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LECPTA

**don't miss
safety day—may 5th**



Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

May 2012

From your president, Nikki Jordan

Well, summer is almost here! Everyone is starting to make plans to find fun ways to spend their days (and stay out of the Dallas heat). There is a lot of talk about which summer camps children are going to, swim teams, and fun vacations families have planned. Personally, I am looking forward to these summer days.

I am also looking forward to the 2012-2013 LECPTA calendar year. We had a very successful year in 2011-2012. The Home Festival raised \$112,000 (\$82,000 to Lakewood Elementary, \$15,000 to J.L. Long Middle School, and \$15,000 to Woodrow Wilson High School). The 2012-2013 board was slated earlier this year. They have already begun working and have great momentum. Committees have been planning and meeting together. We look forward to seeing you at many fun events we have planned, and especially the 36th annual Lakewood Home Festival (November 9-11).

Hope you have a terrific summer!

Nikki

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Place	Time/Details
May 5	Safety Day	Lakewood Park	10am—noon
May 19	Comerica White Rock Spring Games	Norbuck Park	www.whiterockgames.com
May 20	Lakewoodstock	Downtown Lakewood	Noon-8pm
May 31	DISD—Last Day of School	Lakewood Elementary	Normal dismissal
June 21	LECPTA Board Retreat	Time Ten Cellars	7pm
July 4th	Lakewood 4th of July Parade	Lakewood Blvd.	10am www.lakewoodparade.com
Aug 2nd	LECPTA Board Meeting	Mandy Townsend's Home	7pm

Are you on Facebook? Be sure you "Like" our Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Page.

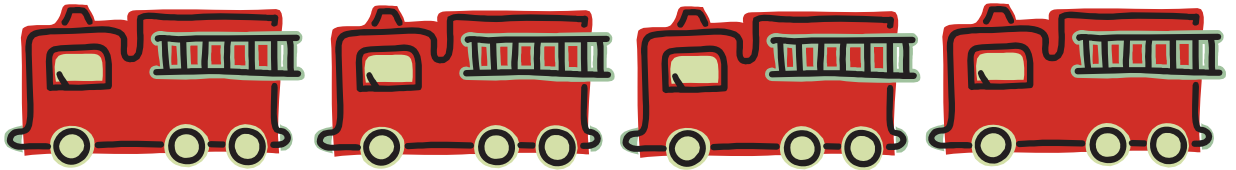
Social Corner



Eggstraviganza

Our annual Eggstraviganza was held on April 2nd. All our little ones had a great time hunting eggs and playing with the sweet petting zoo animals.

Thank you to all of you that dropped off eggs and a special thanks to Tory Redington-Chauza for hosting in your home.



Safety Day

May 5

Don't miss it !

10am to noon

Lakewood Park

Bring the whole family out for a fun morning and learn about keeping everyone safe.

There will be fire trucks, police cars, and more.



Safety Day

Whole Foods Market Lakewood has weekly kid friendly activities starting on May 10 and we wanted to share with you!

All of the events are listed at: <http://wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/lakewood/kids-club/>

Spread the Sunshine News!

Please let Mandy Townsend 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@lecota.org

A Special Thank You

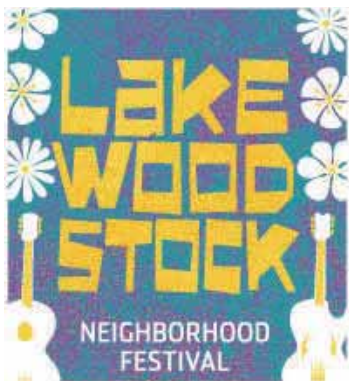
A special Thanks to Penne Pomodoro for graciously donating meals for our new baby families.



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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.



LIVE MUSIC
ART FOOD
FAMILY FUN

MAY 20 LAKWOOD SHOPPING CENTER
SUNDAY

LAKWOODSTOCK.COM

Noon— 8pm

Mark your calendars for this fabulous Lakewood community event. This is a free one day event in the heart of East Dallas in the Lakewood Village Shopping Center.

Come hear the sounds, experience the art, and taste the flavors. There will be 18 bands on 3 stages, fine arts and crafts, Children's activities, and food. This is a wonderful day of games and fun for the whole family.





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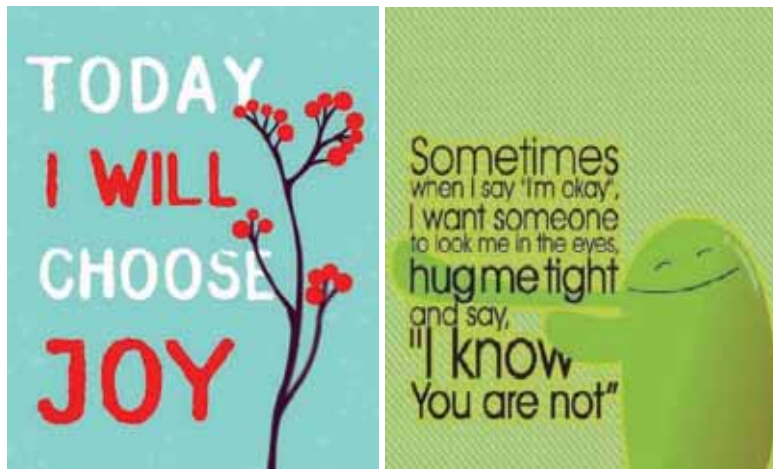


Welcome to our New Members

Remember to check out the website at www.lecpta.org and watch for those emails, party invites, and member meetings. LECPTA is a wonderful way to meet other moms in the neighborhood.



Kimarie Ankenbrand	Monica Keene	Blair Rackham
Marta Ascenzo	Kimberly Kho	Lauren Reed
Alisa Besen	Courtney Kieffer	Katie Reyero
Caroline Board	Sarah Koldyke	Audrey Robertson
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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 news etter.

Email Administrator Corner

Please send any email address changes to email@lecpta.org to ensure you receive our correspondence.

Dedicated to serving the communities of Lakewood and East Dallas. If you or someone you know is interested in buying or selling a home, let me help.

I'll make a \$250 LECPTA donation in your name when you buy, sell or send me a referral and we close.

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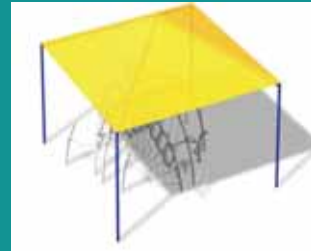
Why the Lakewood Home Tour Matters

Giving Back to our Schools

The LECPTA will be distributing \$93,000 this year to our schools.
\$63,000 to Lakewood Elementary to fund Wish List Items
\$15,000 to JL Long Middle School
\$15,000 to Woodrow Wilson High School

Fund a Need

\$11,231.34 was raised with the Wine Pull & Raffle for this years Fund a Need. This year's fund a need a much-needed shade canopy to cover the 2nd – 5th grade playground.



Save the Date!

36th Annual

Lakewood

Home Festival is

November 9-11

Ridgewood Park **Weekday Programs**

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ridgewoodparkchurch.org/weekdayprograms

Summer Recipes



Cucumber Feta Rolls

YIELD: approximately 20 rolls PREP TIME: 15 - 20 minutes

TOTAL TIME: 15 - 20 minutes

Ingredients:

2 cucumbers
6 ounces crumbled feta
3 tablespoons Greek yogurt
2 1/2 - 3 1/2 tablespoons finely diced sundried tomatoes or red bell pepper
8 - 12 pitted kalamata olives, roughly chopped
1 tablespoon roughly chopped dill or oregano
2 teaspoons lemon juice
pinch of pepper, or to taste

Directions:

Thinly slice the cucumbers longways on a mandoline at a 2mm thick setting. Alternatively, you can use a vegetable peeler if you do not have a mandoline. Lay the cucumbers on top of a paper towel lined cutting board while you prepare the filling.

Add the feta and yogurt to a medium bowl. Mash to combine using a fork. Add the bell pepper or [sun dried tomatoes](#), olives, dill, lemon, and pepper to the bowl. Stir well to combine. In a bowl, mash the feta using a fork.

Place 1 - 2 teaspoons of mixture at one end of a cucumber strip and roll up. Secure with a toothpick. Repeat with remaining strips. If not serving immediately, chill until ready to serve.



Riesling Strawberry Slushies

Ingredients

- 2 cups hulled strawberries
- 1 bottle [750ml] dry Riesling
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Directions

Reserve 1 cup of the Riesling – cover and place in the fridge to chill.

In a food processor, puree strawberries with the remaining wine, lime juice and sugar. Pour the mixture into ice cube trays and freeze until solid. When you're ready to serve [or drink], puree the ice cubes with the remaining wine in your blender.

Enjoy!

Serves 6



Ingredients

1 recipe [Pizza Dough](#)
1 onion, chopped
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into small pieces
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup favorite Buffalo Sauce (I used [Texas Pete Buffalo Wing Sauce](#))
2 cups fresh mozzarella

Instructions

1. Sauté chopped onions in butter over medium heat. Once transparent, add chopped chicken. When chicken is done, add Buffalo Sauce and heat for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 400. Prepare a baking sheet with parchment paper or non-stick spray, or, opt to use a prepared muffin tin. (I used muffin tins)
3. Divide dough in half. Roll each half into a large rectangle roughly 1/4 inch in thickness.
4. Spread chicken and cheese evenly across each piece of rolled out dough. Starting from long side of dough, begin rolling the dough up like a cinnamon roll. Pinch ends when done. Slice into 1 1/2 to 2 inch rolls. Place on the baking sheet or in muffin tins. Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until cheese is bubbling and dough is lightly browned. Serve and enjoy!

Curried Cashew, Pear, and Grape Salad

Ingredients

3/4 cup cashew halves
4 slices bacon, coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 tablespoon [brown sugar](#)
1/2 teaspoon kosher [salt](#)
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper



Dressing:

3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 cup olive oil
salt and [black pepper](#) to taste

Salad:

1 (10 ounce) package mixed salad greens
1/2 medium Bosc pear, thinly sliced
1/2 cup halved seedless red grapes

Directions

1. In a large, dry skillet over medium-high heat, toast cashews until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Remove cashews to a dish to cool slightly.
2. Return skillet to medium-high heat, cook bacon strips until crisp on both sides, about 7 minutes. Remove bacon with a slotted spoon, and soak up grease with a paper towel. Coarsely chop bacon, and set aside.
3. In a medium bowl, stir together butter, rosemary, curry powder, brown sugar, salt, cayenne pepper, and toasted cashews. Set aside.
4. In a small bowl, stir together white wine vinegar, mustard, and honey. Slowly whisk in olive oil, and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste.
5. In a large salad bowl, toss dressing with greens, pear slices, grapes, and bacon, and sprinkle with nut mixture.



35 Quick & Delicious Summer Salads

<http://www.southernliving.com/food/entertaining/cool-summer-salads-0040000046866/page22.html>