

PTO Paw Print



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PTO PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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Dear Parents and LMES Staff,

Wow – another school year coming to a close! I am so thankful for all the wonderful volunteers at LMES. I hope I have thanked everyone over the past year. I want to thank the year book committee chairpersons – **Jessica Bedosky, Kathy DeAngelis, Caroline Cannings, Amanda Filippone, Anne Moore and Laura Russo**. Although we have yet to see the yearbook, I have heard some wonderful things about it. Thank you, I realize the large time commitment involved with putting together the yearbook.

Thank you to **Fran Tepperman** who has taken on many different PTO positions over the years. Most recently, Fran was responsible for the LMES E-mail system. Fran's youngest child is moving onto Memorial Middle School next school year, so we will lose a wonderful volunteer. Thank you Fran and thank you all volunteers who will be leaving LMES and heading into Middle School.

Also, we are still in search of a few good volunteers for the next school year. We need someone who would be willing to take over **Muffin Mates** and we still require someone to help Jeff O'Sullivan with **the LMES Student Directory**. Please let me know if anyone would be able to take on one of these positions or if you would like more information about one of these positions. We are looking for a **Region 15 Perpetual Fund Rep**. The Perpetual Fund helps raise funds for children within our region who need critical medical care, but whose families cannot afford such care. The organization started in 1991 when three Region 15 children needed bone marrow transplants. Each school generally has a representative, but LMES has not had a representative for a few years now. This is a very worthwhile organization. Please call me if you might be interested.

Finally, thank you to everyone who got out and voted recently to pass the school budget, and thank you to everyone who helped make the budget reminder calls, etc. You are all very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!

Warm Regards,

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Back To School Supplies

There has been a great response to our new pre-packaged back to school supply program. If you placed an order you will be receiving a receipt shortly. Please be sure to check the receipt to ensure the proper grade has been ordered for the next school year. If you don't receive a receipt, I may not have received your order. So as not to miss any orders that may have been sent in and misdirected please look to see if your check has been cashed or call me to check on your order.

Thank you for your participation and support of this new program.

Karen Furr, 267-1481

Box Tops for Education

This has been a great year of box top collecting at LMES. Our total for the year is **\$1230.40**.

Even though we have sent in our final submission for this school year, keep sending in those box tops and help us get a jump start on next year's savings. Box Tops for Education is a year round collecting effort and every box top sent in is worth 10 cents to our school. Don't forget to keep saving over the summer and send your box tops to school in September.

Karen Furr, 267-1481
Box Tops coordinator



MINUTE BY MINUTE

Long Meadow Elementary General
PTO Minutes
May 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:35a.m. Approximately 8 people were in attendance.

Secretary's Report - The minutes from the April's General PTO meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made to accept these minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

President's and Vice President's Report

Kathy Reported

- Thank you again to all those who have stepped up to take on PTO positions for next year, and to all those who have so generously continued to support the PTO.
- Thank you to Donna Klim and all the plant sale volunteers for running another successful plant sale.
- Thank you to all those who helped with the Region 15 PTO Dinner.
- We are looking for someone to help Jeff O'Sullivan produce the student directory next year.
- The PTO recently made two donations-one to Southbury-Middlebury YFS (\$100) and one to PHS Grade Nite (\$100). We received thank you notes from both groups
- We received thank you notes from Jane White (Book Fair Gift Certificate) and Mrs. Kelly for the 5th grade teacher grant.
- The deadline for the PTO Paw Print is the Friday after the PTO meeting at noon.

Staff Appreciation- Tracy Berthelson

- The Staff appreciation breakfast will be held on May 16th. Anyone interested in donating a food item should contact Tracy Berthelson.
- Winners of April's staff appreciation basket are Stacey Zwick and Carol Walsh.

PTO Advisory-Kathy DeRienzo

- The next budget referendum is scheduled for May 22nd.

Principal's Report - Rich Gusenburg

- There are several field trips scheduled over the next month.
- Grade 5 has an upcoming choral concert
- Mrs. Porter Hahn has displayed the artwork from the art show around the school.
- Mrs. Duncan will be moving from 3rd grade to

2nd grade.

- The new budget proposal has dropped from 5.8% to 4.77%. Some of the proposed cuts are as follows: elimination of in-school suspension positions, reduction of the insurance account, elimination of 1.0 aid and 1.0 custodian at PHS, increase the fee by \$50.00 for athletic and art programs, increase the parking fees for PHS students by \$75.00. It also included elimination of several new positions including an autistic teacher at LMES, 8 foreign language teachers to implement programs in Mandarin and Latin at PHS, .4 English teacher at PHS, 2 assistant coaches, a .5 kindergarten teacher at PES and a .6 FTE in music which would be done by moving to once per week per music classes in grade one and two. Although the board voted for the cut of \$621,000 from the budget they did not vote to implement these specific changes. If the budget does not pass the second referendum some possible cuts are; closing all schools at 4:30, eliminating two elementary school counselors, elimination of the JAG program at PHS, and elimination of family and consumer science otherwise known as home economics. These are areas that could be looked into for cuts **not** definite areas for cuts.

The meeting ended at 10:15a.m.

Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you to all the terrific volunteers that have helped at LMES this year! Thank you also to the teachers and staff for the wonderful volunteer lunch which took place on April 25, 2008.

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The deadline for Newsletter articles is the Friday following monthly PTO meetings. Articles may be placed in the Newsletter folder located in the main office, or by