



From your PTA Co-President

As the end of June quickly approaches and another great year at Lee Road Elementary School comes to an end... I would like to say Thank You to ALL our "Lee Roaders", their families, our faculty, and our community for all your support, suggestions and team work, throughout the year. These efforts have brought countless programs, events, and laughter to ALL our children.

It has been an "honor and a privilege" to serve you as a PTA Co-President, and be such a big part of our children's elementary school years' experience. There are so many things, we as a PTA get to do that bring great "joy and laughter" to our children; from the Birthday boards—children seeing their names up on display each month and pointing them out to their friends, to Mad Science assemblies, which taught physics while playing with a Yo-Yo! And children asking...how does it work??? What Joy!

These events could never have been possible without the hearts and dedication of the PTA Executive Board and all those parents/teachers volunteers, who spent countless hours organizing and preparing these events. I Thank You for "showing up and getting things done"... your dedication to our children is immeasurable and brings them profound experiences!

To our fabulous teachers and staff... Thank You for your participation in the PTA and all your hard work and dedication to our children each and every day. A very special thank you to Mrs. Flanagan for always lending a guiding hand and a smile...whenever any of us call.

Thank you, Mr. Goss, it has been a

pleasure working with you over these past two years. Your dedication to our children and your school is beyond measure. You show-up for all our events, high five the kids, skate with them, and know each one by name...you make each child feel special.

Thank you. The PTA could not do the work we do without your support. But most of all...Thank You All for "helping our children grow...they are better because of you!!!"

Congratulations and Good Luck to our 5th grade Class of 2015! (and their parents)... we are sad to see you go but excited for you and know you

will all do well.

As I say good-bye to my role as Co-President of the Lee Road PTA, I Thank You, for allowing me to do "Good Work Here" (to quote Mrs. Barbara Kelly). I leave you in great hands with Tara Carr, her dedication to our children, her ingenuity and her knowledge of people are just some of the leadership qualities she brings to the position...along with her "joyful" outlook on life! Welcome Donna Ganiaris—who I know will bring her "zest and knowledge" to her role as incoming Co-President. I leave you in more than capable hands with these two women, along with their "seasoned and new" Executive Committee members—they will continue to "DO GOOD WORK HERE" and provide wonderful opportunities and programs for our children.

Be kind, be respectful of one another, and remember, our children learn most from our example.

Join, volunteer, have fun, and smile!

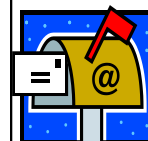


Warmest regards,
Marguerite Lieb

June & Summer 2015 Dates to Remember

- June 17: Fifth Grade Picnic
- June 19: PTA Installation Dinner at Borelli's—7:30 p.m.
- June 23: Fifth Grade Moving Up Day—9:45 a.m. @ Salk
- June 24: Last Day of LAMP & LAP
- June 25: Last Day of School—10:10 a.m. dismissal
- September 2: First Day of School

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!



Stay connected!

Become a PTA member, share your email, and we will send

you important weekly reminders and notices!

For more info, email:

membership@leeroadpta.com

Principal's Message

Although our school year is abruptly coming to an end, our youngsters continue to be challenged and inspired through a variety of learning experiences. Each day, our classrooms and teaching stations have been turned into laboratories for learning experiences, which will leave a long-lasting impression on our students.



Our students in-class instruction has been supplemented by their participation in field trips, in-school PTA Cultural Arts Programs, and hands-on math, as well as science activities. All have served to inspire our students and make our curriculum relevant. Our youngsters are also engaging in the daily use of instructional technology tools to research, explore, and learn new information. An additional caveat is our clubs, which have had high levels of participation and have provided an ideal venue for our youngsters to explore their interests and talents.

I would be remiss if I didn't make mention of our graduating fifth grade students. As our school's senior group, they have been challenged with a number of leadership tasks, and without a doubt, have answered the bell. Their enthusiasm for learning and sense of responsibility has made them fine role models for our younger students. We are very sad to see them go, but are proud of their accomplishments!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our PTA for all of their assistance and support this year. The variety and quality of Family Fun Events have brought our community closer together; and our partnership continues to help make our Lee Road School a special place. Finally, I would like to thank our exiting Co-President, Mrs. Marguerite Lieb, for her two years of outstanding leadership, hard work and dedication.

May all of our Lee Road families have a happy and healthy summer!

Yours Truly, Anthony Goss ~ Principal

Lee Road's Peer Mediation Club

Lee Road's peer mediation team has done outstanding work this year. The team boasts an impressive record of having assisted more than 25 students resolve conflicts and mend friendships.

Peer mediators performed outreach to their fellow students throughout the school year. This consisted of bi-weekly announcements about friendship, decorated and posted posters about the club's services, and also performed a public service announcement at the school's Town Hall meeting.

The six fifth graders worked in pairs along with the club facilitators to mediate conflicts throughout the school year. Referrals ran the gamut on topics such as rumors/gossip and conflicts in friendships. The students were encouraged to share their stories in a safe, non-judgmental setting. The mediators then assisted them in working out a mutually acceptable agreement.

Both students participating in the mediation and the mediators benefited from the experience. "I liked being a peer mediator because I got to meet new kids I never would have met, if I hadn't been doing mediations", said Finn Duffy with a smile.

Ms. Gribetz ~ School Social Worker



Is my child being bullied?

Bullying, once considered a childhood rite of passage is now recognized as a serious problem. Up to half of all children claim to have been bullied at some point during their school years, according to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Cyber bullying and other forms of electronic harassment are now commonplace. *Physical bullying* includes hitting, punching, kicking and other types of physical harm, as well as destruction of a child's property. *Verbal bullying* includes teasing, name-calling, taunting and racial slurs, as well as spreading gossip or malicious rumors. *Cyber bullying* includes harassing emails, instant messages and text messages, as well as intimidating or threatening websites, blogs or posts.

Children who are bullied may be afraid to go to school. They complain of headaches and stomachaches and have trouble concentrating on schoolwork. In the long term, the consequences of bullying may be even more severe. Children who are bullied have higher rates of depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, and other mental health conditions. Children who are bullied are more likely to think about suicide. Some of these wounds may linger into adulthood. If your child is being bullied, he or she may remain quiet out of fear, shame, or embarrassment. Be on the lookout for these *warning signs*: damaged or missing clothing or other personal belongings, unexplained bruises or other injuries, few friends or close contacts, reluctance to go to school or ride the school bus, poor school performance, headaches, stomachaches or other physical complaints, trouble sleeping or eating.

If you suspect that your child is being bullied, take the situation seriously. Encourage your child to share their concerns. Remain calm, listen in a loving manner, and support your child's feelings. Express understanding and concern by saying, "I understand you're having a rough time. Let's work together to deal with this." Remind your child that he or she isn't to blame for being bullied. Learn as much as you can about the situation. Ask your child to describe how and when the bullying occurs and who is involved. Ask if other children or adults have witnessed any bullying incidents. Find out what your child may have done to try to stop the bullying. *Teach your child how to respond to the bullying.* Don't promote retaliation or fighting back against a bully. Instead, encourage your child to say, "I want you to stop now," and then simply walk away. Suggest sticking with a friend or group of friends while on the bus, in the cafeteria, or wherever the bullying seems to happen. Remind your child that he or she can talk to teachers or other school officials for help. If your child has been physically attacked or otherwise threatened with harm, talk to school officials immediately to determine if the police should be involved. Don't contact the bully's parents yourself. Many schools address bullying — including cyber bullying — as part of the curriculum. Keep in contact with school officials. If the bullying seems to continue, be persistent.

Boost your child's self-confidence. Help your child get involved in activities that can raise self-esteem, such as sports, music, or art. Encourage your child to build friendships and develop his or her social skills. Know when to seek professional help. Consider professional or school counseling for your child if his or her fear or anxiety becomes overwhelming. If your child is being bullied, remember that early intervention can help prevent lasting problems — such as depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem. Don't leave your child to handle it alone. Your child needs your support now more than ever.



I would like to wish our fifth grade students Good Luck and best wishes as they move on to 6th grade. I hope they remember Lee Road fondly and the lessons they learned in Kindergarten ... Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Clean up your own mess. Remember to say please and thank you, and I'm sorry, when you hurt someone. But most importantly when you go out into the world, remember to live a balanced life and be aware of wonder!

Joanne Kusky RN ~ School Nurse

Student Council

It's been an eventful year! The Student Council discussed a variety of topics this year, such as: improving the recess sports equipment, working with the Get.A.Voice committee to stop bullying, brainstorming spirit days, and helping out the Kindergartners with their work. Members gave up their recess time to assist the kindergartners with tasks in the classroom, to help the students be more successful. The Student Council also put forth much effort and created a beautiful and informative newsletter for the Staff and students at Lee Road. Lastly, we just finished recording our own webcast with the help of the MacArthur news studio. We visited the high school on June 16th to learn all about it! Thanks for a fantastic year!

~ Mrs. Liakonis



Families Leaving Lee Road...

Best wishes in the future and thank you for ALL your support all these years — we will miss you!!!

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| Angieri | Hnis | Pardi |
| Butler | Irving | Portanova |
| Byrnes | Jimenez | Ramos |
| Cassidy | Ledee | Silverman |
| Costa | Lercara | Solarski |
| Del Grosso | LeRoy | Valinotti |
| Dell Italia | Mejia | Weber |
| Encarnacion | Nappo | Zito |
| Fioretti | Nowak | |



Membership

THANKS again to all who joined our Lee Road PTA family through membership this year! Our final tally - 299 total memberships:

- * 102 'family' [204 parents + 1 adult child]
- * 57 'individual' parents
- * 37 teachers/staff - which includes our Superintendent Dr. Tonie McDonald!



There was an increase in membership this year in each category above. It's certainly no surprise. It's simply a reflection of our VERY involved school! We were able to earn the following awards based on your support:

- * Early Bird Award: 1st membership dues payment must be made with at least ½ of the total members from the prior year by October 20th - done
- * Men Matter Award: At least 30% of our members must be male—we finished with 108 men or 36% of our total
- * Bronze Apple Award: Requires a 10% increase in membership over the prior year—our result was 33 additional members or 12.5% increase.

Congratulations to all! *Leslie Cassidy— 2nd VP, Membership*

Terrific Kids

Congratulations to the June winners!

Juliana Weltner, Olivia Weber, Ryan Jimenez,
 Michael Tantillo, Nicole Nesci, Erin Lung,
 Jennifer Le Roy, Steven Weber



Fundraising

I would like to sincerely thank our Lee Road families for your support of our fundraisers this year. Whether you volunteered your time to help plan, attended, or did both, it is very much appreciated. Without your support, we would be unable to fund the various events we plan for our children.



Our First Annual "Roll Your Luck" Night was a huge success! Over 100 people were in attendance, and fun was had by all. The food was great, the prizes were plentiful, and people are looking forward to having another one in the future. A special thank you to our Lee Road staff who "dealt" tables, and those staff and parents who lent their support by attending. The PTA raised \$4,100— thanks to your generosity!

Donna Ganiaris ~ 1st VP - Fundraising

Community Service

On June 15th 37 Lee Road students, families and staff participated in Levittown's Cut for a Cause. Thank you to all who made the cut & volunteered their time! The afternoon was a great success!



A special thank you to all those who volunteered this year—your time and effort are truly appreciated!!!

Mrs. Anderson
 Kim Angieri
 Kristen Angiuli
 Steve Angiuli
 Cynthia Arreaga
 Geraldina Banks
 Ann Marie Barone-Ferruzola
 Mr. Bencivenga
 Lorraine Bernauer
 Linda Biley
 Mrs. Bordino
 Ms. Boyd
 Maureen Brisette
 Lauren Brunn
 Teresa Budek
 Sandra Burgos
 Jackie Butler
 Diane Byrnes
 James Byrnes
 Lynne Calabro
 Alan Carr
 Tara Carr
 Leslie Cassidy
 Robert Cassidy
 Anna Cassese
 Andrea Clarkson

Mary Conway
 Kristen Coppola
 Margaret Costa
 Tony Costa
 Mrs. Cote
 Danielle Coyle
 Sandy Criscione
 Tracy DellItalia
 Dina Depace
 Coreen DeSabato
 Diane Devita
 Cara DiGiovanna
 Michele DeGraziano
 Kathy Dinkelman
 Grace DiNorcia
 Shannon Dureya
 Sandra Duffy
 Gina Earley
 Laurel Fanning
 Tracy Finamore
 Kelly Felker
 Chinet Finck
 Moreen Fredricks
 Michele Galella
 Donna Ganiaris
 Lucia Genna

Kathleen Gerakaris
 Mr. Gorman
 Mr. & Mrs. Goss
 Doug Hatter
 Julia Hegner
 Donna Hoesten
 Bridgette Hogan
 Michelle Iannuzzi
 Connie Irving
 Lisa Jimenez
 Kelly Jingeleski
 Trisha Kazis
 Alison Keating
 Vanessa Kelly
 Mrs. Kusky
 Dina Kovoros
 Samantha LaMantia
 Ann Larkin
 Eve LeRoy
 Mrs. Liakonis
 Marguerite Lieb
 Laura Livanos
 Nancy Livigni
 Steve Livigni
 Laurie Loughnane
 Valerie Mancuso

Ms. Merlino
 Denise Mejia
 Mrs. McCarty
 Gina Muckle
 Jaclyn Mulieri
 Angela Mumolo
 Ms. Mundy
 Diana Murphy
 Vanessa Nesci
 Roma Nowak
 Bill O'Leary
 Kelly O'Leary
 Lori Pereira
 Joann Pizzaia
 Chris Pizzaia
 Michelle Pomerantz
 Karen Pritchard
 Tristyn Prussman
 Eliza Pszeniezny
 Mrs. Rabinoff
 Annmarie Raia
 Camille Reela
 Stacey Reynolds
 Carmela Rojas
 Karen Romanelli
 Gloria Sacco

Stacey Santoro
 Jeanette Schmidt
 Pam Sharp
 Mrs. Smith
 Audrey Soto
 Joann Spaventa
 Laura Stake
 Monica Steiner
 Diane Stephan
 Andrea Tantillo
 Summer Toscano
 Tricia Tolve
 Angela Trop
 Susan Valinotti
 Marie Vandett
 Linda Viviano
 Mrs. Vogel
 Andrew Walsh
 Angela Weber
 Christine Weltner
 Mrs. Wilkinson
 Dyanna Wunsch
 Fred Wunsch
 LaDonna Yousha
 Julissa Zambrano

The students explored various aspects of our Earth while inside a giant Earth Balloon during the "Our Living Planet" assembly!



Kids Corner

Summer!



Summer is my favorite season. The first reason I love summer is going to the beach. I love going in the water, it feels so refreshing on a hot summer day. I also love to play in the sand and build big sand castles with my sisters. Collecting beautiful seashells is also so much fun.

Another reason I love summer is, I love going to camp. I do fun projects and play games. It is so delightful going to camp.

Most importantly, I love summer because of the hot weather. I play on the swings, I go high in the sky. I also love riding my bike around the corner, It's great exercise and so much fun too.

To sum it up, summer is my favorite season because I love the beach, going to camp, and I adore going outside in the hot weather.

Olivia Pereira ~ 2nd grade ~ Mrs. Dillon

Lee Road PTA Executive Committee — 2014-2015

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| Co-Presidents | <i>Marguerite Lieb</i> | 4th VP Historian | <i>Andrea Tantillo</i> |
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I Love June!

I love June because it is almost my birthday. My friends and my cousins will come over. We will have cake and I will get lots of presents. We will do, "mad science" at my house and we might play outside for a little bit. It will be very, very, VERY fun!



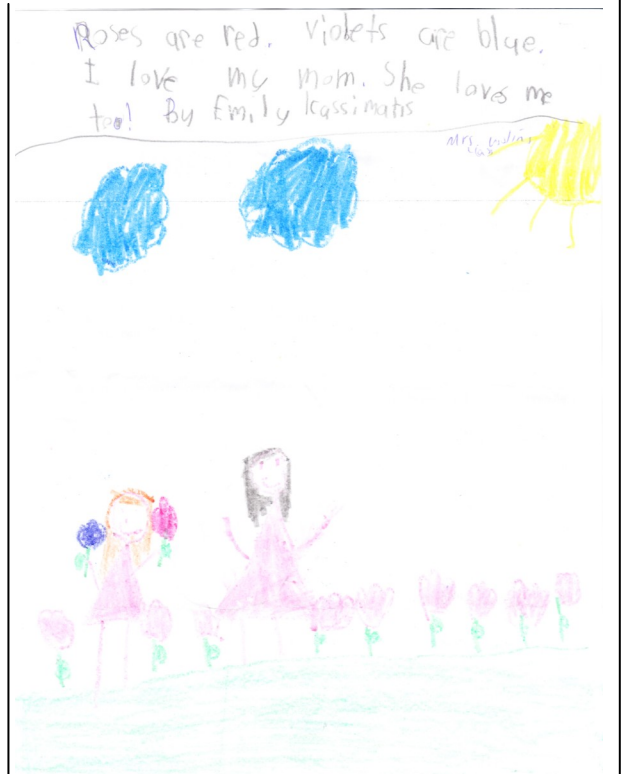
Alyssa Squicciarini
1st grade ~ Mrs. Cacamis

Hooray for June!

I love June because the weather gets warmer every day and my dad's gardens are growing.

Sometimes, I will go in the sprinkler. My dad is going to make lemonade. I will go to Ocean City. It's my favorite vacation place! I love June!

Abby Clarkson
1st grade ~ Mrs. Cacamis



Emily Cassimatis
2nd grade ~ Mrs. Wolin

Dreams

Hold fast to dreams
for if dreams die
Life is a bakery
with no pie

Hold fast to dreams
for when dreams go
Life is a summer
with lots of snow

Hold fast to dreams
for when dreams leave
Life is manners
with no please

Tiffany Pereira
5th grade ~ Mrs. Liakonis

My Classroom Teachers

Ms. Mongiello, great beginnings
Mrs. McCarty, first-rate
Mrs. Torre, second to none
Ms. Boyd, three times a charm
Mrs. Rabinoff, lucky number four
Mrs. Vogel, five stars
Mrs. Giordano, music to my ears
Mr. LaClair, full of flair
Ms. Mundy & Mrs. Glenn, fitness success
Mr. Brown, heart in art
Ms. Wilson, right writing
Mrs. Gribetz, solves it all
Mr. Goss, leader of the pack.



Matthew Byrnes
5th grade ~ Mrs. Vogel

Field Day

Field Day was the best! I loved it because I got fresh air and played some favorite activities. I liked, "Throwing Frenzy," "Scavenger Hunt," and "Dance Fit." They were very, very, very fun! I also liked the Italian ices. They were very good! I loved Field Day!!

Konrad Pszeniczny
1st grade ~
Mrs. Cacamis



L.I. Ducks, United Skates, Memorial Day Parade, Lee Road Play, Chessnuts, Commerce Plaza

