



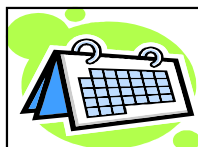
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LCE PTA CALENDAR - OCTOBER



- Oct 1 Picture Day Grades K, 2, 4
- Oct 2 Picture Day Grades 1, 3, 5, 6
- Oct 2 Gift Wrap Fundraiser Ends
- Oct 6-9 Science Exploration Week
- Oct 10 Pumpkin Patch 2 - 6pm
- Oct 13 Make-Up Picture Day
- Oct 14 Community Connection Mtg. - 9:15-11am
- Oct 15 PTA Open Mtg. - 9:15am
- Oct 16 Round Table Pizza Night - 5-10pm
- Oct 20-24 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 21-24 6th Gr. Pali Mountain Field Trip
- Oct 24 Sprit Rally (No Parent/Child Lunch) - 10:15am
- Oct 25 Halloween Haunt & Silent Auction - 10am-4pm
- Oct 29 Buy Back Day - NO SCHOOL

DEADLINES:

- Lion Times:** 9/25, 3pm (10/2 distribution)
- Fliers:** 10/1, 10am (10/2 distribution)

Reflection Fine Arts Competition



This PTA competition provides an opportunity for our creative LCE students to “show their stuff.” Let your talent be seen & heard! Start working on your projects now!

- Literature – short stories, essays, poems, plays
- Musical Composition – original pieces (manuscript required for 6th grade only)
- Visual Arts – drawing, painting, collage, printmaking
- Photography
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production

This year’s theme is WOW! Official rules and entry forms available online at www.capta.org or in the school office.

Questions? Email Alex Peterson at heepeterson@mac.com.



HALLOWEEN HAUNT SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

WANTED– We are still on the hunt for Silent Auction items. Do you have a connection with a local business or are you a season ticket holder of a local sports team?

We need your help in obtaining donations. Donation forms can be found in the office or you can contact Karyn Perez at 653-5433 or kajope@hotmail.com to arrange for pickup of your items or to discuss an idea.

SNIP FOR LCE!!

Sharpen your scissors, it’s time to make sure you are snipping the Box Tops for Education and Campbell’s Labels for Education!

Check your Thursday folder for collection envelopes for both programs and a product listing. There are hundred of brands that participate, so don’t toss anything till you check the package! Here’s a sampling: It’s not just Campbell’s Soup: Goldfish Crackers, Peppridge Farm cookies, Prego sauce and V-8 juices are all in Labels for Education! Box Tops includes Go-gurts, Cheerios, Kleenex, Ziploc, Betty Crocker and more!

What do we get? Last year, LCE PTA earned \$800 from Box Tops and this year, we’d like to get to \$1000!

We have over 18,000 points in our Campbell’s account and we’re saving up for some technology support items for the school! These programs cost you nothing but a minute to snip those labels!





Escrip: It's more than just Vons!

Have you registered your VonsClub card? Good. Want to know how you can contribute even more to LCE PTA without costing you any additional money?

Register your *Macy's store card and your bank credit and debit cards* at www.eScrip.com. Right now, we have less than 20 families who participate outside of Vons! It's a secure site and by registering your cards, LCE will receive contributions from Macy's, Bristol Farms, and other retailers and numerous restaurants both local and throughout the US and Canada.

The eScrip Dining Rewards program:

Downtown LA: dozens of local eateries participate - think about registering expense account credit cards! Travel to same location for work often? Look up participating eateries and use those registered cards! You can locate eateries near your office throughout the county - who knew your daily latte fix at the local coffee shop could help LCE?

Pasadena date night? Dozens of great places are participants.

Vacation time? Several of us found out restaurants in tourist spots are part of the program - just enter your destination and you'll get a list!

Adding It Up for LCE: The Tale of Passive Fundraising Activists

Once upon a Back to School, there was a very busy LCE family. We'll call them the Smith family (this is a TRUE story, only the NAME is changed). Now Ms. Smith worked outside her home, was raising 2 children, volunteered for many worth causes, took care of her home, and, well, you get the picture. She has NO spare time and let's face it, with gas around \$4/gallon, the family budget has little wiggle room. But, the Smith family believes in supporting local schools. Ms. Smith knows the value of participating in passive fundraising, so she spent all of 15 minutes getting enrolled online, and here is the result:



August 2008 Smith Family LCE PTA Contributions:

- 4 weekly trips to Vons with her card enrolled at eScrip: \$18.50 donation
- 1 trip to Macys for fall clothes with her card enrolled at eScrip: \$10.57 donation
- 2 trips to Ralphs with her Reward card enrolled: \$5.57 donation
- 2 eScrip Dining Rewards visits to local eateries: \$8.76 donation (she doubled her donation by completing a quick online survey)

TOTAL: \$43.40 DONATION TO LCE PTA, all with NO ADDITIONAL COST!!!

Now, imagine if we had about 80% our school families participating in these programs at about ½ the level as the Smith family: 350 LCE families X \$20.00 X 12 months/year = **\$84,000.00 total!!!** Wow! With that level of participation, we'd actually meet the funding limit on a number of programs!!

The Smith family isn't doing anything extraordinary to help the school, they are just shopping as they usually do. *What they have done is step up their involvement by enrolling credit and debit cards at eScrip.com and ensuring their grocery cards for Vons and Ralphs are benefiting LCE.*

Let's make sure this story has a really happy ending - get involved in passive fundraising TODAY!



Many thanks to Anne Decker and Molly Quiring for their hard work on the Summer Reading Program. The students loved their prizes and treats... and the parents loved the extra incentive to read during the summer!

Thank you to all of our generous LCE Families and our Principal Ms. DeAngelo who have sponsored class booths for the Halloween Haunt! There is still time to be a sponsor, forms are in the office. Checks and completed forms may be turned in there also. Deadline is Friday, October 3rd! Questions? Please email Mindy DiPaolo at robandmindy@charter.net.



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