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The logo for LECPTA, consisting of the letters 'LECPTA' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are colored: 'L' is blue, 'E' is green, 'C' is yellow, 'P' is orange, 'T' is red, and 'A' is purple. The logo is set against a background of concentric circles in various colors (teal, yellow, light blue, grey).

LECPTA

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

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January 2011

From your president, Meredith Kallaher

Dear LECPTA,

So have you heard the news? Can you believe it? We raised (this is a net number) \$144,000 for our three DISD schools at the 34th Annual Lakewood Home Festival. And are you ready for this? That shattered the past record by \$40,000!!! (Did you read the part about there being 33 Home Tours before this one?).

In February we celebrate Founders Day, on the 17th. We are trying something new this year and will convene at TOOTSIES on Preston Road. As usual all of our past presidents, lifetime members and entire current membership will be invited, but new this year is the shopping opportunity. At the conclusion of our 9:30 meeting we will be able to shop at 15% off! If you haven't been to TOOTSIES in a while you might be surprised. Of course, it's still gorgeous and the couture section is quite large; however, if couture is not your thing, you will still find plenty! So, please come and support the Past Presidents as they model in a fashion show that presents "essentials for your closet and how to keep them current!"

On January 20th we asked you to return a self nomination form to be a part of the 2011-2012 LECPTA Board. (Just DO IT! You will not regret it.) We are in the process of slating over 40 board and sub-committee positions and each of these jobs are extremely important. They have been designed and re-examined by hundreds of women over the past 50+ years and I'm telling you, it is an amazing organization. I have learned so much from the women I have worked with over the last 6 years that I am forever grateful. I honestly think you will miss out on an ENORMOUS opportunity to spend fun time with friends, old and new, give back to your community, but most importantly discover new talents that you can contribute to this group and talents you can use to enrich your own life!

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Meredith

Welcome New Members!

Alexandra Sabater
Allison Bassman
Ashley Brooks
Ashley Carroll
Beth Lloyd
Brittany Iverson
Casey Birkins

Deborah Schmitz
Elizabeth Marrero
Gina Laramy
Gretchen Darby
Jen Adams
Jen Schar
Jennifer McDaniel

Kelly Southward
Lannhi Tran
Lisa Lopez
Mary Elizabeth Johnson
Michele Schopmeyer
Sundee McDonald
Valerie Guilbert

Membership News

If there is anyone who has not updated their memberships, PLEASE do it now!

We have playgroups, Book and Supper Clubs up and running. If anyone has not been contacted or is not currently involved and is interested in joining any of our groups, please contact membership@lecpta.org.

For Sale?

If you would like to list an item for sale on the LECPTA website or in the newsletter, please email web@lecpta.org or newsletter@lecpta.org. Free for members!

Want to keep up with Lakewood Elementary News?

Check out www.lakewoodelementary.net or join the mailing list to receive the "News from Lakewood Elementary" online newsletter.

Sunshine News

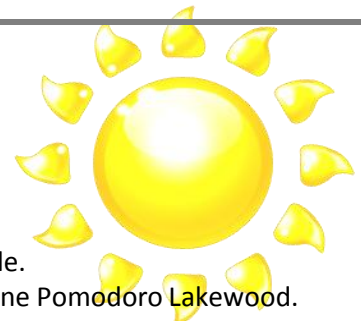
Welcome to our new Lakewood Babies!

Georgia Claire Loughry

Born on October 28th, 2010
8lbs, 10oz

Daughter of Kasey and Sam Loughry. Little Sister to Sophie and Annabelle.

*A New Baby Meal was delivered to the Loughry Family courtesy of Penne Pomodoro Lakewood.



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Place	Time
Feb. 17	LECPTA Bd. Mtg/Founders Day	Tootsies (Preston Rd.)	9:30a
Feb. 21	LECPTA Penne Pomodoro Night	Penne Pomodoro Lakewood	Dinner
Mar. 3	LECPTA Board Mtg.	Meredith Kallaher's Home	7p
Apr. 9	Lakewood Elem Spring Carnival	Lakewood Elementary	12p-4p
Apr. 18	LECPTA Eggs-travaganza	TBD	10a-noon

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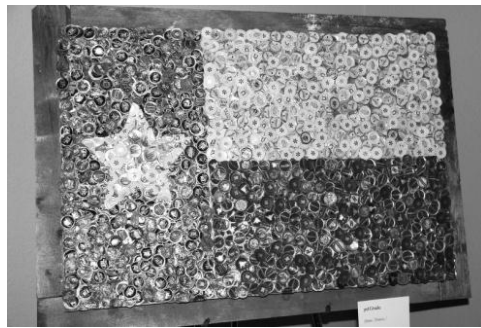
What's Raised Here, Stays Here....

The Viva Las Lakewood auction party was a huge success! This year's sold out party raised more money for our schools than ever before, with the auction items and fund-a-need project bringing in record amounts of money.

A big thank you to all of you who participated in the wine pull - the project's \$20,000 goal was met due to your generous support! The wine pull proceeds, combined with the Friends of Lakewood's \$13,000 donation and all of the "change" (\$950!) that was brought in by our enthusiastic students ALL helped the new playground project execute - thank you!

The play structure is currently being installed on the back playground - next time you are at the school, take a minute to view the exciting improvement that you have made in our children's school day! Now that our Lakewood Stallions have a fabulous new play structure, we will begin taking care of our teachers by helping to purchase the many items that are needed in their classrooms.

Thank you again to all who have helped support our school by participating in the Lakewood Home Festival and Viva Las Lakewood auction party!





Penne Pomodoro Lakewood Night

Join Penne Pomodoro & LECPTA **the *third Monday of each month*** throughout the school year for LAKEWOOD NIGHT!

15% of all food sales from the evening will be donated to LECPTA to benefit Lakewood Elementary, J.L. Long Middle School and Woodrow Wilson High School.

Bring your family for a delicious meal and help raise money for our neighborhood schools! Spread the word to your friends and neighbors!

Dine in or carry out.

Penne Pomodoro Lakewood

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LECPTA greatly appreciates the generosity of Penne Pomodoro Lakewood!

Wanted

Nanny Share Opportunity

I'm looking for someone to share the nanny/sitter I found for after-school care.

I've found "Mary Poppins" (college-degreed, pre-school teacher, experienced nanny) but can't afford her by myself when I start nursing school full-time in January!

She'll pick up our kids from Lakewood Elementary; take to after-school activities and/or to my house to play.

Hours 3-6 pm. Your cost approx \$340/month.

Contact Monica Grosz, 214-762-1515/
monicagrosz@yahoo.com

Spread the Sunshine News!!



*Please let Paige Pettit know if you are expecting or if you are a new Mom, so we can bring a little "Sunshine" to you and celebrate your baby! Sunshine@lecpta.org

Wanted

Single White Hermit Crab seeks new domestic situation.

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To arrange a meeting, contact my handler: Maria at mhasbany@yahoo.com

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Save the Date!



The 35th
Annual
LECPTA
Home Tour
will be
November
11-13,
2011



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I am a mother who understands how a baby changes everything—and every family needs a will. I can help you with a will and other important documents, that everyone should have such as powers of attorney and advance directives (sometimes called living wills). This planning may seem challenging but my goal is make this process as easy as possible.

I work from home (with my baby nearby) which allows me to provide these services at an affordable rate. I would love to meet with you to discuss your family's needs.



Lakewood Elementary Sign-Up Parties

There are still opportunities to have fun and support Lakewood Elementary by attending any of the sign-up parties listed below. To "sign-up" visit our website: <http://www.lecpta.org/MemberLECPTA/fundraising/signup.htm>

Barre Ballet for Adults

January 22/10:30 AM - \$30/person

Put on your dance clothes and join the girls for a fun barre ballet class at Preston Center Dance taught by instructor Andrea Billingsley. Then, enjoy a yummy lunch at Salata in Preston Center after the class.

Hosted by: Andrea Billingsley, Preston Center Dance and Salata

Private Chef Cooking Party & Luncheon

March 11/10-12:30 PM - 20 people/ \$30 per person

What's for Dinner? Quick and Healthy family meal solutions.

Hands-on cooking class presented by Lakewood mom and private chef Andrea Pedigo. Andrea has worked at the highly acclaimed Cooper Wellness Program for the past six years. She works hand-in-hand with a team of dietitians creating healthy meals that taste delicious and are not overwhelming to cook. In addition to her work at Cooper, Andrea started her own private chef service, focusing on healthy family meals. Andrea has a BFA from Savannah College of Art and Design and is a mother of 2.

Hosted By: Jennifer Lark

Family Movie Night

Early March - \$40/family

Come relax at the Manak's for family movie night. All you need is your blanket and they will provide the rest! A fun-filled movie night with treats galore ... hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, movie candy, hot chocolate if chilly, sodas & beer! Movie is TBD, it will be appropriate for ages ranging from 5-10.

Hosted by: Meredith & Paul Manak and Nicole & Chris Loper

Lakewood Elementary Sign-Up Parties

Lakewood Chili Cook Off

April 2nd/5:00 PM - \$30/person

Live Music, Keg Beer, Trashcan Punch, Turkey Legs, Sausage on a Stick and MORE!! Come to judge the chili OR form your own team and bring your best! Grab your Y Guides group, soccer team or a few other friends along with your rockin' recipe and find out which Dallas celebrity judges are there to award the grand prize!

Hosted by: Kirsten & Scott Douglass, Joanne & Ryan Eason, Jennifer & Peter Eyestone, Tina & Byron Howard, Mindy & Michael Jacobs, Jennifer & Bob Johnson, Kasey & Sam Loughry, Lisa & Brad Mays, Kelly & Kyle Moss, Meredith & Will Ridgway, Nicole & Matt Stammel, and Magdalene & Richard Vitale

Cops and Robbers

April 9th - \$40/person

Whether you're a cop or a robber, wear a white hat or black, this is a party where both sides are behind bars. These hosts have a long rap sheet for fun, and you're invited to the scene of the crime for food, drinks, law and disorder.

Hosted by: Suzanna & Chris Angarola, Stephanie & Chip Burgard, Randy Duke, Michele & John Matney, Jennifer Roberts, and Kim & Big Smith

Halloween Party

October 21st - \$50/person

We're so happy we could scream! Why? Because it's Halloween! Our crypt is ready, and it's a scary sight filled with frightening creatures of the night. Come one, come all to our Halloween ball. Dress in your Halloween best and join us for a frightfully fun-filled evening with tasty brews, bites and a DJ too!

Hosted by: Armstrongs, Botschs, Cecil's, Chauzas, Cuccias, de la Valdenes, Freemans, Hammonds, Haberers, Johnsons, Kallahers, Lamberts, Leonards, Lehrs, Lopers, Manaks, Pattons, Shockeyes, Stabenows, Stammels, Walkers, Wilsons and Volneys

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OFFICIAL SELF-NOMINATION FORM

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA
2011-2012 Board and Sub-Committee Positions

Return form by **Wednesday, January 19th:**

Meredith Manak

6437 Bob O Link Drive

Dallas, TX 75214

mmanak@manakuro.com

or bring to general meeting on Thursday, January 20th

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF. The Nominating Committee wants to know about your skills, resources, and past experiences as they apply to the positions that interest you.

Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, April & May.

PLEASE MARK YOUR TOP THREE CHOICES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE (1, 2, 3)

Subcommittee positions are listed in green and are not required to attend meetings.

___ **President (Officer)**

Presides over all Board and General meetings. Serves as member of all committees except Nominating and Audit. Represents LECPTA in community; serves on Lakewood Elementary Site Based Decision Making Team (ex-officio); Oversees the Lakewood Home Festival.

___ **Vice President (Officer)**

Acts as aide to President. Serves as Chairman of the Committee for Life Membership and presents Life Membership Awards for the state. Plans board events, including the Board Party, Holiday Party and Valentine Party. *This person should consider becoming President the following year.*

___ **Treasurer (Officer)**

Handles the organization's funds. Creates budget in conjunction with officers and committee chairs. Writes checks, makes deposits, balances accounts, keeps ledgers for all committees, and coordinates disbursements with President. Trains, supervises, and assists Assistant Treasurer in all of the above. Prepares organization's tax return. Submits books to audit committee. *Current Assistant Treasurer fills this position.*

___ **Assistant Treasurer**

Assists Treasurer in handling the organization's funds. Writes checks, makes deposits, balances accounts, keeps ledgers for all committees, and coordinates disbursements with Treasurer and President. Assists with audit and tax return. Assists Preview Party committee with financial procedures and set-up. *This position is a two (2) year commitment; Assistant becomes Treasurer the second year. Knowledge of QuickBooks is a plus.*

___ **Secretary (Officer)**

Takes minutes at Board and General Meetings. Types, copies and distributes minutes at meetings. Handles correspondence for the organization. Orders and distributes stationery to board members as needed.

___ **Parliamentarian (Officer)**

Provides assistance to board members as needed. Ensures use of parliamentary procedure during meetings. Coordinates nominating committee and election procedures. Updates bylaws, when necessary.

___ **Historian (Officer)**

Acts as a custodian of all records and materials pertinent to the history of the association and keeps a record of events and activities as the official history of the group.

___ **Membership (2 people)**

Recruits new members year round, plans new member socials, collects dues and maintains membership records. Coordinates playgroups and mentors. *Access to computer with Excel required.*

___ **Directory/Distribution Coordinator** – Compiles, prints and distributes membership directory. Maintains member email list; handles monthly electronic distribution of the newsletter; oversees requests from members to email the membership

___ **Membership Coordinator** – Assists membership committee where needed – including playgroups, special interest groups, planning new member parties, and compilation/distribution of membership directory.

___ **Sunshine** – Organizes meals for members with new babies or otherwise needing support. Sends cards expressing congratulations or sympathy on behalf of the group.

___ **Programs (2 people)**

Arranges locations and refreshments, engages speakers and all other details for General Meetings (7) and mom social events. Acts as official greeters at all events. Coordinates with Social.

___ **Childcare** – Coordinates locations and sitters for childcare during meetings. Coordinates members' reservations and payments for childcare.

___ **Social (2 people)**

Plans and implements all kid social events. Arranges locations, refreshments and all other details for a minimum of 2 fall events and 2 spring events. Coordinates with Programs.

___ **Newsletter**

Compiles and distributes the quarterly newsletter. Solicits advertising for newsletter. *Access to computer required. Knowledge of publishing software a plus.*

___ **PTA & Community Liaison**

Serves as liaison between LECPTA and district and local PTA groups. Attends monthly local PTA meetings and makes report to LECPTA. Coordinates all wish list disbursements related to the Lakewood Home Festival. Attends Lakewood, Long and Woodrow SBDM meetings when possible.

___ **Webmaster**

Maintains all aspects of the two websites – www.lecpta.org (related to membership activities) and www.lakewoodhomefestival.com (fundraiser). Requires extensive interface with Home Festival chairs.

___ **Asst. Webmaster** – Trains with current Webmaster to take over the following year. Fills in when Webmaster is unavailable.

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____ Home Tour (2 people)

Selects private neighborhood homes for the Home Tour. Recruits, trains and supervises home captains for each tour home. Solicits florists for each home. In conjunction with Publicity, writes home descriptions and acts as liaison between homeowners and press. Oversees all aspects of Home Tour, including the Candlelight Tour of Homes on Friday night.

____ **Home Captains (10)** – Oversees the volunteers at the homes during the Home Tour (volunteers are recruited by the VP) and works as liaison with the homeowners before and during the Festival weekend.

____ **Home Tour Historian** - Researches the history of homes on the tour at local libraries. History may include information on the house itself, on the original owners, and on the neighborhood. This information will all be compiled into binders to be displayed during the home tour.

____ Volunteer Administrator

Solicits and manages all volunteers for the Lakewood Home Festival. Extensive computer work and promoting volunteer opportunities.

____ Market and Café (3 people)

Solicits and selects vendors (artists, craftsmen and food vendors) to participate in our annual Market and Café. Maintains vendor mailing lists. Organizes and coordinates school staff and volunteers for event. Sets up Market and Café, decorates, and works with vendors to meet their needs. Coordinates vendor donations with Auction Chairs.

____ Underwriting (2 people)

Coordinates solicitation of funds for annual Home Festival, including sponsorships for Home Tour, Market and Café, Silent and Live Auctions, and Preview Party. Maintains sponsor database and monitors mailing to donors. Works with Live and Silent Auction committee regarding solicitation of auction donors. Establishes levels of sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

Publicity (7 People) 1 Chair, 4 Sub Committees and two assistants)

____ Publicity Coordinator

Oversees all aspects of publicity including media & public relations; advertising; signage and ticket design, production and sales. Along with other committee members establishes publicity plan, committee time lines and coordinates with each sub committee to be sure all work is complete. Specific publicity knowledge is not necessary but is needed for sub committees.

____ **Media & Public Relations** – Story writing, phone contacts and press releases for print and broadcast media. Marketing, PR, or journalism experience a plus, but not a necessity.

____ **Advertising** – Determine placement of all paid advertising. Work with advertising company to have ad created.

____ **Signage** – Work with our existing sign inventory, determine which signs can be reused and any new signage needed for the 2010 tour. Work directly with selected sign printer to get all new signs fabricated. Oversee the distribution of all car signage and yard signs to our membership. Oversee the installation of all banners and pole banners. You will have two volunteers to assist with the sign distribution and installation. Large SUV or truck a plus, but not a necessity.

____ **Ticket Production/Sales** – Design and printing of tickets, save the date cards and posters. Work with our design company to determine poster design and the ticket book layout/text. Oversee the printing and distribution of Home Tour tickets within our organization as well as outside ticket vendors. You will have two volunteers to assist with poster placement. You will have two volunteers to assist with ticket distribution and sales tracking.

____ **Publicity Assistants (2)** – Distribute posters in October. Distribute yard signs in November.

Party & Auction (8 people) - Specific Positions

____ **Party Manager** Oversees all aspects of party and all party board positions including Party Chair, Party Publicity and Party Underwriting.

____ **Party Chair** Coordinates location, theme, menu, and decorations; organizes the meetings with the subcommittees and sends out email reminders. This position is also part of Lakewood Elementary's PTA Board and should be a Lakewood Elementary parent.

___ **Reservations** – Manages sales of Party and Candlelight tickets. Works closely with all party committees and Home Tour Chairs and coordinates with Technical for use of software. Heavy computer work and emailing.

___ **Lakewood Elementary Party Volunteer Coordinator** – Assists in securing volunteers from the school. (Should be Lakewood Elementary parent).

___ **General Subcommittee (10)** – Various opportunities (stuff letters, pick up items, prepare bid packets, etc.)

___ **Pre-Party Chair** Coordinates all aspects of the kick off party (i.e. poker tournament '10, top golf tournament '09) and Art Project “Sip n See” with Party Manager and Party Chair

___ **Party Publicity** Oversees all publicity that relates to Party. Coordinates with Publicity Chair & Party Chair.

___ **Auction Catalog Coordinator** – Assists in developing and printing Auction Catalog including layout of ads.

___ **Party Signage Coordinator** – Assists with all signage related to party.

___ **Lakewood Elementary** – Oversees all publicity at the school. (should be Lakewood Elementary parent).

___ **Long, Woodrow, Preschool and Community Publicity** – Oversees all publicity for these locations.

___ **Party Underwriting (2 People)** Oversees all Underwriting opportunities developed by Party Committee. Includes solicitation, collection and coordination with Party Publicity and Festival Underwriting chairs. (Should be a Lakewood Elementary Parent)

___ **Auction Manager** Oversees all aspects of auction and all auction board positions including Technical, Live Auction and Silent Auction.

___ **Technical** Oversees all aspects of the committee, setting up meetings with auction source, coordinating with auction manager, get all solicitation letters out.

___ **Data entry** -Enters all auction items into the auction source data base, and work with Technical coordinator to download images for big board touch

___ **Check-In/Check-Out Coordinator** – Trains volunteers to check-in guests based on reservations list (last year used Auction Source so they trained the volunteers, but would oversee these efforts)

___ **Follow up** - Sends out all the thank you notes (for tax purposes) these go out in Jan/Feb, auction source wrap up

___ **Live Auction** Oversees all live auction activity including soliciting donations of bigger ticket items

___ **Class Art Project Coordinator** – Oversees all aspects of class art projects from concept, design, logistics, coordination with the school and students, etc. (Should be Lakewood Elementary parent)

___ **Fund-A-Need Coordinator** – Oversees all aspects of Fund-A-Need fundraising project from concept, logistics, coordination with the school, etc. (Should be Lakewood Elementary parent)

___ **Live Solicitation Committee (3)** – Supports Live Auction Chair with solicitation of Live Auction items.

___ **Live Auction Set-Up Coordinator** – Assists Live Auction Chair with setting up items at the party.

___ **Silent Auction** Coordinates mailings and makes follow-up calls as reply cards come in (which indicate requests for pickup, etc); coordinates collection of items or donations from Market vendors

___ **Big Board Coordinator** – Oversees all aspects of Big Board auction items.

___ **Solicitations Coordinators (6)** – Assists with solicitation of items for the auction.

___ **Silent Auction Set-Up Coordinator** – Assists Silent Auction Chair with setting up items at the party.

___ **Sign-Up Parties Coordinator** – Develops themes, solicits hosts and matches them with donated catering; provides write-ups for parties in the catalogue. (Should be Lakewood Elementary Parent).