



Lake Eola Charter School PTSA 2010-11 End-of-Year Report to Members



This has been a fantastic year for LECS and for our PTSA. What made it so great? The time, energy, creativity and dedication invested by so many members and committees in the dozens of projects we took on this year (see below)! Our kids and our school were enriched in literally countless ways by your efforts. I feel fortunate to have been part of such great work, and I am excited for the future of our PTSA. – Staci Baker, President

Main Events

PTSA remained constantly busy throughout the year with an array of activities. We continued longstanding LECS traditions and hopefully started some new traditions as well. A few of the highlights of the year included the following:

- In August, we kicked off a great year with food, music and friends at our annual Back-To-School Picnic at Delaney Park.
- Throughout the year, Dad's Club organized an amazing range of fun family events that drew families from all clusters and help build school unity (see below).
- In January, we launched our first annual International Passport Night. Attendees were able to sample food and play games from 6 different continents without leaving the City Hall atrium.
- In February, we were finally able to celebrate the purchase of a permanent facility with the entire LECS family.
- In April, we followed the completion of FCAT testing with our 12th annual school-wide Field Day at Blue Jacket Park. Once again, parents set up and staffed a dozen stations, from the inflatable fortress to snow cones to kickball rivalry matches.

Communication and Participation

One of our biggest priorities for the year was making sure that PTSA was open to everyone in the LECS family, and that we offered as many different opportunities to participate and stay connected as possible, including:

- We held a full schedule of General Membership Meetings. We served dinner (mostly home-cooked meals prepared by PTSA volunteers) and scheduled entertainment at every meeting to promote participation. Our special guests included Mr. Richard and the Circus Club.
- The Executive Board (officers and committee chairs) met every month throughout the year (starting last summer) to plan activities and coordinate PTSA projects.
- We revived the practice of including student representatives in PTSA leadership. We were served by three excellent middle school reps who organized and ran a "Raingutter Regatta" at the Family Campout.
- For the first time, we e-mailed weekly news updates to all PTSA members and maintained a PTSA website throughout the year.
- We had great support from our Faculty Rep (Ms. O'Leary) and our LECS Director (Ms. DeNoia), and appointed liaisons to the LECS Board of Directors and School Advisory Council to promote even more dialogue.

Family Fun (Dad's Club)

The Dad's Club is a dedicated group of LECS fathers that met throughout the year to plan and implement family events that are great memories for kids and parents alike. Dad's Club is a unique asset we are fortunate to have at LECS. This year's Dad's Club-sponsored events included:

- September: Bowling Party
- October: Canoe Trip down the scenic Wekiva River

- November: Fantastic (and freezing) 12th Annual Campout in beautiful Orange City, with dads as chefs and program directors
- May: Father-Daughter Dance (with a 70s/Disco twist this year) *and* Ice Skating

Support for School

Although the PTSA is a separate organization with its own membership, supporting the work of our school and our students and teachers is the most important thing we do as a PTSA. Some of our efforts this year included:

- Scheduled activities throughout the year to show appreciation for our wonderful teachers and administrators, including a special year-end Student-Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Supported school events in a variety of ways, from providing refreshments for Back-to-School Night, snacks for students during FCAT testing, and beginning-of-year supply funds for teachers.
- Raised money to fund all PTSA activities as well as provide an end-of-year gift to the school (TBA). We brought in a record amount through used uniform sales, and also had success with Scrip gift card sales and Boxtops for Education collection competitions.
- Participated in community clean-up service project at Langford Park.

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PTSA will have new challenges and gaps to fill next year, and there is room for everyone to step up and serve in PTSA. Please be sure to get involved in 2011-12!

2010-11 Executive Board

OFFICERS

Staci Baker	President
Steven Lindquist	1 st Vice President
Tisa Mitchell	2 nd Vice President
Ingrid Cumming	3 rd Vice President
Jodie Flashman	Secretary
Paul Sahai	Treasurer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Kristine Shields	Appreciation (Student & Teacher)
Ave Murphy	Back-to-School Night
Stan & Ally Wright	Back-to-School Picnic
Carmen Adkins Susan Urtz	Box Tops
Stephen Perito Bill Sladek	Dads' Club
Bridget Newell	Family Liaisons
Grace Helfrich	FCAT Snack
Susan Gardner/Tisa Mitchell	Field Day
Sherrie Perito	Fundraising
Susan Gardner	Membership
Brenda Exalien	Phone Brigade
Wendy Sladek	Used Uniforms
Greg Mellowe	Website
Ally Wright	Reflections

OTHER PTSA POSITIONS

Trish O'Leary	Teacher Representative
Cindy Hamilton	Liaison to Board of Directors
Greg Mellowe	Parliamentarian/Liaison to SAC
Delani Baker	Student Representative (8 th Grade)
Jordan Lindquist	Student Representative (6 th Grade)
Alex Cumming	Student Representative (6 th Grade)