaw (456-9584), Phil Johnson (885-1431) and Dede Lucey (642-6610)

Volunteers Needed

The PTA needs your help!! Last year, the PTA sent out a survey to get a feel for what issues and topics were of interest to everyone. One item mentioned was more "Family Event" activities like the Ladybug Ball. So the PTA created a committee to develop such events, but NO ONE has expressed an interest to serve on or be the head of this FUN committee. If you are interested to volunteer in this or other PTA committees, please contact the LES PTA Executive Board at AskThePTA@les-pta.org or Sandye Simon.

From the Editor.

The LES PTA plans to distribute these newsletters in the first and third monthly Friday Folder. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to send an email to AskThePTA@les-pta.org.

Book Fair

Mark your calender, the next Book Fair will be March 27th and 28th. Set up on the 25th, staff preview and make wish lists on the 26th, break down following the end of the fair on the 28th. Hours of operation on the 27th and 28th TBD. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Please contact the Book Fair Coordinator Sandra Spedalieri at 537-1372 or etcdtc@sbcglobal.net if you can help.

PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the LES PTA will be on Monday February 4th at 6:30pm in the LES cafe. Just because the school year is about 1/2 over doesn't mean you can't still get involved with what we do at the school. Come see what is happening. Childcare is provided by the PTA for all meetings. We hope to see you there.

Meet the PTA (continued)

Lisa Handfield, Vice President

I have two daughters in multiage (grade 1 and grade 4). This is my second year as Vice President of the PTA. I have lived in Lebanon all my life and am currently teaching Kindergarten at Andover Elementary.

This year, my goal is to further organize PTA committees, define their responsibilities and maintain contact information to smooth transitions from year to year.

Joy Occhialini, Treasurer

I have a 3 year old son in his 2nd year of Pre-K. This is my first year taking part in the LES PTA. I volunteered as the Treasurer to keep the PTA going strong. I am a Connecticut State Trooper, located out of the Colchester Barracks. I am a life long resident of Connecticut.

Tom Boone, Secretary

I have a daughter in first grade and a daughter in third grade. This is my second year on the LES PTA Executive board and I am the chairman of the LES PTA Publicity committee and current Web administrator/developer of the LES PTA Website (<http://www.les-pta.org>). I grew up in Rocky Hill and moved here to Lebanon about 10 years ago.