



# The Mane News

## Linkhorn Park PTA

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### **Volunteers of the Month**

#### **A special thanks to our outstanding volunteers of the month:**

- **Lindsey Bohon** and **Ashley Walter** our spectacular co- chairs of Pumpkin Palooza which was a beautiful, fun, family night at LPES. Thank you for all your hard work, creativity and planning ladies.
- **Lori Daughtery** for chairing the teacher fall lunch and Pumpkin Palooza bake sale
- **Rebecca Converse** for doing the heavy lifting setting up Pumpkin Palooza.
- **Amber Zion** for getting the running club off and running.
- **Devon Neff** and all the volunteers who helped submit our Reflections entries.

And.....Our box tops counters!!

There is not enough paper to thank all of our amazing volunteers this month who have copied, collated, stapled, hole punched, counted box tops, baked, shown up for book fair and contributed to our fall teacher luncheon. You all make our school such a wonderful place to be. Thank you for the valuable gift of your time and spirit.

#### **Garden Club Volunteers**

If you love fresh air and working with your hands, we are looking for volunteers to help with maintenance in the LIONS Garden. Because you can choose when you are able to come, this is a great volunteer opportunity for busy families or even older students who have community service hours to fulfill. For more information contact Gina Foresta at [gmforesta@gmail.com](mailto:gmforesta@gmail.com).

#### **2018 Citizenship Essay Contest: What does it mean to dream big?**

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## **Join the PTA!**

For only \$6, you can help fund and support school programs, assemblies, field trips, science and P.E. equipment, classroom supplies and much more at LPES! Support our school today and submit the form below with payment and send it in with your child. Forms are also available in the front office or on our website: [www.linkhornparkpta.com](http://www.linkhornparkpta.com).

Tax Deductible # for LPES is: 54-1036561

## **PTA Meetings for the 2017-2018 School Year:**

Nov 20th

Dec 11th,

Jan 8th,

Feb 12th,

March 12th,

April 9th,

May 14th,

June 4th

All meetings will be from 9 a.m.-10:15 in the school library. Kids are welcome, but please provide an activity for them.

If you would like to address a concern or any other matter at a meeting, kindly email Heather Nixon @ [hthurman2@cox.net](mailto:hthurman2@cox.net), at least 5 days prior to the meeting, so that you will be added to the Agenda.

All concerns or matters not on the agenda, will not be addressed until the next meeting. This will allow meetings to end on-time.

## **Spirit Cart**

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:20-8:40 the LPES Spirit Cart will be available. Your student can purchase their favorite LPES Swag! LPES T's, pencils, pens and more!

Find out all you need to know about upcoming events, important dates and volunteer opportunities at: <http://www.linkhornparkpta.com/>

TEXT LPPTA TO 77948 TO RECEIVE PTA REMINDERS  
CONTACT US ANYTIME AT [LINKHORNPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LINKHORNPTA@GMAIL.COM)



Make it a Banner Year...  
Please Join the PTA!

For only \$6, you can help fund  
and support many of our PTA-  
sponsored programs AND  
be honored on a membership  
banner that will be displayed at  
Linkhorn for all to see.  
Forms are available in the front  
office or on our website  
[www.linkhornparkpta.com](http://www.linkhornparkpta.com).



# Calling all parents, grandparents and caregivers!

Linkhorn Park Elementary School PTA

2017 – 2018 Membership Drive

## Make a difference by joining the LPES PTA today!

### What does the LPES PTA do?

- 1. We raise money.** We raise money through membership dues, donations, corporate sponsorships, spirit nights at local restaurants, fundraisers (like FitVB), the LPES Spirit Cart, Box Top collections, and retail give back programs (Kroger, Harris Teeter, and Amazon Smile).
- 2. We organize special events and donate needed items to LPES.** The PTA plans and staffs a variety of programs and events that enrich the student experience. Our activities include: **events** like assemblies, Pumpkin Palooza, Winter Wonderland, and the new Daddy/Daughter & Mother/Son dance; **student programs** like book fairs and Reflections; **teacher appreciations**; and **donations of needed school items** like science and P.E. equipment, computers, classroom supplies, and more!

### How can you help?

- 1. Become a Member!** Parents, grandparents, caregivers and teachers are all invited to support the PTA! Individual memberships are \$6 / member or two for \$10.\* Membership dues are collected annually for each school year.
- 2. Donate.** The LPES PTA accepts contributions from individuals and businesses. Contributions are tax deductible. New in 2017 – 2018, families who contribute \$20 through membership and / or contributions will receive a Linkhorn Park Elementary School paw print car magnet!
- 3. Volunteer.** Volunteering is NOT REQUIRED, however it is appreciated! PTA members can select their desired involvement:
  - **Contributions Only.** I want to support the PTA's work, but am not able to volunteer.
  - **Volunteer.** Add me to the email list to be contacted for specific volunteer opportunities. *These are periodically sent via a SignUp Genius email link.*
  - **Organize.** I am interested in helping to organize programs or events, but may not be able to attend the scheduled meetings. *We will reach out to you with specific opportunities.*
- 4. Link Your Rewards Programs and Clip Box Tops!** Your everyday purchases can benefit the PTA at no additional cost to you or us! Link your Harris Teeter, Kroger, and Amazon (through AmazonSmile) reward accounts to Linkhorn Park Elem PTA. We can collect thousands of dollars from these programs!

### How can you follow the PTA's activities?

We meet the first Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings, but they are NOT REQUIRED. You can also stay up to date by reviewing the weekly PTA MANE NEWS sent via email, reading the PTA information sent home on Thursdays, visiting the PTA website: [www.linkhornparkpta.com](http://www.linkhornparkpta.com), liking LPES on Facebook: "Linkhorn Park Elementary – LPES", or texting LPPTA to 77948 to receive PTA reminders via text.

\* A portion of PTA membership dues goes to the National PTA and VA PTA. Members have access to a variety of benefits, discounts & programs through these additional PTA affiliations. Check out the benefits here:

<http://www.pta.org/members/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3409&navItemNumber=3445>.

## PTA MEMBERSHIP (Please print clearly)

Annual Membership Dues: \$6 / member, or \$10 / two members, and \$5 for any additional members

STUDENT(S) NAME (GRADE, TEACHER) \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER #1 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DESIRED INVOLVEMENT:       CONTRIBUTE ONLY     VOLUNTEER     ORGANIZE

MEMBER #2 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DESIRED INVOLVEMENT:       CONTRIBUTE ONLY     VOLUNTEER     ORGANIZE

ADDITIONAL MEMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DESIRED INVOLVEMENT:       CONTRIBUTE ONLY     VOLUNTEER     ORGANIZE

## DONATIONS

**100%** of your donation to LPES PTA goes directly to LPES programs. Donations are tax deductible.

\$20\*                       \$50                       \$75                       Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Donations of \$20 or more (including membership) will receive a LPES paw print car magnet!*

**Donations may be eligible for matching donation programs available from your employer.** LPES PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit company. The LPES PTA EIN is Federal Tax ID # 54-1036561.

**Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities are also available.** Forms are available at [www.linkhornparkpta.com](http://www.linkhornparkpta.com).

### Payment Options:

- 1) Make checks payable to LPES PTA
- 2) Send exact cash in a sealed envelope
- 3) Pay with credit card at <https://squareup.com/market/linkhorn-park-elementary-pta>

### Questions?

Contact Rebecca Converse ([lpesptamembership@gmail.com](mailto:lpesptamembership@gmail.com)) or Heather Nixon ([hthurman2@cox.net](mailto:hthurman2@cox.net))

**THANK YOU for supporting the LPES PTA!**

### To be completed by the PTA:

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# “WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DREAM BIG?”

## 2018 Citizenship Essay Contest

**DEADLINE: ENTRIES ARE DUE TO DISTRICT DIRECTORS BY FEBRUARY 1, 2018.**

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### **WHO CAN ENTER?**

All Virginia students in grades K through 12 presently enrolled in schools with active PTA/PTSA in Good Standing may enter. A non-graded Special Writer Division is available and limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own essay, but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

### **CRITERIA:**

In all categories, adherence to the theme as it relates to CITIZENSHIP, originality, clarity, thought and skill in standard written English will be judged. The theme must be used as the essay title and may not be altered in any way.

**Students in grades 9 through 12** must write a minimum of 750 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1” margins.

**Students in grades 6 through 8** must write a minimum of 500 words, typed and double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font with 1” margins.

**Students in grades 3 through 5** may submit a maximum of 250 words, typed or handwritten.

**Students in grades K through 2** may submit a maximum of 100 words, typed or handwritten.

**Special Writers** may submit entries typed or handwritten.

### **AWARDS:**

Students who place first in their category will be notified in the Spring. They will be featured in Virginia PTA’s official publication, The VOICE, and on the Virginia PTA website. First place winners in each division will also receive a CASH PRIZE and will be recognized at a Virginia PTA Awards Event.

Students should contact their school’s PTA representative for their school’s deadline. Essays and completed applications must be submitted to Virginia PTA District Directors by February 1, 2018. Districts without a District Director should forward entries to the Virginia PTA State Office, Attention: Citizenship Essay, 1027 Wilmer Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227. Questions: Contact the Virginia PTA State Office at [info@vapta.org](mailto:info@vapta.org) or (804) 264-1234 or 866-4vakids.

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